



Dromtrasna National School

Nuachtlitir Deireadh na Bliana Scoile 2023

- **Cumann na dTuismitheoirí:** We are delighted to have established a parent's association in our school. At a meeting on 19 April 2023 to formalise our parent association the following people were elected.
 - Chairperson: Janette Quirke, Assistant Chairperson: Therese Collins.
 - Secretary: Mairead Moran, Assistant Secretary: Denise Hartnett.
 - Treasurer: Kate Leahy, Assistant Treasurer: Alan Behan.Any parent/guardian is welcome to attend PA meetings, whether you are a member of the committee or not.

The P.A have already assisted with the induction afternoon of new junior infants, and they will organise the Graduation Ceremony for the 6th Class pupils next Tuesday. They also have many exciting plans ahead for the coming year (2023/2024)
- **An Cóineartú / An Chéad Chomaoineach:** We had beautiful celebrations for our 6th Class Confirmation (Friday 10th, March) and for our 2nd Classes First Holy Communion (Saturday 13th, May). Thanks to all the staff who prepared the children so well for the sacraments, and to Katie O'Connor who sang so beautifully at both ceremonies.
- **GAA:** Our 11 a-side hurling team had great success this year. They progressed to the final where they were narrowly beaten by Dromcollogher NS. Thanks to Paudie Murphy and Tom Wagner who mentored the team.
- **Sacair:** Four teams travelled to Limerick to take part in FAI 5-a-side soccer blitz. All played with great skill and heart. Two teams progressed to the county stages. Thanks to Chloe Brosnahan, Mike Brosnahan, Kathleen Broderick, and Diane O'Donovan who mentored the teams.
- **Searmanas bronnta:** Graduation ceremony for 6th class will take place on Tuesday, 20 June @ 1pm. All are welcome to attend.
- **PLC/New Curriculum:** following a recent full day closure staff have engaged with the relevant webinars and are preparing a new whole school plan on the teaching of English.
- **Seachtain na rothar/ Cycling on greenway & bike workshop:** Thanks to Limerick County Council who provided funding for our bike week cycle on the greenway. They also funded the cycle safety and bike maintenance workshop by Eamon Foley of Locomotion bike rental.
- **Marcaíocht:** Pupils from the Joy class travelled to Liskenneth farm for equine therapy.
- **Ealaín:** Tommy Moloney visited all classes this term and entertained the pupils with magic tricks and helped the pupils create beautiful works of art which aligned with the visual arts curriculum.

- **Pilates:** Thanks to Breda O’Grady who held a week of Pilates classes for all pupils. The pupils learned about the importance of stretching and how to relax using breathing techniques.
- **Ceardlann aisteoireachta:** Bernard Casey (comedian & actor) conducted a most enjoyable drama workshop for pupils from 3-6 classes on 31 May.
- **Uachtar reoite:** An ice cream van will visit the school for all pupils on Monday 19 June.
- **Seacláid:** Brona chocolates will conduct an information session with pupils from 5th & 6th on 21 June.
- **Tuairisc Scoile:** Standardised testing and school reports have been concluded and are available on Aladdin. If you have any queries in relation to your child’s report, please contact your class teacher.
- **Morning & after school service.** We are waiting for a response from the diocesan office in relation to this. We hope to have it operational in September. We will update you on Aladdin as soon as we have any further information.
- **Foirne/Staffing:** Lisa Dalton will take up a fixed term position with us next year as Ms Anne Marie Downes will be on career break for the duration of the next academic year.
- **Pupil contribution:** Pupil contribution €30 per pupil or maximum €60 per family NOT due until September. This voluntary payment is a contribution towards the extensive running costs of paper, photocopying & art supplies. This includes the €7, 24-hour child insurance cover.
- **Leabhair scoile:** All schoolbooks and copies will be supplied for pupils. Pupils will receive these on their first day back to school. You will need to purchase stationary as detailed in a recent Aladdin message.
- **Turasanna Scoile:** We were blessed with fabulous weather for all our school tours. All pupils were exceptionally well behaved and were a pleasure to take on a day out.
 - Juniors, Seniors, 1,2 classes went to Free Range Kids in Croom for a day of fun and games un the outdoors.
 - Ranganna 3, 4, 5, 6 travelled to Mallow for a ‘Let’s Go’ action packed day out.

Bhain na paisti go leir an taithneamh as na turasanna.
- School reopens on Wednesday, 30 August for the new school year.

We would like to wish all our families a fun-filled summer. Thank you for all your support this year, it is very much appreciated.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Aileen O’Connor

(Príomhoide Ionad/ActingPrincipal)