

DRUMCONDRA NS NEWSLETTER



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Allergy awareness

As we all know, we have children in Drumcondra NS with severe allergies to eggs and nuts.

Please remember that **no food with nuts or eggs should should ever be brought into school.**

Unfortunately many food products contain hidden allergens (particularly eggs) so please check ingredients for things such as: albumen, lecithin (E322), livetin, vitellin, lysozyme, globulin and any ingredient starting with ovo- or ova-

September News

Welcome back to all our pupil, parents and staff. A special welcome to our new pupils and families: Svetlana, Rex, Sia, Isabella, Karl, Sonny, Rosaleen & Lucy. We would also like to welcome Ms. Eryn Coffey who joins the teaching staff.

We got the year off to a busy start this September with lots of fantastic work going on in all the classrooms.

We paid our annual visit to The National Botanic Gardens this month to enjoy a tour of the Sculpture in Context exhibition. We really enjoyed looking at all the interesting sculptures and we got lots of inspiration for our own art classes.

This year we are really looking forward to getting stuck in with the Creative Schools project. Through this project we hope to embed creativity across all areas of school life, including but not limited to, the Arts.





NEW IT EQUIPMENT

In the past few months, we have received funding via the Digital Learning Framework and we have just purchased a class set of iPads, covers and a charging station. These will arrive within the next couple of weeks. The iPads will be used to enrich the traditional curriculum and provide new learning, pupil-led learning experiences.

We are also very grateful to Gary Dunne (PTA Chairperson) who has arranged a donation of 15 PCs, monitors etc from eBay UK & Ireland, which are due to be delivered very shortly. Thank you, Gary!

This means we start our year with a range of exciting new IT equipment, which will help the teachers to teach IT and multi-media skills to the children.

WHATSAPP GROUPS

Parent/ Guardian 'WhatsApp' groups have become increasingly popular in recent years. Similarly many parents/ guardians are on social media sites and communicate with each other regarding their children - this can be great for birthday invitations, play dates etc. We remind parents/ guardians that if they have a complaint/ issue they should call the office to make an appointment to discuss this. We also remind parents/ guardians that information/ photos about children or teachers should not be shared on any social media. Thankfully we don't have any issues at the moment and we want to keep it this way.

Dates for your diary

Sept. 30th - Oct. 4th: Independence Week
Oct. 1st: Digital Media workshop for 2nd & 3rd
Oct. 3rd: Plastic Pollution workshops (all classes)
Oct. 14th - 18th: Maths Week
Oct. 17th: 6th class to Diocesan Service in Christchurch
Oct. 25th: School Service & Halloween Party
Oct. 28th - Nov. 1st: Mid-term Break
Nov. 8th: School Closure (staff training)
Nov. 9th: Parish Sale (in North Strand school)
Nov. 16th: Bag Packing (Tesco Artane Castle)
Nov. 19th: Parent Teacher meetings

PTA News

Here in Drumcondra N.S. we have an active and enthusiastic PTA. Everyone is welcome to join in and help out as much or as little as they are able.

The PTA AGM was held on Wednesday September 18th and the role and aims of the PTA and finances from the previous year were discussed. Plans for the upcoming year were then debated and a fund-raising plan devised.

The first event of the year will be the Halloween party in the school on October 25th. Details to follow on this.

Remember every parent is automatically a member of the PTA and we encourage you to get involved as much or as little as you are able to!

This year's Chairperson is Gary Dunne and the Secretary is Helena O'Reilly.

Parish News

There will be a Harvest Service in the Church next Sunday. All are welcome.

The Parish Sale is on November 6th and the PTA will be running the cake stall. If you can bake and deliver on the day, we would be very grateful. Or come along and support the sale. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets!