

DRUMCONDRA NS NEWSLETTER



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Allergy awareness

As we all know, we have children in Drumcondra NS with severe allergies to nuts. Please remember that **no food with nuts should ever be brought into school.**

Dear Parents/Guardians, Happy New Year everyone!

GAA Training for all children from Junior Infants - Sixth Class started Friday, 14th January, 2022. The training is 8 weeks long, finishing on Friday, 4th March, 2022. We have a new coach this year. His Name is Dónal. Unfortunately, he's a Na Fianna player, but we won't hold that against him.

GAA Dates:

Friday 14th January 2022
Friday 21st January 2022
Friday 28th January 2022
Friday 4th February 2022
Friday 11th February 2022
Friday 18th February 2022
Friday 25th February 2022 - No GAA - School Closed - Midterm Break
Friday 4th March 2022

Gymnastics (Junior Infants - 6th Class): We have booked a company (www.sportinschools.ie) to teach the kids Gymnastics. We will use The Lerne's hall for the next five weeks, which commenced on Tuesday, 18th January, 2022.

Gymnastic Dates:

Tuesday 18th Jan 2022
Tuesday 25th Jan 2022
Tuesday 1st Feb 2022
Tuesday 8th Feb 2022
Tuesday 15th Feb 2022

The gymnastics costs 25euro per child but thanks to the very successful School Christmas Raffle the PTA has 1755.24euro in their account. I spoke to members of the PTA and they have very kindly agreed to pay the total cost of the gymnastics for **all children in the school.** I think it's great that the raffle money raised will directly benefit the children in our school.

This will significantly diminish the PTA's funds but as one member said 'Carpe Diem!' We can always fundraise again before the Easter and Summer holidays, so please let me know if anyone has any fundraising ideas.

Usually, this money would go towards the coaches that bring the kids to swimming lessons but it's still unclear if swimming will go ahead. It seems very unlikely at this point.

Athletics: We've also booked 6 weeks of Athletics coaching (with a trainer from Athletics Ireland) starting the first Monday after the midterm break.

Athletics Dates:

Monday 28th Feb 2022
Monday 7th March 2022
Monday 14th March 2022
Monday 21st March 2022
Monday 28th March 2022
Monday 4th April 2022



GREEN SCHOOLS NEWS

Green Schools: We have begun a water audit in the school where a recording of the weekly water usage is taken. We also looked to see if there were any leaks in the toilet taps that we needed to get fixed. We have also replaced all our old bins in the classrooms.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Please remember we have a Healthy Eating Policy in school and **one** treat (chocolate, crisps, biscuits etc.+) should only be sent in on a Friday only. Please remember that pupils should have water or milk to drink - fizzy drinks and fruit juices are not allowed! Thank you for supporting our work to try to promote a healthy, balanced diet and lifestyle. We have also started the school milk programme again and please let us know if your child would like to register.

WHATSAPP GROUPS/ CONFIDENTIALITY

We remind parents/ guardians that if they have a complaint/ issue they should speak with the class teacher in the first instance. We also remind parents/ guardians that information/ photos about children or teachers should not be shared on any social media and email correspondence should remain confidential between teachers and parents please.

School Tour

The end of year school tour is booked for Thursday, 16th of June to Clara Lara Funpark! More details to follow!!



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Please remember that comfortable sports/active wear is important for PE. All children should wear runners for these activities. Please don't wear jeans, dresses, etc. on these dates.

I also want to mention that the PTA were looking for volunteers to plant some bulbs, flowers, plants, etc. in the bedding area at the back of the yard. Thanks to Glenn (Noah's Dad) for helping us with this! They also hope to replenish the plant baskets and containers. We hope to have the place looking brighter and more welcoming come Spring/Summer 2022. Please contact a member of the PTA if you would like to get involved.

Lastly, the electronic canopy and recycled colourful benches are ordered. We hope to have the canopy by the end of January/start of February and the benches should arrive any day now.

If any parents are available to paint the wall murals of the Dublin landmarks that would be great. I think one or two have volunteered so far. Our Creative Schools grant should just about cover the material costs. Hoping to get this started as soon as possible and we are looking to see if any artists/painters are available to help out.

Think that's everything for now. Thank you for your help with this.

Best regards,

Karl Lawless,
Acting Principal DNS.

COVID 19 reminder

Please remember you must keep your child home from school if they have a temperature, a new cough, shortness of breath or changes to sense of taste or smell. Please see the HSE website for further information, remain cautious and if in doubt, contact your GP. Thank you!



Dates for your Diary

- January 14th - Start of GAA.
- January 18th - Gymnastics started.
- February 23rd, 24th and 25th - **Mid Term Break (School closed).**
- February 28th - Athletics starts.
- March 1st - March 16th - Seachtain Na Gaeilge.
- March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - Boxing sessions (1st - 6th) (Non - contact!)
- March 17th, 18th - St. Patrick's Day - School closed.
- April 11th - 22nd - Easter Holidays - School reopens April 25th
- June 16th - Whole school trip to Clara Lara.



