

# DRUMCONDRA NS NEWSLETTER



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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Since our last newsletter in February, we have now completed our GAA training, gymnastics and our boxing programme! The children have thoroughly enjoyed these activities and we still have a few weeks to go with our Athletics coaching.

I have registered a boys 11 a side team for the FAI Dublin School League. We didn't have enough girls in 4th-6th to register a team. I need to bring 13 players to each match and I'm enquiring whether or not I'll be allowed to play 1-2 girls on the team with the boys or not.

We will mostly be against bigger schools with their teams made up of mostly 5th and 6th class boys. We may be at a disadvantage but I'd love to give the kids an opportunity to at least participate and compete.

If we are to go ahead with the games I'm going to need some parental support. We have 5 games, over 5 weeks, starting next week.

We have an Away game week 1 and week 3. I'll probably need parents to help with transporting the kids there and back.

I'm also looking to borrow soccer kits. We will definitely need jerseys and if possible socks and shorts. If anyone knows a club who might be willing to loan us an old set please contact me.

For our Home games I'll need to borrow goals (full size if possible) and corner flags.

I'm hoping to trial the league this year. I don't think the school has entered an official Gaelic or soccer league before. It's very difficult in a small school because we just don't have enough staff. We can only participate with your help.

There will be one match a week, starting next week, for five weeks. Exact times and dates to be confirmed the week before each match.

If anyone thinks that they might be able to help us out please email me: [principal@drumcondrans.ie](mailto:principal@drumcondrans.ie)

Thank you for your help and support with this.

We had a Là Glas in honour of our Patron Saint, Patrick. While we also had a mini parade and some céilí dancing in the yard. Furthermore, we celebrated Friendship Week, the week beginning March 20<sup>th</sup>. We sold colourful Friendship bracelets for €2 each.



## 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.**



## GREEN SCHOOLS NEWS

**Green Schools:** We have been thinking of ways how to conserve water and will be holding a Climate Action Day in the next couple of weeks.

## Supervalu Save the Bees!

Please note that the school is now participating in the SuperValu competition to save the bees. Three bee species have become extinct in the past 80 years. To help this competition you can collect a Save the Bees card when you spend €30 or more in your local SuperValu and ask your child to give the card to their class teacher. This will give us a chance to WIN A SHARE OF €50,000. Get an extra Save the Bees card when you scan your Real Rewards card. More details are on SuperValu's website.

## School Tour - Reminder

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



## Marathon Kids

Well done to all the children in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> who completed the final mile of the Marathon Kids event! Their perseverance and energy shone through the past number of weeks and we also thank the parents who came to support.



## Message continued...

The children were organised into friendship groups with each group having one - two children from junior Infants - 6<sup>th</sup> class in their group. They played with their group during yard time, for the week.

The oldest children in the group i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> class lead their group and taught them simple playground games and encouraged them to play together.

The idea was for the children to make new friends and actually get to know children from the other classes. Due to Covid and how separated we had to keep the different classes, many children in our school don't really know one another.

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

March 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - Friendship week.  
March 31<sup>st</sup> - School Photos.  
April 7<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt.  
April 8<sup>th</sup> - School closed at 12pm for Easter Holidays.  
April 11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Easter Holidays - School reopens April 25<sup>th</sup>  
June 16<sup>th</sup> - Whole school trip to Clara Lara.





# Football Match

Our 11 a side team in their first ever match today, against St. Joseph's Co-Ed. East Wall.

A bit of history made today as it's the first 11 a side team we've fielded in a proper FAI league, in 116 years!

We may not have won the game but the children were amazing and they made us very proud today. They battled away right up until the final whistle.

Our next game is next Monday, 28th March @ 12.30pm on Stella Maris' Astro, on Richmond Road.

Thanks to everyone who helped me out today, sent gear in, provided lifts back to the school, etc. Also, thank you to all the supporters who came out to cheer on our team.

