

# Drumcondra NS

## November Newsletter 2023



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we step into December, I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have had a very busy, yet productive month in school. I'm thrilled to announce our upcoming Christmas show, scheduled for December 15th at 11 am in the Ierne Hall. Following the show, our annual bake sale will commence around 12 pm.

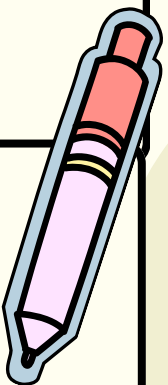
Please note that the school will be closing at 12 noon on Friday, December 22nd, 2023. We will resume the new year on Monday, January 8th, 2024, welcoming our students back at 8.25 am.

We eagerly anticipate your presence at these events and wish you all a joyful month ahead.

Warm Regards,  
Karl Lawless  
Acting Principal DNS

### What's Inside?

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### Allergy Awareness:

As we all know, we have students at Drumcondra NS with severe nut allergies. Please remember that no food with nuts should ever be brought to school. We appreciate your help on this matter.



# INFANT CLASSROOM

Ms Neale

November 2023

## SCIENCE WEEK!

The Infant Room had great fun exploring and investigating bubbles for Science Week. We discussed what is a bubble? What shape is a bubble, where or when do we see bubbles and how do we make bubbles?

We made a bubble mixture using water and fairy liquid. We then made bubble wands using a pipe cleaner. We learned that the shape and size of our wands determined the shape and size of our bubbles.

As you can tell from the pictures, we had a lot of fun!

## RHYMING:

This month, we started to look at rhyming words. We have been identifying rhyming words in stories, poems and sentences.

We have been very busy learning how to rhyme by doing lots of fun activities.

## FOOD DUDES:

Well done to all students in the Infant Classroom as they completed the Food Dudes programme this month. Students had the opportunity to taste various fruits and vegetables. Congratulations everyone on receiving your Food Dudes certificates!





# MIDDLE CLASSROOM

Ms Hogan

November 2023

## DRAMA:

The Middle Room experienced their very own Late Late Toy Show! Ms Hogan's magic crown transformed her into Patrick Kielty. Students brought in their toys and all had the opportunity to be interviewed on live television. Everyone did a great job and proudly represented Drumcondra National School!



## RECOUNTS WITH RUAIRÍ:

Students have been mastering the recount writing genre by taking our class puppet, Ruairí, home for the past month. Ruairí has had many exciting adventures and students have been recounting what they got up to using our writing techniques!



## SCIENCE WEEK:

Students in the Middle Room had an action-packed Science Week as they explored the properties of water.

Many experiments were carried out throughout the week. Students investigated water density by building boats and creating floating eggs. The Middle Room also looked at dancing raisins in carbonated water, mixing liquids by making lava lamps and taking part in STEM challenges.

Well done everyone!



## LOTS OF LEARNING:

The Middle Room have been very busy learning about Money in Maths. Our classroom shop is open every Friday. Students can buy a variety of things out of their well earned classroom cash that they collect during the week. We have also been learning about the Vikings in History and look forward to learning more next month. Moreover, well done to everyone who completed the Food Dudes programme.



# SENIOR CLASSROOM

Mr Lawless

November 2023

## MARATHON KIDS:

The 4th, 5th and 6th class students completed the 2023 Marathon Kids Programme this month.

Over eight weeks they ran 26.2 miles, completing their final mile run in Morton Stadium, Santry.

We learned about the benefits of sport, health and wellbeing and had great fun along the way.

Well done to everyone for completing their final run and smashing the competition!



## SCIENCE WEEK:

Students in the Senior Room had a great Science Week exploring magnetism and constructing parachutes out of recycled materials to test the durability of eggs.

Some cracked under the pressure!  
Well done everyone!



## FOOD DUDES:

Well done to everyone in the Senior Room as they all tasted and tried various fruits and vegetables supplied by the Food Dudes Programme.

Food Dudes works by positively changing children's attitudes towards eating fresh fruit and vegetables. The Senior Room really enjoyed this programme and have learned about the many benefits of eating healthy and nutritional foods.



## CUPCAKES WITH MRS. WISLON:

A massive thank you to Mrs. Wilson for making cupcakes with every child in the school in preparation for the Late Late Toy Show. A whole day of baking and preparing!

Thank you Mrs. Wilson, you're the best!





# OTHER NEWS

## UPCOMING DATES:



### Christmas Raffle:

The Parents' Association will be holding a Christmas raffle at the end of December. We are asking parents to sell raffle tickets and to donate prizes to the raffle. If anyone has any prizes at home, please drop them into school over the coming days.

### Upcoming School Closures:

The school will be closed on Thursday, 7th December 2023, so that school staff can attend compulsory training on the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

Christmas Holidays The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 22nd December 2023 and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.25am.

The school will be closed on Monday 5th February 2024 – Bank Holiday.

The school will close at 2.05pm on Wednesday 14th February 2024 and will reopen on Monday 19th February 2024 at 8.25am.

## Safe Routes to School Project

We have been making great progress on our Safe Routes to School Project. However, work has come to a standstill due to the following reasons:

The pedestrian crossing is awaiting an ESB connection. The road markings and colourful dots cannot be installed at the moment as the weather is too cold and that affects them sticking to the ground. These works will be completed in the new year.

