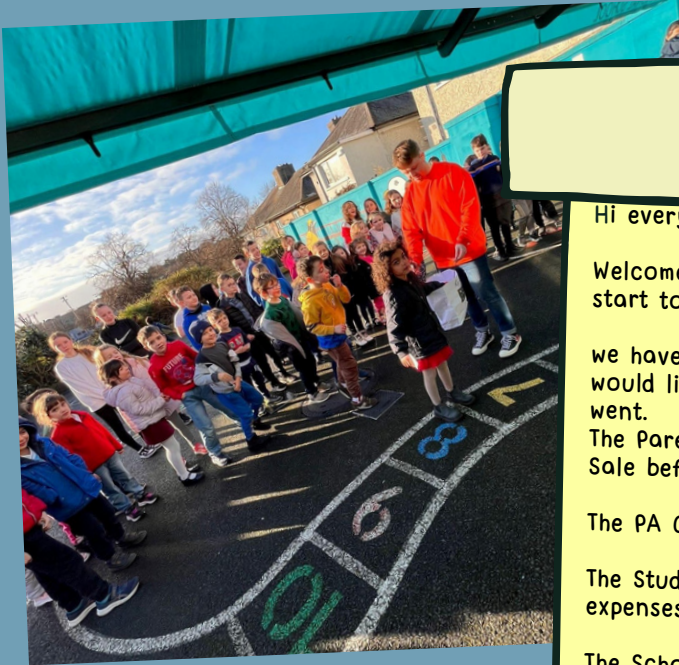


Drumcondra NS Newsletter

December & January



Happy New Year!

Hi everyone,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a happy and peaceful start to the new year.

We have been very busy raising funds for our school and I would like to let everyone know how our recent fundraisers went.

The Parents' Association (PA) raised €955.31 from the Cake Sale before Christmas.

The PA Christmas Raffle raised €1069.00

The Student Council Movie Night raised €716 (€641.40 after expenses).

The School Quiz Night will be on Friday 9th February, 2024, @ 7.30pm in The Ierne Sports and Social.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity. It's very much appreciated.

Best regards,

Karl Lawless
Acting Principal DNS

Topics Inside:



School Quiz Night:
09/02/24 @ 7.30pm
in the Ierne Hall.



School & Class
News!



School Closures &
Dates for your
Diary.

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.

Have you signed up for our Quiz Night?

QUIZ

DRUMCONDRA NS

The Ierne Bar,
Friday 9TH Feb, 7.30pm
€10pp (max 4/team)
All proceeds go to Science
Equipment.

Ms Neale's Junior & Senior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants have had a very busy December and January at school.

Ms Neale's class visited Drumcondra Library last month and took a trip to the playground afterwards! Students were very busy back in December, exploring Christmas through stories, baking, SESE & Art.



Here are a few pictures of the work the infants have been doing in January.

Our Aistear theme for this month is 'The Doctor's Surgery'. We have been learning lots of new vocabulary to do with the doctors.

In Science we have been learning about electricity and different types of weather. Today we painted pictures of our favourite weather.



Last month, we also introduced a water and junk art station which were very popular stations.

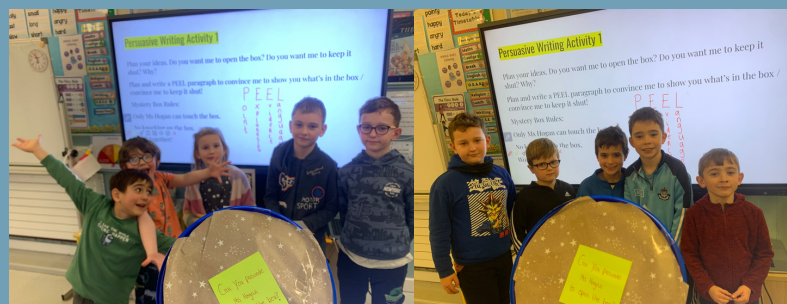
Finally, well done to all students in the Christmas Show! Junior and Senior Infants gave an excellent performance which featured singing, dancing, acting and poetry!

See ClassDojo for more class pictures and news!



Ms Hogan's 1st, 2nd & 3rd Class

The Middle Class have been very busy learning and researching about the Arctic over the past few weeks. Students created their very own projects and presented them brilliantly at the end of this month. We used library books, text books, iPads and YouTube to find information. Everyone worked so well as a team and really succeeded in learning lots of interesting facts about the Arctic. We also learned about the Arctic in Science, Geography, History and created a song to promote awareness on Climate Change in January. Well done everyone!



We covered Persuasive Writing this month. Students teamed up to try and write a compelling argument to persuade Ms Hogan to open the mystery box or keep it shut! From hearing everyone's PEEL paragraphs, I was finally persuaded to open the box. Luckily, there were toys inside!

3rd Class also wrote a speech and debated on whether homework should be banned in primary schools or not! 2nd class have been improving their comprehension skills and 1st class have been practising dictation and literacy games this month.

We also started our class novel, Charlotte's Web and the students are really enjoying it!

See ClassDojo for more class pictures and news!

Last month, students learned about the story of Christmas through Music, History, Religion, Art and Drama. December was a month filled with lots of fun and excitement! Well done to all my students as they came back eager and ready to learn after their Christmas holidays. January has been a great month in the middle room!



Mr Lawless: 4th, 5th & 6th Class

The Senior Room have completed great work in both December and January. Students enjoyed participating in the Christ Church Choir School Workshop in December.

Thank you to Dance Sing Act (DSA) for organising our Christmas show and to the senior class for helping Mr Lawless organise the Ierne hall.

Our soon to be graduates in their 6th Class Hoodies organised by the Parents in 6th Class.

Can't believe they've only 5 months left in primary school

The Senior Room began their clay sea themed project with Ms. Kennedy (Student Teacher) this month. Clay is always a messy but fun experience. Thank you to Ms. Kennedy for all your hard work in the Senior Room.

The Senior Class also completed a science project and experiment based on magnetism. All students enjoyed learning about this topic in January and enjoyed interactive and hands-on lessons!



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School News

Christmas Show:

Congratulations to all students at Drumcondra National School who performed magnificently at their Christmas Show. The Students danced, acted and sang throughout their rendition of 'Elf, the Musical'. A special thank you to the DSA company and class teachers for their efforts in making this such a special show!

The children also performed a carol service after their show which featured many songs and instruments. The students' hard work most definitely paid off!



Movie Night:

A massive thank you to the Student Council for their hard work in organising our annual movie night in January. The Movie Night raised €716 (€641.40 after expenses).

Well done to everyone involved and thank you everyone for making it such a successful night!

Punctuality:

On a separate note we have noticed a steep decline in punctuality over the last number of years (since Covid).

Doors open at 8.25am. There is a 10/15 minute reception time. Doors close at 8.40am and official classwork and lessons begin.

Special Education Teaching starts at 8.30am so that we can make the most of our limited SET hours. When children are late they miss their time slot. This time cannot be made up during the school day.

Our secretary works part-time in the downstairs part of the school, and doesn't start until 9am. When the doorbell is constantly ringing it disrupts teaching and learning.

We understand that traffic, parking, roadworks, etc. is very challenging & frustrating at present, but we are asking everyone to make a big effort to be punctual.

Thank you for your continued support & cooperation.

School Closures:

School will be closed for Midterm
on Thursday, 15th February &
Friday, 16th February and will
reopen on Monday 18th February
at 8.25am.

School will also be closed for
Bank Holiday Monday, 18th March.