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# DRUMBARAGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils. This year we have sixteen new children in Junior Infants and a very special word of welcome to our two new families that have joined. Tá faillte mor romhaibh go leir. It has been a very busy return to school for us this year with lots of news.

## **Confirmation**

Mrs. Reilly's Sixth Class celebrated their Confirmation on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was wonderful to see how much they had grown over the summer and were so excited and ready for starting Secondary School.



Mrs. Reilly's Confirmation Class 2021 and Mrs. Prunty's First Holy Communion Class 2021

## **First Holy Communion**

Mrs. Prunty's class celebrated First Holy Communion on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September. Our boys and girls were wonderful on their big day and parents and teachers could not have been prouder.

## **Congratulations Hugh & Jake**

A massive congratulations to former pupils Hugh Corcoran and Jake Balfe on their spectacular All Ireland win with the Meath Minors. We look forward to welcoming our All-Ireland Champions back to Drumbaragh School to celebrate their success.

## The Cup is coming.....the Cup is coming .....



Hugh & Jake will be bringing the Cup to our school on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. To celebrate this marvellous achievement and in honour of our All Ireland Champions, staff and pupils are encouraged to wear Meath County or Drumbaragh Club colours on the day with treats provided for our boys and girls.

## Athletics Week

Joan and Bobby, our Athletics coaches, came in September for a week to put all our classes through their paces. Plenty of fun, exercise, games and a little exhaustion was enjoyed by all.

## Friendship Month

The theme of our weekly school assembly in September has been Friendship. Every class has made fantastic displays, performed songs and poems in assembly and participated in valuable classroom activities around the importance of being a friend to all we meet in school.



In September our boys and girls have been celebrating the importance of friendship and learning how to be a good friend to one another.



## Mrs. Prunty's News

We have had a wonderful September in the Infants Room, meeting all our wonderful new Junior Infants and helping them to settle into big school. Our boys and girls have settled in so well they impressed the whole school by performing 'Hello, Nice to Meet You' in their very first School Assembly, and received an enormous Bualadh Bos!! In Art class the boys and girls have been working super hard on making their Hedgehogs and can't wait to take them home to show their fantastic artistic talents. Maith Thu Ranganna Naionán!!





## Mrs. Reilly's News

First and Second Class have been super busy learning all about Autumn. Our boys and girls made fabulous Autumn trees in art class using finger painting to create the different autumnal leaves and traced their hands to create the tree bark, with fabulous end results. We have also been busy learning our Autumn poem as gaeilge 'Duilleoga Deasa', Maith Thu Rang a hAon agus Rang a Do!!



## Ms. Rogers News

Things have really gone fishy in Third and Fourth Class this September with wonderful group work and projects from our boys and girls. So many amazing facts were discovered and shared about our friends in the deep blue sea with excellent research carried out. Well done all!!



## Ms. Lowe's News

Our Fifth & Sixth Class boys and girls have been working extremely hard. For September we focused on positive relationships, and on identifying our own positives and the positives of others. The class completed an art activity "Our Hands of Positivity" in which everyone drew their own hand and inscribed it with a personal positive quote.

We learned the Bruno Mars song "Count on me" and performed it beautifully in assembly to much applause and praise. We have also begun and are enjoying lessons within the Weaving Wellbeing Programme and are incorporating the daily mile into our school day when the weather permits.





The class have started working on projects depicting life in Ireland from 1960's to 1990s, with each group researching a different decade, and there is great excitement to present it in assembly on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our class have settled so well back into school and we are all looking forward to the year ahead!

### **Up Coming Events for October**

- Archaeological Society of Ireland: The Big Dig (Monday 18<sup>th</sup>)

In celebration of our school turning One Hundred and Fifty years old next year a series of events and activities will be hosted throughout the school year, illustrating for our pupils how to explore the past and the importance of preserving this information for future generations. First up is 'The Big Dig' programme where all our boys and girls will have the opportunity to excavate artefacts and catalogue discoveries towards the preservation of clues from the past with Mark from the Archaeological Society.

- Maths Week (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> -Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> )
- Halloween Sponsored Walk (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> )



### **Drumbaragh's Parents Association**

On behalf of the Parent's Association, I would like to thank you all for your support with fundraising over the last school year, despite being a challenging year a significant amount of funds was raised, and we are well on our way to achieving our targeted goal of €6000. The Halloween Sponsored walk raised €1,700 and the Christmas Raffle raised €2, 500, again thank you all for such fantastic support for our school.

This year the target is to raise as much funds as possible towards introducing the PM Levelled Reading Scheme into junior classes and expanding the existing literacy programme in Senior Classes. Projected costings for such a project are approximately eight thousand euro with the Parents Association hoping to contribute significantly towards such a cost for the school.

### **The Role of the Parents Association:**

The Aim of the Parent Association is to enable parents to play their part in ensuring provision of the best possible education for their children and to promote student interests in cooperation with the school in accordance with the Education Act, 1998. All parents or guardians of children attending Drumbaragh National School are deemed to be members of the Parent Association.

The Parents Association AGM will be hosted in November and all are welcome to attend. Parent Class Representatives for the coming school year are presently being sought, this does not involve a huge time commitment any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards, Máirin Brooks