

Lá Fhéile Pádraig: Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes were preparing to take part in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Listowel. The theme was to celebrate the local Greenway, which was the old Great Southern railway line from Abbeyfeale through Listowel onto Fenit. Pupils had prepared to dress up to show its use in the past as a railway line and in the future as a leisure amenity.

Run Around Europe: All classes undertook, with great enthusiasm, the challenge of every pupil running 1 km a day or 1km over 2 days in the case of the junior pupils. That is 10 laps of the basketball court! Our aim is to do a virtual run from one European capital city to the next. We started in Dublin and as a school collectively in 6 weeks, we ran a total of 3,584 km and we had reached Helsinki in Finland! This is part of our activity for both the EU Blue Star Programme and the Active School Flag renewal.

Chess: Chess teams from 5th & 6th classes participated in the Ficheall.ie one-day inter-school chess tournament in Killarney where they enjoyed the challenge of playing teams from other primary schools in a friendly, non-competitive environment.

Junior Infants: Junior Infants have been very busy during Term 2. They started Irish dancing and they have been playing basketball and hurling.

Senior Infants: Senior Infant pupils have also been very active playing basketball and hurling.

All schools were closed suddenly on Mar. 12th 2020, due to Covid-19. Education, planned and monitored by the teachers, continues at home for the foreseeable future...a new challenge for all.

Stay safe & well. Wash your hands and maintain physical distance.

Beannachtaí na Cásca orainn go léir.



Dromclough NS Newsletter

Term 2 April 2020



Whole School Evaluation: In the lead up to the Christmas holidays, we were informed that we would be having a Whole School Evaluation upon returning to school in January. The whole school community worked very hard to showcase our teaching, learning and talents. The pleasant and welcoming atmosphere in the school was remarked on and we were highly complimented by the inspectors, including the pupils who were particularly praised for their very nice manners. (Well done to you, parents.) D'éirigh go hiontach linn agus bhí na cigirí an-shásta le gach rud.

Grandparents' Day: On January 29th, we welcomed our wonderful grandparents to Dromclough NS to celebrate Grandparents' Day, which is part of Catholic Schools' Week. We had two beautiful prayer services and afterwards, all the pupils entertained their grandparents with music, song and dance. Many thanks to our excellent Parents' Association for providing the tea and tasty refreshments, which were much enjoyed.

Credit Union Quiz: Congratulations to the U13 quiz team of Cara, Marcos, Ronan & Joseph who worked very hard and represented the school and Listowel CU in the Chapter 23 final of the Credit Union quiz in Tralee. Well done to the other four teams who competed in the local CU quiz in Listowel. All teams scored very well and really enjoyed participating in this annual event.

Badminton: The boys' badminton team of Micheál, Marcos, Kian, Lucas & John Joe, representing Dromclough NS, participated in the first ever Primary Schools Badminton Tournament in Tralee Sports Complex in January.

An Comhneartú - The Confirmation: Buíochas le Dia & le Fr. O'Sullivan, 6th class pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Ray Browne in St Michael's Church, Lixnaw on Friday 28th February. The ceremony was enhanced by the beautiful choir of 5th class pupils under the direction of Ms Dillon and Mrs Carmody. Míle buíochas do gach éinne.

Garda Behan: As 6th class pupils prepared for Confirmation, Garda Seán Behan called to discuss the dangers & consequences of illegal drugs and under-age drinking on young people's lives.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day and all classes had an age appropriate lesson to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Rinne na daltaí drámaí beaga do na ranganna agus bhí dánta agus amhráin ar siúl ag ranganna eile. Bhí Tráth na gCeist as Gaeilge freisin do ranganna 3, 4, 5 & 6. Bhí na daltaí ar fheabhas agus bhain gach éinne sult agus spraoi as imeachtaí na seachtaine. Maith sibh go léir. A big hit with the senior pupils this year during Seachatin na Gaeilge was the song 'Amhrán na nGael' composed and sang by Méabh Ní Bheaglaioich. You can hear it on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpbviehZmn8>

'Cum Dán' @ Sult na nÓg: Pupils entered and won prizes for their poems as Gaeilge on the theme of 'Grá don Teanga' at the CCÉ Sult na nÓg competitions in IT Tralee in March

World Book Day: To celebrate World Book Day, pupils in 2nd & 3rd dressed up as a favourite character from a favourite book. Emma Larkin visited 1st & 2nd classes to read her book Izzy's Magical Football Adventure and the pupils really enjoyed the story.

Green Flag: The Green Schools' Committee have had meetings to revise all flags and have just started to prepare for the seventh green flag which will be for Global Citizenship - Saving Energy. Mrs Foran & Rang 2 have planted colourful spring flowers at the front of the school.

Science: All classes had science workshops with Scott Ziglinski where pupils explored forces and energy, making carts move using magnetic fields. 4th class pupils also constructed volcanoes from papier maché and were used in experiments to demonstrate chemical reactions of acids and bases. (alkalis).

Cross Country: The teams were selected and training was underway for the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country running. Unfortunately, due to bad weather in February, the actual event itself was deferred.

Health Promoting Schools: Pupils were asked to commit to one specific and achievable New Year resolution to achieve a healthier lifestyle, encompassing healthy minds (mental health, emotional wellbeing), healthy bodies (nutrition & exercise) and healthy attitudes (relationships, friendships, moral values). Each pupil then committed to a resolution by writing it on a leaf and they are now on display in the lobby entrance area of the school building.

Sewing: 4th class pupils had a series of sewing workshops before Christmas. They enjoyed creating Christmas decorations & other items in felt, learning both hand stitching and machine sewing.

Drama: In February, Wilde Shamrock drama group performed the story of Setanta, telling how Cúchulainn got his name, for all.

Drumming workshop: 1st & 3rd classes began drumming workshops, where they will explore many aspects of rhythm and percussion.