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DUNDALK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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AFTERNOON TIMETABLE TO DATE:

Monday: Homework prep 3pm-4pm, (4th - 6th classes), Science & Maths Club 4-5pm 4th, 5th & 6th class

Monday: Hockey Training 3-4pm 1st to 3rd class, Boys Hockey 4-5pm (5th-6th class, 1st yr.)

Tuesday: Homework prep 3-4pm, Girls Hockey 5-6pm,

Wednesday: Art Club 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Thursday: Junior School Hockey Training 3pm-4pm, 4th - 6th classes,

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17th February 2017 returning Monday 27th February 2017: Mid-term

Saturday 28th January: Ceremony of light at 6:30 – children to wear their uniform

Thursday 9th March: Scholarship Exam (6th class) for Senior School

Saturday 1st April 2017: RC Confirmation in St Nicholas, Dundalk.

Thursday 6th April: Personal Development Day for 6th class

Friday 7th April 2017 at 12.30pm returning Monday 24th April 2017: Easter Holiday

Thursday 27th April PTA Family Quiz 7pm

Monday 1st May 2017: Public Holiday, no school

Wednesday 3rd May 2017: Sports Day,

More dates available on calendar hand-out which was sent home and on inside of pupils journal.

PREP AND SCHOLARSHIP CLASS

Prep continues on Monday and Tuesday 3-4pm for 4th -6th classes. An extra class for 6th class pupils in preparation for the Scholarship Exam takes place every Wednesday 2.30-3.30pm. There is no charge for the Prep or Scholarship class.

CONFIRMATION

RC Confirmation will take place in the parish on Saturday 1st April 2017. Classes for Confirmation continue on Tuesdays 4-5pm.

PTA

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2017 takes place on Friday 24th March. The event raises money for the Society's free, nationwide services for those with, and affected by, cancer in Ireland.

On this day, the DGS Junior School PTA, supported by Transition Year, will have a stand at the main gates, morning and afternoon, in front of the Boarding House at the drop off and pick up points, also in Harper Building at break times, selling items for this fundraiser.

The Junior School PTA are hosting their annual **FAMILY QUIZ EVENING** on Thursday 27th April at 7pm. Please come and support and it will be a great fun evening. There will be questions for all ages.

Refreshments will be served. Great family prizes and spot prizes. All donations of spot prizes are gratefully accepted and can be left in school.

Sports Day and PTA Barbecue Wednesday 3rd May

PTA Committee: Chairperson Yvonne Murray, Secretary: Sinead Thompson, Treasurer Sandra Coleman, Committee members: Lorraine Lally, Denis Tcheebor, Katrine Sheahan, Catherine Tooher, Joanne Lavelle, Elaine Lait, Margaret Daly, Deirdre Hughes Aylmer, Ciara Martindale and Colette Farrell.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Caoilfhionn O'Reilly and Sophie Matthews who recently received medals and cups for their Irish Dancing.

Well done to our quiz teams who excelled themselves in the Credit Union Quiz last Monday evening at the Lisdoo. Team one of 6th class boys finished in 4th place : Lorcan Ticehurst, Cian Gogan, Alex Offerdinger, Dillon Simpson and our 5th class team finished in 6th place in the same competition: Adam Coleman, Thomas McCourt, Con O'Sullivan and Thomas McNamara. Twenty teams participated.

MUSIC

We welcome past pupil, Aoife Erraught, who now takes Voice lessons in school.

LANGUAGES

Due to demand, Mandarin class with Ms. Jhang continue on Wednesdays 2.30pm -3pm

Mlle. Valerie Herve is introducing 5th and 6th classes to German over the next few weeks. This will give the 6th class a great opportunity to have exposure to three foreign languages, French, Spanish and German before they make the language choice for 1st Year (September 2017).

DRAMA

The children are busy preparing for the Speech and Drama exams which will take place in May. Ms Guppy will send a letter home after mid term to advise of the various grades and confirm which children would like to take the exam.

INTERNET SAFETY

Internet safety day took place last week Tuesday 7th February.

SPORT

Hockey

Congratulations to Lorcan who continues to play on the 1st years under 13s team, recently playing goalie against St Marks Tallaght and Taney Club.

On February 1st, Lily and Marlene played on the A team for the under 13s against Templecarrick whilst Perdi and Amber played on the B team with the 1st years. Well done to all.

SCIENCE

Last Wednesday, the children enjoyed a science experiment day focusing on Forces. All classes were involved and thank you to Laura McCay for her enthusiastic input.

There will be a Science camp in school during the mid term break on Friday 24th February. It is run by Anyone4Science and all details are available on www.anyone4science.com

The winners of the draw for the free places in the camp are Tamzin McCreesh, Caoimhe Maguire Travers, Robin Coleman and Calum Tooher.

SEPTEMBER 2017

Classes are filling up for the September 2017 intake. A reminder to any parents of siblings wishing to join the school in September, to please complete an application form as soon as possible.

And finally - if you have any news items, you would like to include in the next newsletter, please send them in to ms.lait@dgs.ie