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AFTERNOON TIMETABLE TO DATE:

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

Monday: Junior Hockey Training 3-4pm Senior Infants to 3rd class.

Tuesday: Homework prep 3-4pm, Eco Green club 3-4pm for 2nd to 6th class.

Wednesday: *Art/Craft Club* 2.30pm – 3.30pm, 1st to 6th class.

Mandarin 2.30-3.30pm,

Scholarship class for 6th class 2.30pm-3.40pm.

Thursday: Senior class Hockey Training 3pm-4pm, 4th - 6th classes.

(*Shin guards and gum shield essential*), Chess club 3-4pm for 1st to 6th class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 2nd March 2018: World Book Day.

Thursday 8th March 2018: Scholarship Exam for 6th class at 9.30am in the senior school.

Monday 19th March 2018: St Patricks Day Holiday.

Wednesday 21st March 2018: Ceremony of Penance for RC First Holy Communion, St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Friday 23rd March 2018 at 12.30pm returning Monday 9th April 2018: Easter Holidays.

Monday 26th – Friday 30th March 2018: DGS Easter Camp.

Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April 2018: Two Day Science Camp at school Anyone4science.

Thursday 12th April: 6th Class Personal Development Day.

Monday 30th April 2018: Eason's Spelling Bee, Louth Final.

Wednesday 2nd May 2018: Sports Day.

Friday 11th May 2018: Music Recital.

Saturday 26th May 2018: RC First Holy Communion in St Patrick's Cathedral,
Roden Place at 11am.

Monday 28th May 2018: 6th class trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre.

Wednesday 30th May 2018: School Tours, all classes.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Classes for RC First Holy Communion take place every Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm in the Junior School. The date of the ceremony of Penance is Wednesday 21st March in St Patricks, at 7.30pm and the First Holy Communion ceremony is Saturday 26th May in St Patrick's Cathedral, Roden Place, Dundalk. Please send in a copy of your child's baptismal certificate as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

UNIFORM

As the weather is very cold at the moment, children should wear their coats into school. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. DGS beanie hats and scarves are available in the school uniform shop Michael Lynch in Dundalk, gloves should be school colours.

PTA

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2018 takes place on Friday 23rd 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, 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, selling items for this fundraiser.

The Junior School PTA is hosting their annual **FAMILY QUIZ EVENING** on Thursday 15th March at 6.45pm. 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 2nd May 2018.

PTA Committee:

Chairperson: Colette Farrell; Secretary: Sinead Thompson; Treasurer: Sandra Coleman;
Committee members: Yvonne Murray, Lorraine Lally, Catherine Tooher, Joanne Lavelle, Elaine Lait, Margaret Daly, Deirdre Hughes Aylmer, Ciara Martindale, John McElroy and Tasha Bell.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Well done to our quiz teams who excelled themselves in the Credit Union Quiz last Monday evening at the Lisdoo. Team one: Adam Coleman, Con O'Sullivan, Sarah Byrne, Joshua Tooher and Team two: Thomas McCourt, Alannah Cunningham, Marlene Ofterdinger and Oliver Hill. Twenty two teams participated. Team one; Adam, Con Sarah and Joshua have qualified for the National Final. They travel to Dublin on Saturday 3rd March 2018 and we wish them the best of luck.

LANGUAGES

MANDARIN

Mandarin classes in the Junior School have begun with Mr Kang from the UCD Confucius Institute. Classes take place on Wednesdays 2.30pm – 3.30pm. 6th class, those presently in Scholarship class on Wednesdays may join Mandarin class in March.

GERMAN

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 2018).

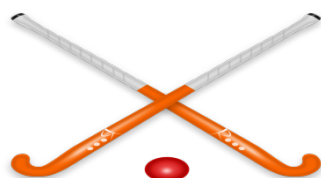
DRAMA

The children are preparing for the Speech and Drama exams which will take place in May. Ms Kieran 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 on Tuesday 7th February 2018

SPORT

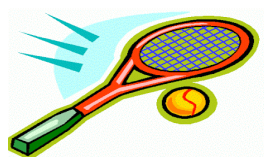


In girls hockey, the under 13s girls 1st year team had a match against Mercy Navan School, at home. The match was played with great enthusiasm. DGS won by a significant margin 3-1 with goals by Caoimhe, our past pupil Lily McDowell and our 6th class pupils Marlene Offerdinger. Congratulations to Marlene Offerdinger and Lily McDowell who play with the under 13s.

The following week, Headfort, Kells came to DGS for their league match. The DGS team were victorious with a 2-1 win on Wednesday 7th February 2018. Once again, congratulations to Marlene and Lily on their performance.

Congratulations to Josh Tooher who plays rugby under 12s with Dundalk RFC. They played a match against Skerries RFC on Sunday 4th February 2018. It was a decisive win for Dundalk 12 a side with a score 8-4. Unfortunately, they lost the second match 5-3.

Also in the sporting front, Robyn is show jumping successfully in the league in Piperstown. Lily McDowell, 1st year and past pupil of the Junior School finish in 3rd place in the final of the Inter Schools Show Jumping in Killossery recently.



Next term, tennis coaching will take place for all classes Infants to 6th class. We are delighted and honoured to have Irish International tennis player John McGahon coaching with coach Deirdre Winters, both from the Dundalk Tennis Club.

GAA coaching took place over the past few weeks for classes 3rd to 6th. We thank Craig from Louth GAA for his time.

SPAR 5 A SIDE INTER SCHOOL SOCCER

The school soccer team will participate in the Spar 5 a Side Tournament on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at the DKIT.

ANYONE4SCIENCE CAMP

Anyone4Science will run a Science camp here in the Junior School on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th April 2018, 10am to 2pm. A flyer will be sent to all children. There are two free places for our children and if you wish your child to be entered in the draw for the free place please complete and return to Ms. Lait.

However, you can book online at www.anyone4science.com and there are early booking discounts. Contact telephone is 0876749608.

DUNDALK GRAMMAR SCHOOL EASTER CAMP

This course is run for your child's enjoyment by fully qualified primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, qualified Tennis Ireland coach, along with a hockey and football coach.

Located at the Dundalk Grammar School from 26th – 30th March 2018.

10am – 3pm daily

Activities include: sports, arts and crafts, cookery, science, day trip and a range of other activities.

Suitable for 6 – 11 year olds.

Limited number of spaces available.

Fees:

Cost €90 per child, 10% discount for each additional child.

Non-refundable deposit of €40 required.

Deposit due by Tuesday 6th March 2018.

All enquiries: dgscomps@gmail.com or Andrew 086 – 2210821.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 2nd March 2018 is World Book Day.

Book vouchers have been sent home to all children.

Children may dress up as characters from their favourite book on Friday 2nd March.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Classes are filling up for the September 2018 intake. A reminder to any parents of siblings wishing to join the school in September, 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

Elaine Lait