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DUNDALK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Monday: Homework prep 3pm-3:50pm, (4th, 5th & 6th classes), Eco Green Club 3-3:50pm 2nd to 6th class,

Art Club 3pm-4pm 1st to 6th class

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

Tuesday: Homework prep 3-3:50pm, Science club 4-5pm for 4th to 6th class.

Thursday: Senior class Hockey Training 3pm-4pm, 4th - 6th classes. (Shin guards and gum shield essential), Debating club 3-4pm for 4th, 5th & 6th class.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7th December: 'The Wizard of Oz' and PTA Christmas Fête.

Thursday 13th December: Senior School Trade Fair; 5th/6th Music & Carols 3-4:30pm.

Thursday 20th December: Carol Service and Junior School Nativity at 7.00pm.

Friday 21st December 2018 returning on Monday 7th January 2019: Christmas Holidays.

Saturday 2nd February 2019: Assessment test for 6th class for 1st year 2019.

Friday 15th February 2019 returning Monday 25th February 2019: Mid-term.

Thursday 7th March: Scholarship Exam for Senior School (6th class).

Monday 18th March 2019: St Patricks Day Holiday.

Tuesday 19th March 2019; School closed

Saturday 23rd March 2019: RC Confirmation in St Nicholas, Dundalk at 11am.

Friday 12th April 2019 at 12.30pm returning Monday 29th April 2019: Easter Holidays.

Monday 6th May 2019: Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th May 2019: Sports Day.

Friday 31st May 2019: School closes for summer holidays.

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

PTA

The Christmas Fête will take place after the school drama production on Friday 7th December. The Fête will take place in the Finnermore Hall afterwards. There will be mulled cider, juice for the children and mince pies. There will also be lots of festive treats and all are welcome. The Junior School PTA Christmas item, **Calendars** will be on sale and can be purchased at the fête. More information on the PTA activities will be sent out later. Please support your PTA. The PTA is also running a raffle on the day and donations of prizes are welcome.

MS READATHON

The Multiple Sclerosis Readathon was a tremendous success. Avid readers abounded and it was a pleasure to see pupils reading, discussing books, exchanging reviews, reading pictures and developing their enjoyment of such an important skill. Thank you gifts will arrive in 2019.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

The children collected Christmas shoeboxes with little gifts for children in the Third World. Team Hope were delighted to come to school, chat to the children and collected over 95 boxes. We were delighted first years and third years were involved this year.

UNIFORM

As the weather gets colder, children are wearing their coats into school. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly labelled. DGS beanie hats are available in the school uniform shop, Michael Lynch in Dundalk.

SCHOOL DRAMA

Congratulations to Jonny Boyd, Harry Maguire Travers, Daire Clarke and Lucy Ives who won the Drama poster art competition.

The Junior School is busy rehearsing for our Christmas Production, Friday 7th December in Fynamore Hall at 2pm. The school will perform the musical "The Wizard of OZ". Everyone is involved. All are welcome.

SPORT

Hockey

Unfortunately the hockey blitz scheduled in Mount Anville, Dublin was postponed due to weather. We have more matches to look forward to in the New Year.

DGS CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE & TRADE FAIR

A group of children from the Junior School Orchestra will play carols at the Enterprise Day Trade Fair on Thursday 13th December in Fynamore Hall, from 3pm to 4:30pm. The children will dress as elves joining in the festive spirit.

CAROL SERVICE

The school Carol Service and Nativity will take place in Fynamore Hall at school on Thursday 20th December at 7:00pm. All family and friends are welcome. Classes 1st to 6th are involved in the Nativity and singing. The Infant class is welcome to return for the Carol Service at 6:45pm and participate. If they wish, they may come dressed as Shepherds or angels.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Louis Goodman who received the prestigious High Achiever Award from the Royal Academy of Music for Speech and Drama.

Well done to Arina Parshina who recently won an Archery competition (2 First places and 1 Second place).

Congratulations to Caoilfhionn O'Reilly on her recent Irish Dancing competition and her appearance on the RTE Junior The Greatest Show That Never Was.

In the Marshes Art competition, well done to our winners, Mary Kate Copas, Aoife Clarke, Sophie Boyd and Dagan McCreesh.

PRIZE DAY

Prize day took place on Friday 16th November 2018 at 2pm in Fynamore Hall. Our guest speaker was Jonathan Graham, Headmaster.

2019

Junior Infants from January 2019 will finish at 2pm. Sixth class will stay in school for an extra hour from Monday 7th January 2019 for scholarship exam preparation. The specific day is to be advised. Homework Prep will continue per usual. Classes for RC Confirmation will begin in January. Dates and times will be advised

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