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Each year brings its own joys and sorrows but we trust in the presence of God in our lives that we will be given the strength to cope with whatever difficulties we may encounter.

Monday: Homework prep 3pm-3:50pm, (4th, 5th & 6th classes),

Eco Green Club 3-3:50pm 2nd to 6th class, Art Club 3pm-3.50pm 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 1st February 2019: HSE Hearing and Vision Testing

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

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

Wednesday 27th February 2019: Hats On for Mental Health, in aid of Pieta House

Wednesday 6th March 2019: ESB Science Blast, RDS Dublin, 5th & 6th class

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

Monday 18th March 2019: St Patricks Day Holiday.

Tuesday 19th March 2019: School closed

Friday 22nd March 2019: Daffodil Day, PTA fundraising

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

Thursday 28th March 2019: Junior School PTA Family Quiz in Harper Building

Wednesday 3rd April 2019: C of I Confirmation St Nicholas Church at 7.30pm

Friday 12th April 2019 at 3.00pm returning Monday 29th April 2019: Easter Holidays.

Monday 6th May 2019: Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th May 2019: Sports Day.

Friday 17th May 2019: Junior School Music Recital in Finnamore Hall at 2pm

Monday 27th May 2019: 6th class trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre

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.

PREP AND SCHOLARSHIP CLASS

Prep continues on Monday and Tuesday 3-3.50pm for 4th-6th classes. An extra class for 6th class pupils in preparation for the Scholarship Exam takes place every Wednesday 2.30-3.40pm. There is no charge for the Prep or Scholarship class.

CONFIRMATION

C OF I Confirmation class have begun on Tuesdays at 6pm in the senior school, H55
The ceremony is on Wednesday 3rd April in St Nicholas at 7.30pm

Classes for RC Confirmation take place every Monday 4.00-5.00pm in the Junior School. The date of the ceremony of Light is Saturday 2nd March in St Nicholas, at 6.30pm and the Confirmation ceremony is Saturday 23rd March in St. Nicholas, Bridge Street, 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.

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 over the next few weeks.

UNIFORM

As the weather is much 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 uniform only, no non school items to be worn.. Please note: no nail varnish at school.

DRAMA

Ms. Kieran is our **drama teacher** and will continue to take the drama classes on a Wednesday. She will take all the children until Easter and then, those children who choose to take the speech exam (Leinster School of Speech and Drama) will continue after Easter. The Speech and Drama exams will take place in May in school.

ANYONE4SCIENCE CAMP

Anyone4Science will run a Science camp here in the Junior School on Thursday 21st February 2019, 10am to 3pm. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Good luck to our quiz teams who take part in the Cuchulainn Credit Union Quiz on Sunday 3rd February and in the Dundalk Credit Union Quiz on Monday 11th February. Squad: Josh Tooher, Oliver Hill, Nessa Brady, Ciaran Brady, Robyn Murray, Louis Goodman, Eleanor Kane, Grace Murphy.

In Tennis, Nessa Brady and Louis Goodman were selected for the Under 12 Leinster Tennis squad.

Louis continues to excel this time in Golf, where he was also selected for the Leinster Golf Development (U13) panel.

Congratulations to Caoilfhionn O'Reilly who recently received medals and cups for her Irish Dancing at a recent Feis in Belfast..

PTA

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2019 takes place on Friday 22nd 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 28th March at 6.45pm. The event this year will be in Harper Building at the main school and there will be parking on the basketball court Please come and support as 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 8th May 2019.

If you have any news items, you would like to include in the next newsletter, please email

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