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Monday: Homework prep 3:00pm-3:50pm, (4th, 5th & 6th classes).

Eco Green Club 3:00pm-3:50pm 2nd to 6th class, Art Club 3:00pm-3:50pm 1st to 6th classes.

Tuesday: Junior Hockey Training 3:00pm-4:00pm Senior Infants to 3rd class.

Tuesday: Homework prep 3:00pm-3:50pm, Science club 4:00pm-5:00pm for 4th to 6th classes.

Thursday: Senior class Hockey Training 3:00pm-4:00pm, 4th - 6th classes. (Shin guards and gum shield essential), Debating club 3:00pm-4:00pm for 4th, 5th & 6th classes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5th March: AIJS Girls Hockey tournament in Dublin & Spar Football at DkIT

Wednesday 6th March: ESB Science Blast, RDS Dublin, 5th & 6th classes.

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

Monday 18th March: St Patricks Day Holiday.

Tuesday 19th March: School closed, Public Holiday.

Friday 22nd March: Daffodil Day, PTA fundraising.

Saturday 23rd March: RC Confirmation in St Nicholas Church, Bridge Street, Dundalk at 1100am.

Thursday 28th March: Junior School PTA Family Quiz in Harper Building at 6.45pm.

Thursday 11th April: AIJS Music Festival, Alexandra College, Dublin

Friday 12th April: School closes at 3:00pm for the Easter Holidays.

Monday 29th April: School reopens after the Easter Holidays.

Monday 6th May: Public Holiday.

Wednesday 8th May: Sports Day.

Friday 10th May: C of I Confirmation St Nicholas Church, Church Street, Dundalk at 7:30pm.

Friday 17th May: Junior School Music Recital in Finnermore Hall at 2:00pm.

Friday 24th May: Speech & Drama exams in the Junior School.

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

Friday 31st May: School closes at 12:30pm for summer holidays.

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

PREP AND SCHOLARSHIP CLASS

Prep continues on Monday and Tuesday 3:00pm - 3:50pm for 4th - 6th classes. An extra class for 6th class pupils in preparation for the Scholarship Exam takes place every Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:40pm. There is no charge for the Prep or Scholarship class.

CONFIRMATION

C OF I Confirmation class have begun on Tuesdays at 6:00pm in the senior school, H55. The ceremony is on Friday 10th May in St Nicholas, Church Street, Dundalk 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' Church, Bridge, Street, Dundalk. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



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 into the school.

Sports Day and PTA Barbecue: Wednesday 8th May.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our quiz teams who took part in the Dundalk Credit Union Quiz on Monday 11th February: Josh Tooher, Oliver Hill, Nessa Brady, Ciaran Brady, Robyn Murray, Louis Goodman, Eleanor Kane, and Grace Murphy. Well done to the team of Nessa Brady, Ciaran Brady, Josh Tooher and Oliver Hill who won the Cuchulainn Credit Union quiz in the Carnbeg Hotel on Sunday 3rd February. Good luck to the team who will now compete in the regional final on Sunday 3rd March in Castleblaney, Co Monaghan.

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

Well done to Eleanor Kane, Gabrielle Furlong, Harry Aylmer, Robyn Murray, Sophie McArdle, Arina Parshina, Esme Aylmer and Katie Goodman who took part in the Warrenpoint Musical Feis recently and achieved 3rd and 4th places.

DRAMA

The children are busy preparing for the Speech and Drama exams which will take place in May. Ms Kieran has sent a letter home this week to enquire which children would like to take the exam. More details at a later date.



INTERNET SAFETY

Internet safety day took place recently.

“88% said screen time had a negative impact on their sleep” (Source: Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.)

If your child is using Snapchat (although children should be over 13 to use it), ensure that they know how to report anything upsetting or inappropriate and they know that they should also talk to you or a trusted adult.

- To report a Story on Snapchat: Press and hold on the Snap until a button appears. Tap it to report the Story.
- To report a Snap someone sent you: Press and hold on the Snap until a button appears. Tap it to report the Snap.
- To report a Snapchat account: Press and hold on that Snap chatter’s name and tap the button. Tap ‘Report’ to report the account.
- To report a Story on the web: Click the button on the video, and then click ‘Report’.
- To hide something on Discover: Press and hold a tile on the Discover screen then tap ‘See less like this’ or unsubscribe. For further information and help from Snapchat go to:
<https://www.snapchat.com/l/en-gb/safety>



SPORT

Hockey

Good luck to our girls’ hockey team who will play in the AIJS (Association of Independent Junior School) hockey tournament next week Tuesday 5th March in Mount Anville School, Dublin.



SCIENCE

Next Tuesday, the pupils of 5th and 6th classes will travel to the ESB Science Blast, at the RDS in Dublin. Their project has focused on Snacking and they are looking forward to the competition and presenting it to the school.

Anyone4Science

Congratulations to Johnny Boyd and Jack Kieran who won the draw for the free places in the Harry Potter Science Camp during the February mid-term break. A great time was had by all. There will be another camp at Easter, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April and there will also be two free places for our children. A note will be sent out in the coming weeks. It is run by Anyone4Science and all details are available on www.anyone4science.com



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