



SAPERE AUDE

DUNDALK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

VOLUME 19 Issue 7

March 2019

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-3:50pm 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-3:50pm, 4th - 6th classes. (Shin guards and gum shield essential). After Easter this will be soccer and games.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3rd April: Parents' Information evening for 6th class Personal Development course at 7pm in Junior School

Friday 5th April: Personal Development Day for 6th class

Monday 8th April: HSE Vaccination programme for Junior Infants

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 and PTA Barbeque

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.

Wednesday 29th May: School Tours, 3rd -6th class Titanic & Infants -2nd class Armagh Planetarium

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.

HSE VISION & HEARING TESTS, VACCINATIONS

The HSE school vaccination team will visit the school on Monday 8th April for vaccinations. The vaccination team will offer the MMR and 4in1 vaccinations to Junior Infants. Parents have received letter of permission earlier this week and please return as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION

RC Confirmation took place during March and congratulations to all the children involved. Church of Ireland Confirmation takes place on Friday 10th May.

DRAMA

In Drama, the children are presently preparing for the Leinster School of Speech and Drama exams which will take place in school on Friday 24th May.

MUSIC

Many pupils are busy preparing for their music exams coming up in May. Please remember that daily practice is essential: Royal Academy of Music exams will take place in school for most instruments (piano, recorder etc.)

SPORT



FAI Junior School Soccer 5-a-side soccer

A team of students went to DKIT sports facility on Tuesday the 5th of March to participate in the FAI 5-a-side soccer tournament. Teams from all of Leinster participated, which meant the competition was tough, nevertheless we were up for the challenge.

Our first game was against Stabannon; this was a tight encounter, with both teams matched very evenly. Stabannon scored first, but soon after we equalised. They then went one in front, but again we equalised. Both teams gave it their all, but unfortunately in the dying stages of the game Stabannon managed to break through our defence to score the winner. However, this was a very good competitive game played in a great manner.

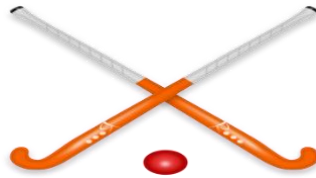
The second game of the day was a contest against Faughart. In complete contrast to the game previous, this game was very one-sided. We played great football, and hit the back of the net 17 times, running out 17-0 winners.

Our final game of the day was against an undefeated side – St Pauls Walshestown. Once more this was a fierce contest. Both teams had chances. We had two very good shots on goal, only for them to go just wide. Unfortunately, the luck just seemed to be with St Pauls on the day and we lost 5-3. In spite of this, there were some outstanding performances, and the players were fantastic throughout.

Team: Oliver Hill, Joshua Tooher, Louis Goodman, Seán O'Rourke, Lucy Ives, Harry Aylmer, Ryan Matthews, Nathan McCreesh, Harry Maguire Travers & Jack Weir. KMcC



Tennis coaching has begun for all classes. We are delighted and honoured to have Irish International tennis player John McGahon and Deirdre Winters from Dundalk Tennis Club coaching.



On a bright and sunny March morning, the junior school girls' hockey team travelled to Mt. Anville School Dublin, for the annual AIJS hockey tournament. The girls faced strong opposition in their group but played outstandingly in each of their three matches. In the first match they faced a strong Mt. Anville team and came out with a great 0-0 draw. In match 2 they put up a fight and held Headfort to an impressive 1-nil score. The final match saw the girls all shine when they defeated St.Conleth's 3-0. This placed the girls 2nd overall, bringing home the silver medals. Well done! Girls Team: Caoimhe Maguire-Travers, Aoife Clarke, Nessa Brady, Robyn Murray, Eleanor Kane, Sophie Matthews, Sophie McArdle, Tamzin McCreech, Izzy O'Sullivan, Rhia Sullivan and Arabella Byrne. CF

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back Ms Reynolds from maternity leave and congratulate her on her baby James. Although we had to say farewell to Ms Dyas, we look forward to seeing her on sub days over the term.

PTA

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2019 took place on Friday 23rd March. The event raised money for the Society's free, nationwide services for those with, and affected by, cancer in Ireland.

On the day, the DGS Junior School PTA, supported by Valentina Grossi, Annie & Sarah Ofterdinger, Ciara Jensen, Chloe & Zara Murray and Louis Goodman. €600 was raised and thank-you to all who supported. A presentation to the Irish Cancer Society will take place on Wednesday at school

The Junior School PTA hosted their annual **FAMILY QUIZ EVENING** on Thursday 28th March. There was a fantastic turnout and a great evening was had by all.' €800 was raised and congratulations to the winners: 1st Bright Sparks (Kieran family), JT 2nd Team Murray' & "I told you so" (Liffey/ Kane) and JT 3rd 'Quizzard of Oz' (5th/6th class Girls) and "Knot a clue" (Matthews Family).

The PTA is also kindly part sponsoring the 6th class farewell outing to Carlingford and 6th class hoodies.

CAMPS



DGS EASTER CAMP

The DGS Easter camp will take place in school 15th -19th April. This camp is run by Mr Andrew Shekleton and a group of teachers. It includes Sports, Arts and Crafts, Cookery, Science, Day Trip and a range of other activities. Information leaflets have been sent home although there are a few places remaining but booking up quickly. If interested, please contact Mr Shekleton directly.

andrewshekleton@gmail.com or 086 2210821

ANYONE4SCIENCE CAMP

Anyone4Science will run a Science camp (Science of Flight) here in the Junior School on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April 2019, 10am to 2pm. A flyer has been sent to all children. There are two free places for our children and the winners will be drawn this week. Please don't forget to send in your name for the draw.

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

ESB SCIENCE BLAST



5th and 6th classes participated in the ESB Science Blast held on 5th March in the RDS in Dublin. The children prepared a project on 'How Healthy are our Snacks?' Surveys were taken before and after a four week period. The children investigated the ingredients of our daily snacks and documented the sugar, fibre, fats etc. Graphs, etc. were drawn up. Thank you to Louis, Jane Barry, Nessa and Deirdre Brady for all their contribution. We had a very successful day in Dublin and were awarded with an ESB Science Blast trophy and featured on RTE News and News2day.

EASONS SPELLING BEE



We had our Easons Spelling Bee qualifier in school last week. It was hotly contended and Emily Liffey emerged as the winner. Emily will participate in the Louth final which will be held in Monastery Boys' NS in Ardee on Thursday 4th April and we wish Emily every success.

CONGRATULATIONS

Caleen Kirk recently achieved highly commended in the Feis Dhun Dealgain for Speech and Drama.

Caoilfhionn O'Reilly competed in the Under 7s Irish Dancing Championships in Birmingham last weekend and came home with three firsts and a second.

DGS ART COMPETITION



The children are currently preparing for the DGS Art competition. Remember to get all the work done well in advance of the due date which is at the end of May. Ms. Binks has all the details.

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