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Monday:

Hockey Training	3:00pm - 3:50pm	(1 st - 3 rd classes);
Homework prep	3:00pm - 3:50pm	(3 rd - 6 th classes);
Club Gaeilge "Ag caint le cairde"	4:00pm - 5:00pm	(4 th - 6 th classes);

Tuesday:

Homework prep	3:00pm - 3:50pm	(3 rd - 6 th classes);
Science Club	4:00pm - 5:00pm	(4 th - 6 th classes);

Wednesday:

RC 1 st Communion Class	2:30pm - 3:30pm	(1 st - 3 rd classes);
Art Class	2:30pm - 3:30pm	(1 st - 6 th classes);
Soccer	2:30pm - 3:30pm	(3 rd - 6 th classes);
Scholarship Class	2:30pm - 3:45pm	(6 th class);

Thursday:

Lego Club	3:00pm - 3:50pm	(1 st - 3 rd classes);
Chess Club	3:00pm - 3:50pm	(3 rd - 6 th classes);
Hockey Training	3:00pm - 3:50pm	(4 th - 6 th classes).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14th February 2020 returning Monday 24th February 2020: Mid-term Break

Wednesday 4 th March 2020:	ESB Science Blast, RDS Dublin, (5 th & 6 th classes)
Thursday 5 th March 2020:	World Book Day (come to school dressed as your favourite character)
Thursday 12 th March 2020:	Scholarship Exam for Senior School (6 th class)
Thursday 12 th March 2020:	School PTA Family Quiz in Harper Building at 6.30pm
Thursday 12 th March 2020:	Culture Day

Monday 16th March 2020:

School closed

Tuesday 17th March 2020:

School closed: St Patrick's Day Holiday

Wednesday 25th March 2020:

AIJS Music Festival, Rathdown School, Dublin

Wednesday 25th March 2020:

R.C. First Penance, St Nicholas Church at 7pm

Monday 30th March 2020: Talk for 6th class parents, Personal Development: S.Teather
Tuesday 31st March: Daffodil Day, PTA fundraising

Wednesday 1st April 2020: 6th class Personal Development Day

Friday 3rd April 2020 returning Monday 20th April 2020: Easter Holidays

Friday 22nd April 2020 AIJS Athletics in St Conleth's School, Ballsbridge, Dublin

May 2020: Speech & Drama exams in the Junior School (date TBA)

Saturday 2nd May 2020: R.C. First Holy Communion, St Nicholas Church at 11am

Monday 4th May 2020: School Closed: Public Holiday

Wednesday 6th May 2020: Sports Day.

Friday 15th May 2020: Junior School Music Recital in Fingamore Hall at 2pm

Monday 25th May 2020: 6th class trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre.

Wednesday 27th May 2020: School Tour to Explorium – National Sport & Science Centre, Sandyford, Dublin

Friday 29th May 2020: School closes for Summer Holidays at 12.30pm

PREP AND SCHOLARSHIP CLASS

Prep continues on Monday and Tuesday 3:00pm - 3:50pm for 3rd - 6th classes. An extra class for 6th class pupils in preparation for the Scholarship Exam takes place every Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:45pm. There is no charge for the Prep or Scholarship class.

RC 1st HOLY COMMUNION

Classes for RC 1st Holy Communion will take place every Wednesday 2.30 - 3.30pm in the Junior School. The date of the ceremony of First Penance is Wednesday 25th March in St Nicholas Church at 7pm. Practice for the First Penance will take place on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March in St Nicholas Church at 2:40 – 3:30pm. First Holy Communion ceremony will take place on Saturday 2nd May in St. Nicholas Church at 11am. 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.



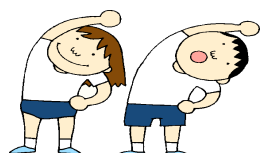
PTA

Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2020 takes place on Tuesday 31st 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 12th 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 6th May



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our quiz teams who took part in the Dundalk Credit Union Quiz on Monday 10th February: Grace Murphy, Emily Liffey, Liam Brady and Sean O'Rourke, Gabrielle Furlong, Lucy Ives, Nathan McCreesh and Conor Landa

Well done to the Junior School who raised €112 from Halloween dress-up for the **Louth Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (LSPCA)** which was presented to the LSPCA at assembly. In December 2019, the Junior School also raised €120 for **Temple Street Children's Hospital** through our Christmas jumper day.

DRAMA

The children are busy preparing for the Speech and Drama exams which will take place in May. Ms. Kieran will send a letter home this month 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//en-gb/safety>



SPORT

Hockey

Good luck to our 3rd/4th class hockey team who will play in the AIJS (Association of Independent Junior School) hockey tournament next week Monday 2nd March in St. Andrews, Dublin.



SCIENCE

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

Anyone4Science

A great time was had by all at the Mid Term Science camp. There will be another camp at Easter, *Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April 2020* 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



HEALTH

Covid- 19 Coronavirus

As the situation continues to evolve, the school will continue to review the precautionary measures we take to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all our students and staff.

We are aware that some families are concerned about recent travel and would like to know what, if any, restrictions are in place in terms of self-isolation on return from countries where the Coronavirus cases are rising.

We want to assure you that we are keeping a close eye on recommendations from the **HSE**, **World Health Organisation** and the **Health Protection Surveillance Centre** and will update you accordingly as the situation continues to be monitored.

Please refer to letter on website <https://www.dgs.ie/2020/02/update-current-coronavirus-advice/>

The most important action we can take to protect ourselves from Covid-19 is regular hand-washing and good respiratory hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub. If you are coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. Throw the used tissue away into a closed bin and wash your hands. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your flexed (bent) elbow. Avoid close contact with anyone who you know has cold or flu symptoms.

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