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## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

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*"Spring will come and so will happiness. Hold on. Life will get warmer." – Anita Krizzan*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter at 12 noon
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to School
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Public Holiday
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Music Recital in the Finnermore Hall at 2pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	DGS PTAs (Junior & Senior) Golf Classic in Greenore Golf Club
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	RC First Holy Communion
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> class trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	School Tour Day to Explorium (1-6) or Fort Evergreen (JI & SI)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Uniform Sale
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School closes for summer holiday at 12 noon
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Church of Ireland Confirmation

### AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES - TIMETABLE TO DATE

#### Monday:

Homework Prep:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> classes)
Junior Tennis:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> classes)
Senior Tennis:	4:00pm-4:50pm; (4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> classes)

#### Tuesday:

Homework Prep:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> classes)
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### Wednesday:

Art Club: 2:30pm-3:30pm; (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> classes)

### Thursday:

Chess Club: 3:00pm-3:50pm; (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> classes)

Lego 3:00pm-3:50pm; (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> classes) (Resuming Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March)

Senior Hockey: 3:00pm-3:50pm; (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> classes) (Resuming Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March)

### *Shin guards and gum shield essential!*

Yoga 3:00pm-3.50pm; (3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> classes)

### C of I Confirmation

Classes have begun for Church of Ireland Confirmation with Canon Joyce Moore, Rev Iain Jamieson and Mr Ian Moore our school Chaplin on Tuesdays at 6pm. The ceremony will take place in St Peters, Drogheda on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.



### RC FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Classes for RC First Holy Communion are continuing every Thursday 3.00 - 3.50pm in the Junior School. The Ceremony of First Penance took place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in St Patrick's. First Holy Communion ceremony will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Patricks Cathedral, Roden Place, Dundalk. at 12.30pm. 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.

### COVID -19 AND HEALTH

Although many regulations have been lifted re Covid-19, it is important to be mindful that school remains diligent in keeping us all safe. As you all are aware, there is another surge of case of Covid-19, and we must take all precautions. Students and staff are no longer required to wear masks but may do so if they wish. If tested positive, symptomatic, or if a child is unwell, please do not send your child to school.

### PTA

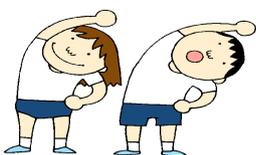
***Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2022 took place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.***

We congratulate the Junior School PTA on a wonderful fundraiser for Irish Cancer Society.

The event raised money for the Society's free, nationwide services for those with, and affected by cancer in Ireland. The DGS Junior School PTA, and students raised €803.40 and thank you to everyone who contributed in any way.

**Sports Day and PTA Barbecue: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

We are delighted to welcome back our Sports Day which will include hopefully our sociable BBQ. More information to follow.



**DGS Junior and Senior PTAs have come together to hold a Golf Classic.** The Classic will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 11am to 4.30pm at Greenore Golf Club. A date to save! €160 per team of 4 (Scramble Format), including meal afterwards plus snacks on course. Prizes for both GHUI and non-GUI teams. Open to all levels. To register and for further information [golfclassic2022@dgs.ie](mailto:golfclassic2022@dgs.ie). There are also various sponsorship packages:

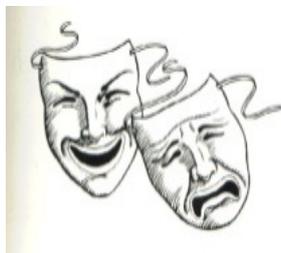
- Gold Level - €500 – to include team entry, sponsors name and logo on main board near clubhouse, sponsors name and logo on designated Tee Box and Green and an upgraded meal, after your round.
- Silver Level – €300 – to include team entry, sponsors name and logo on designated Tee Box and Green and an upgraded meal, after your round.
- Bronze Level– €160 – team entry and standard meal.

There is also a limited number of Tee Box and Green sponsorship opportunities, which are priced at €100 and €50 respectively. If you would like to participate or contribute in any way, please let us know at [golfclassic2022@dgs.ie](mailto:golfclassic2022@dgs.ie). There will also be a donation to Woman's Aid Dundalk.



### **DRAMA**

The children are busy preparing for the Speech and Drama exams which will take place in May. The children are thoroughly enjoying the drama classes whilst following the syllabus for the exams with Ms Nordon. Classes 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> now have their theory books and a gentle reminder to pay €5 for the book online through 'DGS easy payments or cash in envelope to be sent into school. There will be more details at a later date. We are encouraging all children Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class to take the exam. It will take place in school, and it is low key with little fuss. The children are always proud to show what they have learned in Speech and Drama classes. The exams are also so beneficial for senior students progressing into Senior School as there are plenty of times when students will have to present work to an audience for exam purposes. It gives the students so much more confidence when they have already done so in Junior School.



### **MUSIC**

Many pupils are busy preparing for their music exams coming up in May. Please remember that daily practice is essential: The Royal Academy of Music exams will take place in school for most instruments (piano, voice etc.) in May. Please note closing date will be soon. Please communicate with the relevant music teacher on the details or email [music@dgs.ie](mailto:music@dgs.ie)

## **PTA**

The PTA is kindly part sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> class farewell outing to Carlingford Adventure Centre and the 6<sup>th</sup> class hoodies. The 6<sup>th</sup> class hoodies will be ordered this week and hopefully the class will have them after Easter.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all the children on their wonderful performance of Aladdin. It was inspiring to see such talent throughout the Junior School irrespective of age. We hope to have a recording of the performance available to parents. Thank you to everyone who contributed, it was a great team effort from the school community working together.

Well done to Ryan Babington and Rogan Treadwell who achieved high results in their recent piano exams from the Royal Academy of Music.

Well done to Caoilfhionn O'Reilly who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Jig, Reel and overall Championship in her recent Feis.

Congratulations to all in Dundalk Grammar School, Junior and Senior who raised over €5000 for Ukraine. We continue to have the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



## **MATCH REPORT BY A. SHECKLETON**

On Friday 25th March, Dundalk Grammar Junior School attended AIJS (Association of Independent Junior Schools) 5 aside Football tournament which was held at St Gerard's School. The tournament involved 12 teams overall from 8 different schools.

DGS first match was against St. Andrew's which was a very competitive game with high intensity. DGS went into the lead with a long-range strike from Cormac Cooper. St. Andrew levelled the score within the last few minutes of the game and it finished 1-1.

The second group game was against St. Gerard's which was a tight game and resulted St. Gerard's clinching the game 1-0. DGS keep their spirits up and focused on the next game, which was Monkstown Park JS. It was a tense game with both teams defending very well. DGS finally broke through with an excellent phase of passing from Cormac Cooper & Harry Travers, which was calmly finished by Patrick Madden. DGS pushed on and got another quick goal from Cormac Cooper. Monkstown Park JS applied the pressure and scraped a goal back, but DGS' defence held it out, to win 2-1 and to get their first win of the tournament.

DGS continued the momentum from the last game into the next, when they were up against Willow Park. DGS took the lead with a superb strike from Ciarán Mc Goey which the keeper had no chance of saving. Willow Park did not give up and levelled the score halfway through the game. DGS Robin Coleman kept them in the game with excellent saves and assisted by Harry Travers for the second goal. Robin Coleman put a long ball into the box, where Harry Travers got in front of the keeper and headed the ball over the keeper into the net. In the last few minutes, Harry Travers scored another late goal to seal the win for DGS with an excellent piece of skill and a fine finish. The game finished 3-1.

The next game was against St. Mary's. DGS controlled the game from start to finish and resulted in a 2-0 win. Two goals scored from Anton Kalinin & Johnny Boyd. Our last group game was against St. Mary's 2

which they won 3-0 with Harry Travers scoring a hat-trick.

DGS had qualified for the semi-finals, where they played St Conleth's. It was another tight game, where both teams put in everything to get them over the line. DGS took the lead with Ciarán McGoey scoring a long-range effort when their keeper was not expecting it. St Conleth's did not give up and applied the pressure and got one back straight away. DGS got the winning goal from a kick out where Robin gave a long ball into Harry Travers who volleyed first time into the back of the net. It was the goal of the tournament, and everyone could not believe what they witnessed. DGS protected their lead with some great, crucial tackles from Calum Tooher to hold onto their lead. The referee had blown it up and DGS had made it to the final.

In the final DGS was against hosts St Gerard's. It was an end-to-end match with both teams attacking at any opportunity they got. DGS took the lead with Harry Travers receiving a long ball from Goalkeeper Robin Coleman and Harry calmly put into the bottom corner. St. Gerard's came back and scored two quick goals to end, clinching it and winning the final. DGS did extremely well to get to the final and most importantly, all the students had a great time.

Team: Johnny Boyd, Robin Coleman, Cormac Cooper, Jack Ives, Ciarán McGoey, Calum Tooher, Harry Travers, Anton Kalinin and Patrick Madden.

If you have any news items, you would like to include in the next newsletter, please email [juniorschool@dgs.ie](mailto:juniorschool@dgs.ie)



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