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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 25th August: 1st Year Induction into Secondary school

Tuesday 30th August: Junior School commences

PTA

We wish to thank the Parent Teachers Association for all their marvellous work over the year: Christmas Goodies, Sports' Day BBQ, Golf Classic, Ice Cream Van and 6th class treats. Thank you for all your hard work.

6th CLASS

We bid farewell to our 6th class. We wish you all well in Senior School and look forward to you visiting us again in the Junior School next year.

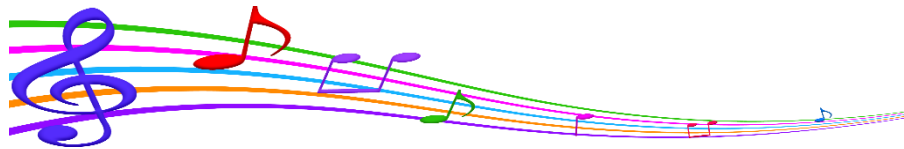
The PTA very kindly funded a farewell day out at Carlingford Adventure Centre in May for the departing 6th class. All 6th class, accompanied by Ms. Lait and Mr Shekleton ventured up the mountain to the Skypark to the ziplining, high ropes etc. After a tasty lunch and ice cream, we took to the water in the Lough for paddle boarding and pier jumping, and finally home at 5pm, exhausted but full of tales of excitement. Thank you also to the PTA who organised special farewell hoodies for the 6th class, a souvenir to keep and ponder on in the years to come.

MUSIC

Well done to all the children who recently sat their Music with the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Victoria College and Associated Board exams. Well done to the children who participated in Feis Ceoil in Newry in May. The children were delighted with the challenge. Their teachers Ms. Sarah McCourt,

Mr. Kieran Holt, Mr. Emmett Fallon, Mr Davide Forti, Ms Jayne Graham and the school are very proud of you all.

The highlight of our music year was our Music Recital which was held in May. Everyone had a chance to participate, and we all thoroughly enjoyed playing and singing for our parents and friends. We had a great variety of instruments played: piano, violin, guitar, clarinet, cello, flute and ukelele.



SPEECH & DRAMA

Congratulations to the children (all 68 of you) who recently sat their Leinster School exams in Speech and Drama. Our Drama teacher, Ms Gianna Nordon is delighted with your performances and the results will follow.

SPORTS NEWS

Our own Sports day took place at the beginning of May. We had many races including the long and short distances, hoop throwing, penalty shoot-out and an obstacles course to name but a few. A few Junior Infants pupils amazed us in the penalty shoot-out. Footballers to come! All the participants received a medal. Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Mary Kate Copas and Patrick Madden in the Junior category, Ciarán McGoey and Cassidy Lawlor in the Senior category. Thank you to the PTA for the lovely barbeque and games. It was a great day, and we can't wait until next year's Sports day.

Congratulations to all 4th, 5th and 6th classes who played very well in the hockey blitz with St Michael's College from Dublin.

SCHOOL TOURS

The school 1st – 6th classes went on their school tour to the W5 in Belfast. We learned about science in everyday life. We had such a great day.

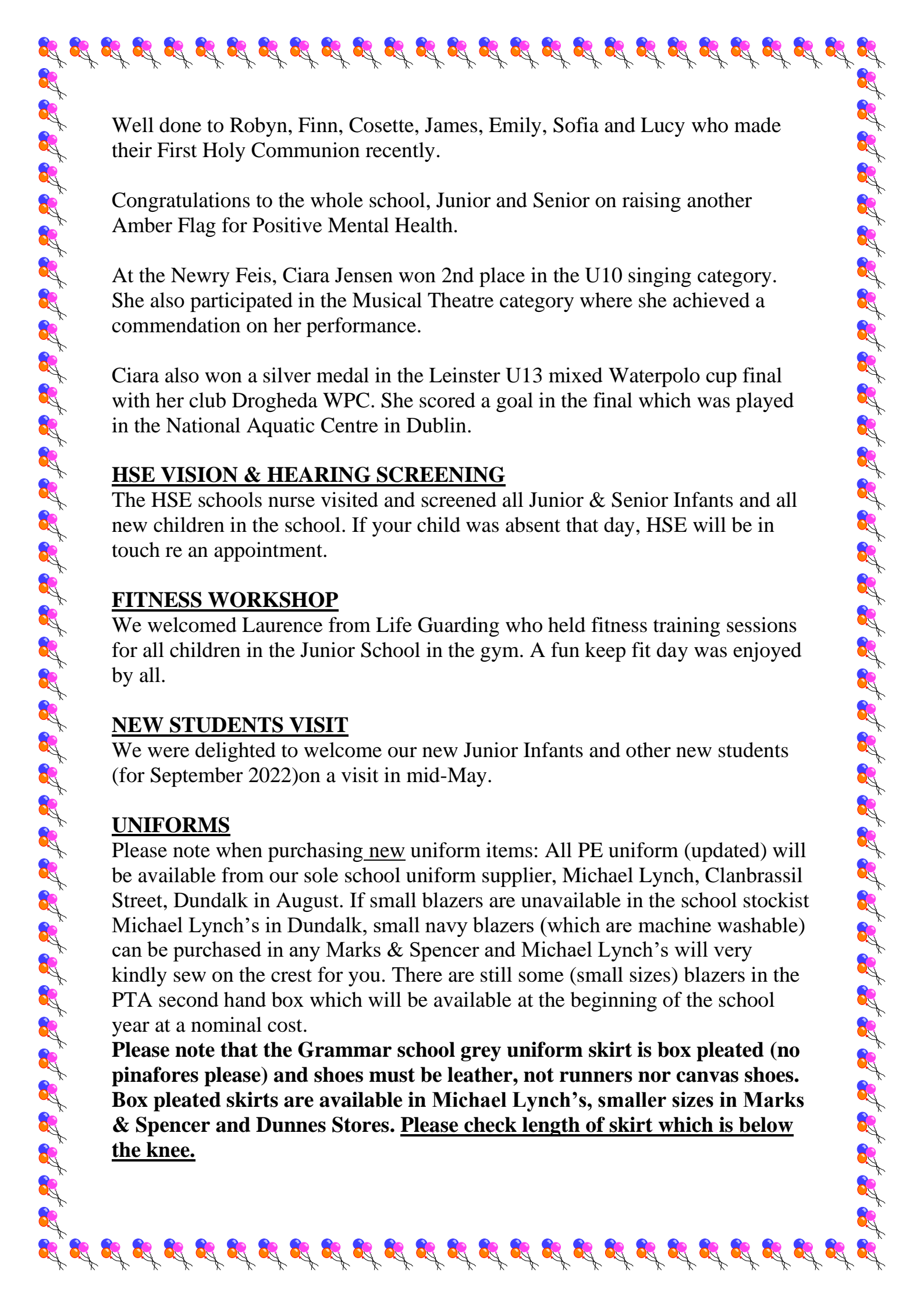
The Infant classes enjoyed a visit to Fort Evergreen in Rostrevor. Lots of animals, games, and a bus trip.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Maya Ritchie, winner of the Dundalk Credit Union Poster Competition in the senior category.

Congratulations to Esme Aylmer on achieving her Bronze Award in Swimming.

Congratulations to Cara and Cormac on their recent Confirmations.



Well done to Robyn, Finn, Cosette, James, Emily, Sofia and Lucy who made their First Holy Communion recently.

Congratulations to the whole school, Junior and Senior on raising another Amber Flag for Positive Mental Health.

At the Newry Feis, Ciara Jensen won 2nd place in the U10 singing category. She also participated in the Musical Theatre category where she achieved a commendation on her performance.

Ciara also won a silver medal in the Leinster U13 mixed Waterpolo cup final with her club Drogheda WPC. She scored a goal in the final which was played in the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin.

HSE VISION & HEARING SCREENING

The HSE schools nurse visited and screened all Junior & Senior Infants and all new children in the school. If your child was absent that day, HSE will be in touch re an appointment.

FITNESS WORKSHOP

We welcomed Laurence from Life Guarding who held fitness training sessions for all children in the Junior School in the gym. A fun keep fit day was enjoyed by all.

NEW STUDENTS VISIT

We were delighted to welcome our new Junior Infants and other new students (for September 2022) on a visit in mid-May.

UNIFORMS

Please note when purchasing new uniform items: All PE uniform (updated) will be available from our sole school uniform supplier, Michael Lynch, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk in August. If small blazers are unavailable in the school stockist Michael Lynch's in Dundalk, small navy blazers (which are machine washable) can be purchased in any Marks & Spencer and Michael Lynch's will very kindly sew on the crest for you. There are still some (small sizes) blazers in the PTA second hand box which will be available at the beginning of the school year at a nominal cost.

Please note that the Grammar school grey uniform skirt is box pleated (no pinafores please) and shoes must be leather, not runners nor canvas shoes. Box pleated skirts are available in Michael Lynch's, smaller sizes in Marks & Spencer and Dunnes Stores. Please check length of skirt which is below the knee.

SCHOOL YEAR AND TIMES

The Junior School opens for the new academic year on Tuesday 30th August. However, the 1st years, our present 6th class will have their induction day on Thursday 25th August.

School opening times are as follows: morning opening at 8.30am for supervision, classes begin at 8.50am.

It is important that all children are in school by 8.45am to enable classes to begin at 8.50am. It is very disruptive for children arriving late on a regular basis. Please note time for the Junior Infants: Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm until end of September, thereafter from October the finish time for Junior Infants is 2pm. All other classes, Senior Infants to 6th class finish at 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday, we close at 2.30pm. Some children stay after school but only if they have signed up and participating in the Afternoon Activities. After School Activities finish at 3.50pm. Please make sure children are picked up on time. After School Activities will begin in 2nd/3rd week of school. Date will be advised.

END OF YEAR

The Junior School enjoyed 6th class' final 'Show and Tell'. Lots of dogs, ducklings, reptiles, guinea pigs to name a few.

Our final assembly of the year focused on all the wonderful friendships we have made and how we should value everyone in life. The Junior School cheered the 6th class through the gates as they departed with their balloons for pastures new and the senior school. Most of all, pupils were asked to be careful and safe over the summer holidays ahead.

We thank the PTA for their lovely surprise of the arrival of the Ice Cream van on the last day of school.

You can keep up to date with the Junior School on **Instagram [dgsjuniorschool](#)**.

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

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Wishing you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

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