



SAPERE AUDE

DUNDALK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

VOLUME 23 Issue 7

MARCH 2023

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 29 th March	AIJS Music Festival in Rathdown School, Dublin
Thursday 30 th March	AIJS Spelling Bee in Sutton Park School, Dublin
Thursday 30 th March	JS PTA Family Quiz 6.45pm-8pm in Harper Building
Friday 31 st March	School Closes for Easter at 12 noon
Monday 17 th April	Return to School
Monday 1 st May	Public Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	Sports Day
Saturday 6 th May	RC Confirmation in St Nicholas Church, Bridge Street, Dundalk
Friday 12 th May	Joint Snr & Jnr PTAs Golf Classic in Greenore Golf Club
Sunday 14 th May	COI Confirmation in St Nicholas Church, Church Street, Dundalk
Wednesday 17 th May	Louth Co Final Eason's Spelling Bee in Finnermore Hall, DGS
Friday 19 th May	Music Recital in Finnermore Hall at 1.45pm
Friday 26 th May	Speech & Drama Exams in DGS
Monday 29 th May	6 th class trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre
	School Tour Day (date to be advised)
Thursday 1 st June	Uniform Sale
Friday 2 nd June	School closes for summer holiday at 12 noon

CONFIRMATION

Classes for Church of Ireland Confirmation take place every Tuesday at 6pm in the senior school. The ceremony will take place on Sunday 14th May in St Nicholas, Church Street, Dundalk.

Classes for RC Confirmation take place every Tuesday 3.50 - 4.45pm in the Junior School. Confirmation ceremony will take place on Saturday 6th May in St. Nicholas Church, Bridge Street, Dundalk 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.



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



PTA

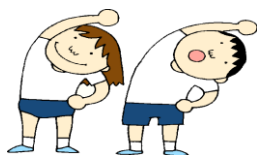
Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day 2023 takes place on Friday 24th March.

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, had a stand at the main gates.

Congratulations to the JS PTA who raised €694.40 for Irish Cancer Society on Daffodil Day. Thank you all.

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

Sports Day and PTA Barbecue: Wednesday 3rd May



DGS Junior and Senior PTAs have come together to hold a Golf Classic. The Classic will be held on Friday 13th 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. 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. 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 Boyle. There will be more details at a later date. We are encouraging all children Junior Infants to 6th 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.



SPAR FAI Primary 5's football tournament

The annual SPAR FAI Primary 5's football tournament was held on Tuesday 7th March at the DKIT Sports Centre. The tournament was organised by FAI school's sports committee and featured teams from various schools around Louth.

DGS had two teams competing in the competition, one boys' team and one girls' team.

The girl's first match was against St Mochtas which was an exciting match as both teams wanted to start their campaign with a win. It was end to end match but it was St Mochtas who finished out on top with a final score 3-2. Goals scored by Davina Adebola x2.

DGS's second match was highly competitive versus Scoil Naomh Brid Ardagh, it was another enthralling game and both teams played extremely well but DGS just fell short of a result finishing 4-2 to Scoil Naomh Brid Ardagh. Goals scored by Mary-Kate Copas & Sophie Boyd.

DGS played their final game against Scoil San Nioclas Stabannon and dug deep to finish their campaign off with a 4-0 win. Goals scored by Davina x2 & Sophie Boyd x2.

The boy's tournament started with the first match between the DGS and Scoil San Nioclas. Both teams played exceptionally well, but the DGS class team emerged victorious with a score of 7-2. Goals scored by Erik Palomo Blazquez x3 Izan Palomo Blazquez x3 and AJ Linnane x1.

DGS second match was against St Finian's Dunleer. This match was highly anticipated, and the excitement was palpable among the spectators. The teams played with great enthusiasm, and after a gruelling match, the score finished level at 1-1. Goal Scored by Izan Palomo Blazquez x1.

The third match was our final match and it was a must-win game for DGS to have a chance of qualifying. DGS were up against St Peters. DGS team dominated the game, and despite the valiant efforts of St Peters, they were unable to score a goal. The match ended with a score of 12-0 in favour of DGS. Erik Palomo Blazquez x5 Izan Palomo Blazquez x5, and Anton Kalinin x2.

Unfortunately, DGS missed on qualification by goal difference by two goals which was a huge

disappointment but DGS players can be proud of their team performance.

AIJS Hockey Blitz

The AIJS school hockey blitz was held at Dundalk Grammar School on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, and it was an exhilarating event for all participants and spectators alike. Four teams competed for the title, including Dundalk Grammar School, Sutton Park, Headfort School, St. Conleth's College, and Mount Anville.

The first-round matches DGS teams had to face were DGS A vs Sutton Park B and DGS B vs St Conleth's A. DGS A vs Sutton Park B game was a close one, with both teams showing great skill and determination. Sutton Park scored the first goal of the game, but the DGS quickly responded with a goal of their own by Mary Kate Copas. The game remained tied until near at the end, when Sutton scored a crucial goal, securing their victory with a final score of 2-1. DGS B vs St Conleth's A was another highly contested match with both teams defending very well and resulting in a scoreless game (0-0).

The Second round of matches DGS had to face was DGS A vs St. Conleth's B and DGS B vs Mount Anville A. DGS A came out strong against St. Conleth's B, scoring two goals (Sophie Boyd & Russel Boyd) in the first period, and scoring another three goals (Lucy Connor, Sophie & Russel Boyd) second period, St. Conleth's B were unable to catch up, resulting in a final score of 5-0 in favour of DGS A.

In the second match, DGS B faced off against the Mount Anville A who were a very strong team and a force to be reckoned with in this tournament. DGS B team battled hard but Mount Anville came out on top with a final score 6-0. This meant DGS B were unfortunately unable to qualify for the Semi-finals.

DGS A team had one more match to play as they had an extra team in their group. DGS were up against Headfort and it was a must win match for both teams in order to qualify for the Semi Finals. Both teams were nervous at the start as neither team wanted to make any mistakes. DGS started putting the pressure on and were rewarded for scoring a sublime team goal which was finished off by Russel Boyd. Headfort came straight back and got a quick equaliser. It was an end-to-end match with both teams going all out for a win but unfortunately for both teams it finished 1-1 and resulting in both teams not qualifying.

Mount Anville and Sutton Park two teams qualified for semi-finals, but it came down to the match between the Mount Anville A and Sutton Park A to decide who going to crowned winners of the AIJS Hockey Blitz. It was intense final, with both teams playing aggressively and displaying their impressive skills. Sutton Park took an early lead, scoring a goal in the first period, but Mount Anville fought back, scoring a goal in the second period to tie the game. It was finished 1-1 and we had to go to extra time. With only a few minutes left of extra time in the game, Mount Anville managed to score the winning goal, earning them the title with a final score of 2-1.

Throughout the blitz, all the teams played with great sportsmanship and demonstrated excellent teamwork. The players showed tremendous dedication and passion for the game. Overall, the tournament was a huge success, and everyone involved had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to the Mount Anville for their hard-earned victory!



AIJS P4 Hockey Blitz

On February 26th, 2023, DGS Junior School travelled to St. Andrew's College to participate in the AIJS Hockey P4 Blitz. For many of the players in the group, this was their first hockey trip away from school and their first 'official' fixture for the school.

The DGS team had mixed results on the day with two wins, one draw, and two losses meaning unfortunately, the DGS team didn't progress to the finals. They had a lovely day out and some valuable hockey experience for our 3rd & 4th students to build on for next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sophie Boyd who played in the 6th class hockey tournament with Boyne Hockey Club. The team finished runner up.

We wish good luck to Caoilfhionn who will compete in the Irish dancing World Championships in Montreal, Canada during the Easter Holidays.

TOP 4 BASKETBALL

Congratulations to AJ Linnane, who plays for Dundalk Ravens Under 14's. The team played in the season's NEBB league. They won their first game with ease, AJ scored a "dumper" from the "three" then he celebrated by doing the "Griddy". It was the second game, and they were going against the second-best team in the league. They finished runners-up and received a silver medal but were awarded a gold medal for winning the league overall winning 12 games and losing none. AjL

INSTAGRAM

The Junior School is also on Instagram. This is a private group for all parents and school. You are welcome to join, just send in a request on Instagram. (If your Instagram name on your request is different, please let us know)

If you have any news items, you would like to include in the next newsletter, please email juniorschool@dgs.ie



Flaine Lait
Junior School Principal