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Each year brings its own joys and sorrows, but we trust in the presence of God in our lives that we will be given the strength to cope with whatever difficulties we may encounter.



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DUNDALK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Junior School News

We would ask parents' co-operation when dropping off and collecting children. **Staff would appreciate pupils being collected on time.** Children are not permitted to wait at the gates by themselves for safety reasons. Please note the times (which vary) of the afternoon activities and ensure children are collected on time.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25 th October	Junior School Prize Day
Friday 27 th October	Dress-up Day in aid of Charity LSPCA €2
Friday 27 th October	School closes for the mid-term break at 3pm
Monday 6 th November	Return to School
Thursday 16 th November	Junior School Musical "Mary Poppins " at 1.30pm & PTA Fete 3.00pm in Fynamore Hall
Thursday 23 rd November	Parent Teacher Meetings from 1pm, School closes at 12.30pm for all pupils
Friday 8 th December	School Closure Day
Monday 18 th December	Carol Service at 7pm
Friday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas Holiday at 12 Noon
Monday 8 th January	Return to School
Monday 22 nd January	In-Service Day, School Closed
Monday 5 th February	St Brigid's Holiday, School Closed
Friday 9 th February	School closes for the mid-term at 3.00pm
Monday 19 th February	Return to School
Thursday 7 th March	Junior School PTA Family Quiz
Friday 15 th March	School Closure Day
Monday 18 th March	School Closure Day St Patrick's
Friday 22 nd March	School Closes for Easter at 12 noon
Monday 8 th April	Return to School
Wednesday 1 st May	Sports Day & P.T.A. BBQ
Friday 3 rd May	School Closure Day



Monday 6 th May	School Closed Public Holiday
Friday 17 th May	DGS JS PTA's Golf Classic
Wednesday 29 th May	6 th Class Trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre School Tour Day TBA
Thursday 30 th May	Uniform Sale
Friday 31 st May	School Closes for Summer Holiday at 12 noon

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES - TIMETABLE TO DATE

Monday:

Homework Prep:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes)
Junior Soccer:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd classes)
Club Na Gaeilge:	3.50pm-4.50pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes)

Tuesday:

Homework Prep:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes)
Junior Hockey:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd classes)

Art Club:	3.00pm-3.50pm; (1 st – 6 th classes)
Senior Soccer:	3:50pm-4:50pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes)

Wednesday:

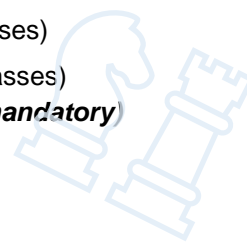
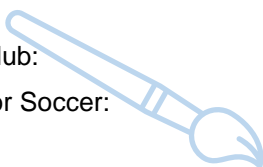
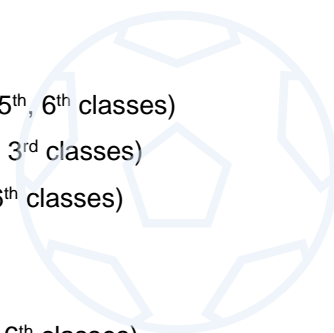
Tennis:	2:30pm-3:30pm; (1 st - 6 th classes)
Musical Main Cast:	2:30pm-3:30pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes) until 16/11/23
Story Writing Club:	2:30pm-3:30pm; (1 st - 6 th classes)
Basketball (from 22/11/23):	2:30pm-3:30pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes)

Thursday:

Chess Club:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes)
Lego Club:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd classes)
Senior Hockey:	3:00pm-3:50pm; (4 th , 5 th , 6 th classes) (Shin guards and gum shield mandatory)

Remember:

Shin guards and gum shield are mandatory for all playing hockey





Other News

PTA

On Tuesday 24th October, the PTA held their annual AGM, via zoom.
Your JS PTA Committee are:

Joint Chairpersons:	Alan Foran & Dr Fatima O'Brien
Secretary:	Alan Grehan
Treasurer:	Heather Thompson
Committee Members:	Elaine Lait Julie Anne Slevin Lorraine Grossi Ciara Madden Susan Weil Claire Gibney Colette Farrell Mary Jo McEvoy Sinead Linnane Gavin Gollogley



HALLOWEEN

Friday 27th October will be a **fancy-dress day** at school and pupils should come to school in their fancy dress. This will be in aid of LSPCA (Louth Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). €2 will be collected from each child and will be presented to LSPCA soon.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will be held in person or via zoom on Thursday 23rd November. School will finish at 12.30pm on that day. A time will be allocated to each child for their parents and times will be emailed after the midterm break. **If you would prefer a later or earlier time, or prefer a zoom call, please email juniorschool@dqs.ie as soon as possible and we will do our best to accommodate your request.**

HSE: VISION & HEARING SCREENING/DENTAL/FLU/VACCINATION

The HSE will carry out Flu Vaccinations for children in the Infants class, forms have been sent home. Date to be advised. Dental Check-Up Forms were sent home for sixth class. Please return HSE for to the school as soon as possible. Vision and Hearing Forms will be sent later in the term.

PRIZE DAY

Prize took place on Wednesday 25th October 2022. Congratulations to everyone.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year were looking forward to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. It is possible to send gift-filled shoeboxes from Ireland this year and you can also donate gift-filled shoeboxes online. To make virtual boxes you can visit www.teamhope.ie and choose the items you would like to add. You can also upload your colouring page with your donation to personalise your shoe box.

Date to Remember:

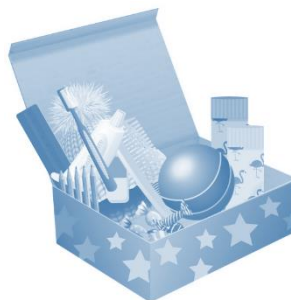
Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 23rd November



Otherwise, wrap a shoebox in Christmas paper and fill accordingly. Leaflets have been distributed to the children and there are more if necessary. Closing date for the Shoebox collection in school is Friday 10th November.

These donations and shoeboxes will then be delivered straight into the hands of children affected by poverty in Africa and Eastern Europe. Often these shoeboxes are the only gift that a child will receive at Christmas and the joy that they deliver is incredible.



CONFIRMATION

In class, we follow the C Of I 'Follow Me' RE Programme. However, we do facilitate the RC and C Of I sacraments after school. Classes in preparation for C Of I and R.C. First Holy Communion will begin in January 2024. Date for First Holy Communion is Saturday 4th May 2024.



MATHS WEEK

Maths Week ran from the 16th – 20th October this year. We were delighted to be invited by TY Maths Week leaders who worked with all classes this week & last week. We enjoyed fun Maths talks with David O'Keeffe and Doug Buchanan organised by Shane Dowdall, Maths Dept. DKIT.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to AJ Linnane who was selected for trials for the Under 14's National Basketball Squad.

Well done to Valentina Grossi who swims competitively. Valentina recently achieved 2nd place in the 11 year old category in 100m medley, 2nd in the 11 year freestyle and 3rd in the 11 year old backstroke at the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin.

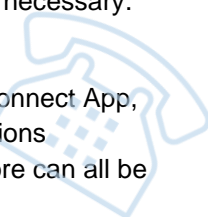
Congratulations to Izam Palomo Blazquez who recently competed in a friendly soccer game in Dublin.

MUSICAL "MARY POPPINS"

The children are all very excited with rehearsals for the upcoming Musical "Mary Poppins". A gentle reminder to parents about costumes, please refer to your emails. The Musical will be followed by the JS PTA Christmas Fête, please take note of the date Thursday 16th November. All are welcome, no tickets necessary.

COMMUNICATIONS

I hope you are all enjoying our communications through our Aladdin Connect App, if you have not already signed up, please do so today! All communications including absentee messages, permission to leave early and much more can all be communicated through the Aladdin Connect App.



Our Musical

"Mary Poppins"

takes place on

Thursday 16th

November



Sign up by calling or emailing the school on [042 9334459](tel:0429334459)/juniorschool@dgs.ie. You can contact teachers via Aladdin, leave a phone message or by email on juniorschool@dgs.ie.

If you are experiencing any problems don't hesitate to contact Kate in the office.

INSTAGRAM

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

Any news of the monthly newsletter, please email to: juniorschool@dgs.ie

Ms E. Lait

Junior School Principal