



Drimnagh Castle Primary School



School Newsletter

Term Two 2023



Show Racism the Red Card

This term our school took part in the programme “Show Racism the Red Card” which is an anti-racism programme. Boys from 2nd to 6th class completed a series of lessons learning how to recognise racism, its harmful effects and what we can do to stand against racism.

During anti-racism week our classes heard stories from sports and music stars about their experiences with racism and their use of showing racism the red card. All students submitted fantastic and powerful posters to a whole school art competition showing that Drimnagh Castle is united against racism.

At a school assembly our students listened to some powerful summaries and important learning points read aloud by members of each year group. Anti-racism poster competition winners' work was displayed for the whole school to see. As part of their learning, boys came together in their class groupings for photographs with the phrase #TogetherAgainstRacism displayed.

The week was very successful and important in demonstrating our commitment to showing Drimnagh Castle stands against racism.

Green Schools

Our Green Schools Committee have been very busy over the past term. Here are some of the great work that they've been up to:

Daffodil Day

Thanks to all for contributing. We raised over €600 for the Irish Cancer Society. Well done.

Plant Sale

Well done to all the classes for showing their vegetable, flower and herb seeds. Everyone did a great job of minding their plants on the window sill. Lots of children helped to report the plants for our plant sale. Well done.

We hope you are enjoying your new plants at home. Plants are a great way of improving the air quality, improving our moods and helping the environment!

Litter picking

The 6th class boys have done a superb job of picking up litter in front of the school every morning. They have inspired the younger classes and each class will do some litter picking in term 3. You can help at home by doing a "2 minute litter pick" on your street or in your local park.

Garden

Well done to our 5th class composting boys who have done a great job all year. We use our compost in our garden.

We have rhubarb, strawberries, potatoes, lettuce and onions planted so far. Other classes will grow other vegetables in term 3.

We also planted 5 new apple trees this year. We used compost from our wormery to feed them.

Competition time!

Signs of spring photo competition:

Get outside and bring your camera!

Take photos of the signs of spring in your garden or your local park.

Send your photo to

mssheridandrimnagh@gmail.com

Prizes after the May bank holiday weekend.



Our very successful Plant Sale in full swing

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We held our annual 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' in the school on the week of March 13th. This was a week dedicated to celebrating the Irish language and Irish culture.

Each year group participated with a special activity. The boys from 2nd, 3rd and 4th class learned Irish dancing and participated in a Céilí led by Ms. O'Brien from Room 3.5th and 6th class boys did a Tráth na gCéist in the hall. This was a table quiz as Gaeilge. The boys did extremely well and the winning teams in both year groups received prizes.

The whole school participated in an art competition based on their favourite seanfocail as Gaeilge. All of the entries were brilliant and the boys worked very hard on them. Comhghairdeas to all our winners!

Fantastic Footballers



This year, Drimnagh Castle Boys in 5th and 6th class have been representing the school on behalf of the boy's school football team. The boys have had great success this year recording wins in both the FAI City Division 1 League and the Division 1 Senior Cup. The football team was managed by Mr. Conaty this year with coaching and assistance from Mr. Byrne, Mr. Howard, Will Weafer and Sylvester Banim.

The football team put in some fantastic performances in the league, with a 2-1 victory at home to St. Attracta's Senior National School. This was followed by another brilliant performance from the boys as the Castle won 5-1 against St. Joseph's Boys National School. Unfortunately after a 3-0 loss away to Lucan, the boy's league campaign came to an end but this was not to be the end of the football season for Drimnagh Castle.

Drimnagh Castle football team has enjoyed a memorable journey so far this year in the Division 1 Senior Cup this year. First up was a narrow 2-1 away win after extra time against St. Attracta's SNS. This then led to the Castle boys winning their second round fixture of the Cup at home 4-2 against St. Anne's Shankill. The following round would see Drimnagh Castle come out triumphant winners again with a 6-1 victory over Holy Family Swords National School, allowing the Castle to advance onto the Cup Quarter Final. In this most recent fixture, Drimnagh Castle was on the winning side once again with a hard-fought 2-0 win over Hollypark BNS. This result now means the boys will be playing in the Division 1 Senior Cup semi-final in the next 2 weeks!

The 5th and 6th class boys have been fantastic in representing the school on and off the pitch this year, showing a determination to compete in every game while also showing respect and support to their fellow players and managers. Captain Harry Joyce and his teammate Charlie Waterhouse were delighted to get the chance to play on a Drimnagh Castle football team this year before they finish 6th class in Drimnagh. Harry said the team has been very well set up and ran all year while Charlie thought the team was a brilliant opportunity for the 6th class boys to play football as part of a school team and try to win a trophy for the school before their departure. They will hope to be on the winning side again in the Cup semi-final to hopefully see Drimnagh Castle to reach the Division 1 Senior Cup Final later this year!

There are some very important people we would like to thank for making this year so special. Thanks to Mr. Kirwan for his consistent promotion and accommodation of football in the school and with the football team this year. Secondly a huge thank you to all the parents who showed such fantastic commitment and support in attending matches and offering lifts to bring boys to and from games during the day. A massive thank you also goes to the Kokonut Shop for their generosity in sponsoring the football team jerseys for the year. We would like to thank all the school staff for their patience and support to let boys in their classes travel and participate in games and training session for the past few months.

Finally thanks to everyone at Brickfield Park for their accommodation of the school football team's home games this year, and Gregg Connolly for his help as referee in our school matches and coaching football with the older classes in Drimnagh Castle. It has been a fantastic year so far as the Castle boys look to push on and finish the year with some more cup success. Every boy has given fantastic commitment and effort into representing the school the best that they can as they now look to bring more glory back to the Castle! AN CAISLEÁN ABÚ!!

by Mr Howard

Behaviour Draw

On our last day of school before the Easter holidays we gathered in the hall to celebrate our many achievements throughout the term. The highlight of our assembly was the announcing of our Good Behaviour Draw prizes.

Here is a list of the winners from this term:

2nd Class:

Cain Gannon Room 4

3rd Class:

Rayyan Nguyen

Room 10

4th Class:

Gerry Wei Room 11

5th Class:

Johann Varghase

Room 27

6th Class:

Seán Docherty Room 15

Extra Prize for Hard Work:

Andrei Alvar Room 26

Overall Winner:

Adrian Lazarte

Gutierrez Room 12

Well done boys!!!

Student Council: Hidden Disability Awareness



Leo from Ms O'Mahony's Class

One initiative that the Student Council were working on from Term 1 was to promote hidden disability awareness in the school. We were all incredibly proud of Leo from 5th class who spoke at assembly, educating us on ASD, ADHD and Dyslexia.

Ms O'Mahony, John and their Class Dancing



Over the past term the Student Council have been working very hard. The ideas that they have been working on are: no written homework on Thursdays; a Castle Cup for all classes in soccer; researching the cost of installing an astro-turf pitch; and litter-picking in the community.

Engineers Week



We celebrated engineering week on 4th -10th March. Each class had an engineering challenge, a workshop or a talk from an engineer. We built bridges, mazes for hex bugs and marble runs. We tested different cars constructed with Lego and K'Nex. We learned to keep trying and to learn from our mistakes. We had great fun!

Happy Birthday Sylvester

