



# DRIMNAGH CASTLE NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas in the Castle!

December was a very busy month for the staff and boys in The Castle. Lots of the boys entered our Christmas cribs competition, using only recycled materials. Ms Sheridan had an incredibly difficult time choosing a winner, but eventually it was announced as Fabio in Ms. Lyne's 4th Class.



## Santa Fun Run

Our wellbeing theme for the month of December was Giving. At our whole-school assembly, the boys in Mr Briody's class gave a great presentation on the practical ways that they could give their time, help, support and friendship during the month.

The boys showed the spirit of giving in practical ways too. First by very generous donations to the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Food Appeal. And also by donating money to the school for our annual Santa Fun Run, raising €525 for the school which will go directly to buying maths resources, as we prepare for the introduction of the New Primary Maths Curriculum next year.



## The Panto

Every class enjoyed their trip to the Panto in December. The Civic hosted Cinderella for the second and third classes, while the National Stadium presented Jack and the Beanstalk for the fourth class. The sixth class saw Cinderella at The Gaiety, and the fifth class enjoyed Peter Pan at The Gate. Everywhere the boys went, they were complimented on their excellent behaviour and were a credit to their school.



## Christmas Plays

Without a doubt, the outstanding Christmas concerts that each class performed in December were the highlight of the month. The boys had the opportunity to watch each other perform during the final week of the term, and we were thrilled to be able to welcome parents and guardians to each class.



## Sport in the Castle

Drimnagh Castle School's Gaelic Football Leagues brought the school grounds alive as over 140 boys from 3rd to 5th class embraced the thrill of GAA during lunchtime. The sight of each boy revelling in the sport was truly heartening. The climactic final showcased the prowess of An Clár and Ros Comáin, with Ros Comáin emerging triumphant after an exhilarating match.

Heartfelt thanks to all the boys who participated, contributing to the success of the league. Your enthusiasm and sportsmanship made this event a resounding success, reflecting the spirit of teamwork and enjoyment at Drimnagh Castle School.



## Our Brilliant Boxers



Our 6th class boys were put through their paces by Ed Griffin from Drimnagh Boxing Club over the course of ten weeks. Not only did Ed come to our school and train with the boys, but he also brought some of the most promising talent down to the club to train. This excellent programme culminated with a boxing showcase against boys from local schools. We were delighted that gold medal winning Olympian Michael Carruth was on hand to referee the fights.

## Our Cross Country Champs



In December eight boys were selected to be part of the Cross country team that took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Corn Scoil Damian competition. There was tough competition from lots of local schools that were taking part on this day, with races for boys and girls from 3rd class up to 6th class. Really well done to Kobi and Sonnie, and Aly and Brody, who finished first and second respectively in their races.



# Wellbeing Framework

Well-Being Committee

Our school's wellbeing framework is the result of diligent work of Mr. Briody and his student wellbeing committee. For each month of the year, the boys on the committee chose a different theme related to wellbeing, and Maddox from sixth class created this amazing poster for us.

Each month, a different class prepares a wellness-themed presentation and hosts an assembly for the entire school. The topic for November was Nutrition. The boys on the wellbeing committee taught everyone how to eat healthily and to be active at home and at school. Giving was the December topic for Mr. Briody's class. It was encouraged of the boys to give of their time, patience, and friendship during the month.

## Maths Quiz

Drimnagh Castle Boys School celebrated a noteworthy moment as four 6th-class talents Omar Mady, Jamie O'Toole, Thomas Branigan, and Nathan O'Neill—made their debut representing the school at a challenging Maths Quiz held at St. Attracta's. These boys showcased exceptional mathematical skills, bringing honour and pride to the school. The school looks forward to next year's competition, eager to continue the tradition and create more memorable moments in the world of mathematics.



## Trips Out

5th and 6th classes visited the Dáil and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Spot the surprise visitor Room 12 and 13 met in the Dáil!



ROOM 12 IN THE DÁIL



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## Book Fair and Book Week

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity in supporting our Book Fair this year. There was a lovely buzz around the school and the boys really enjoyed it. The amount of money raised has exceeded all our expectations. We have raised a massive €2,107.07. This money will be used to buy new books for our library. Please continue to encourage your son to read and consider joining your local library if you are not a member already.



## College Awareness Week



In November, we celebrated College Awareness Week. This is a time where our students can think about future options; what they might like to study and work at when they leave secondary school.

The sixth class boys explored different courses available at college and examined university prospectuses online. Two visitors came to talk to our senior boys; Eugene Donnelly (past pupil), who has a senior management position in the Department of Social Protection and Gavin Steed, Director of Cybersecurity for a company called Workday. They talked to the boys about the benefits of third level study and their roles and had a Q & A session after. Thank you to our visitors!