



DRIMNAGH CASTLE NEWSLETTER

11th April 2025



It's been a busy and exciting few weeks here in the Castle! As we finish up our 2nd school term, we would like to acknowledge how incredibly hard the boys have worked throughout, and we're very proud of their efforts. A particular congratulations to all the boys who made their confirmation this month and a special thanks to our 6th class teachers and SNAs who held make the day such a success. We're now all looking forward to a well-deserved break, filled with rest, family time, and hopefully some sunshine! Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter break.



Our New Solar Panels

A huge thank you to all our parents, families, friends and local businesses who helped support our fundraising efforts for the new solar panels. Thanks to your generosity, the panels were successfully installed in March and are already helping us create a more sustainable and eco-friendly school environment!

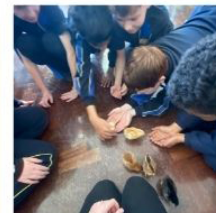


Our Chicks

Riley, Room 14

We have new students in the Castle - chicks! They arrived on Monday, March 24th, and will stay with us until April 4th before returning to the farm. All five chicks have now hatched and are settling into their new home in Room 16. For now, they don't have names, but they will be named soon. Mr. O'Connor and his boys, along with Ms. Timbs, are making sure they are well cared for.

In their first few days, the chicks get nutrients from their eggs before moving on to proper food. Once their feathers dry out, they are moved to a different box where they can stay warm and grow. Everyone is excited to watch them grow over the next couple of weeks!



Plant sale

Noah, Room 12

Mr. Grehan's class in Room 14 planted seeds in trays for every class and distributed them. After two months, we gathered all the surviving plants and brought them out to the garden, where we repotted them into pots and returned them to the classrooms.

Two days later, we collected them again and got them ready to sell. A lot of boys came in early to help set up, and on the morning of March 26th, we held the plant sale. It was a big success—we raised over €250!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the sale!

Our Student Council Initiatives

Milo, Room 4 & Daniel, Room 3

Talent Show - April 9th

Our first ever Castle Talent Show was on April 9th! Students from each class got to showcase their talents in music, sports, art, and more. It was a very enjoyable day and a great initiative by the Student Council.



New Goals on the Pitch

The sports pitch is getting new, sturdier goals with better nets and fresh paint. There are also two new dressing rooms and an astro area for the teams. These changes, suggested by our Student Council, are making Drimnagh Castle an even better place!



Our School Soccer Team

Riley, Room 14

This year, Will, Mr. Conaty, and Mr. Clyne held trials for a new football team for 2025. The trials took place in late January, and the team was selected in early February. It was a tough decision, but they chose the boys who demonstrated a positive attitude, worked hard, and put in the effort. The team trained every Tuesday and Thursday until their first match against Holy Rosary Primary School, which resulted in a strong 9-1 victory.



Farewell Fran!

Jaiden, Room 11 and Fabio, Room 10

In February, we were very sad to hear that Fran is retiring after being a lollipop man for over 20 years at our school. So, we decided to dedicate a whole assembly to him in recognition of his efforts in keeping us safe while crossing the road. It was also a happy day because it was his birthday on the same day as his retirement. We also found out that Fran used to work in the army, so we sang the national anthem while Fran saluted us. We then formed a guard of honor as he walked out the school gates. We all wish him a happy retirement.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

le Alexander Rooney, Seomra 15

Tar éis Lá Fhéile Pádraig, thosaigh Seachtain na Gaeilge. Ar an gCéadaoin, bhí Tráth na gCeist ann. Bhí dhá dhéag grúpa agus deich gceist ag gach ceann acu. D'oibrigh na buachaillí go dian le chéile agus bhuaigh grúpa a cúig! Bhí comórtas poc fada ann freisin. Bhuail siad an sliotar leis an camán agus bhuaigh Jowad Al Tarabin an comórtas da rang a sé! Ar an Aoine, bhí na buachaillí ag damhsa sa chlós – bhí siad ag déanamh an céilí. Bhainamar an-taitneamh as!

Freisin, chun ár gcuid Gaeilge a fheabhsú, dúirt Mr Kirwan go bhfuil cead ag beirt buachaillí dul chuig an nGaeltacht ar feadh dhá sheachtain i rith an tsamhraidh. Beidh agallamh ann tar éis saoire na Cásca. Beidh Mr Kirwan agus duine eile ag cur cúpla ceist ar na buachaillí. Tá siad ag tnúth go mór leis agus ag cleachtadh anois.



World Book Day

Oliver Room 5, Sonny Room 2

We celebrated World Book Day in our school in March. Everybody got a chance to dress up as their favourite book character and some of the boys were really creative!

Dublin library came to visit and each class got to go down and browse the books. We even got to borrow one book each to bring home with us for 3 weeks. It was a great opportunity for us as a school. Thanks to Dublin City Libraries for coming in to visit us!



Trinity Access Program

By Alexander, Room 13



As a TAP (Trinity Access Program) school, 5th Class is lucky to take part in some amazing activities. One of these is Paired Reading, where Transition Year students help improve their reading skills by supporting the boys with tricky words, discussing the story, and practising sounds together.

The boys have also been working on Connective Detective using laptops. They explored how energy travels, learned about the history of electronics, and even worked with micro bits. It's all part of our TAP experience, and they've had a great time!

On February 24th, Room 13 took a trip to Trinity College. They attended a talk about a college journey, participated in a campus challenge, and played a fun heads or tails game. They had an amazing day.

World Autism Awareness Day

April 2, 2025

On April 2nd, we'll celebrate World Autism Awareness Day with the theme 'My Positive Autistic Identity.' It's a day to promote acceptance and understanding of autism. Let's learn more and celebrate our differences!

Cross Country

The winners of 6th Class Cross Country were:

- Race 1: Joshua Morgan (Room 14) – 100 points
- Race 2: Divyam Gunoor (Room 14) – 109 points
- Race 3: Raphael Jaison (Room 14) – 109 points

Now it's time for the other classes to race, starting with Fifth Class. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Second Class Gets Creative with Their Parents!

Ryan, Room 27

Second Class had a wonderful time doing art with their parents!

The class started by using a blue sheet for the background. They then cut green paper into tiny bits and stuck them at the bottom to make the grass. After that, they added a thin strip of green paper on top to create the flower stems. The most exciting part was using yellow strips of paper to make flower petals, which they arranged in a circle, leaving a hole in the middle.

Once everything was glued into place, the flowers were finished and looked amazing! It was a great day of creativity, and the students loved spending time with their parents making something special.



Edited by Riley (Room 14) and Noah (Room 12)



Announcements



From Mr. Kirwan

THANK YOU!

For all your support in our recent Cake Sale, which was a great success! We managed to raise €2,150 for the school!



Enjoy the Easter holidays!



REMINDER

We will be closed for staff training on Monday 28th of April