



DRIMNAGH CASTLE NEWSLETTER

November 2025

Drimnagh Castle Goes to Croke Park

Jaiden, Room 13

This year, Mr. O'Connor and Ms. Keane trained the new school GAA team. Training began in early September, and we won every match leading up to the final in Croke Park. Drimnagh Castle hadn't played there since 2017, so the excitement was huge!

Before the big day, we had an assembly where Mr. Briody and Mr. Duffy sent their good-luck messages, and we learned chants to cheer on the team. On Tuesday, 21st October, the whole school travelled to Croke Park. For many boys, it was their first time there, which made it even more special. The team walked out through a guard of honour, then boarded a special bus organised by Scott's dad. Everyone wore headbands and face paint, and the players' parents had matching t-shirts. The atmosphere was electric — and after a brilliant performance, Drimnagh Castle won the final by two points!



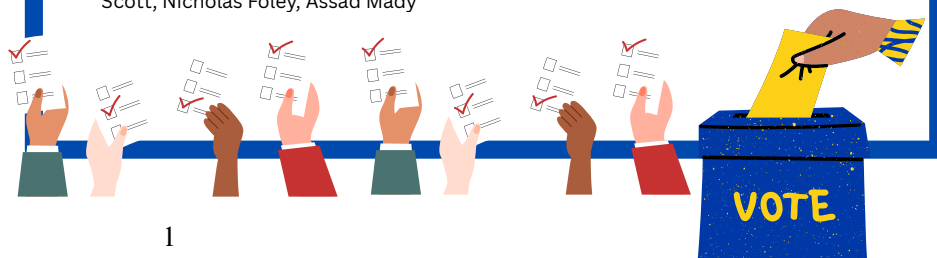
Student Council Elections

Mikolaj, Room 11

At Drimnagh Castle, we hold Student Council elections every year. Pupils nominate themselves, and each class goes to the hall to vote. Every student chooses one nominated boy from their class by ticking their name on the ballot and placing it in the box. Ms. Timbs then counts the votes and announces the results at assembly. The boy with the most votes represents his class at meetings, where the Student Council — made up of pupils from 2nd to 6th Class — comes up with ideas to make our school even better!



Jayden Bibin, Henry Colgan, Frankie Farrell, Ryan Synott, Antony Amish, Frankie Ha Richie Nsiete, Daniel O'Connell, Jesse Kelechi, Parker Short, Aaron O'Brien, Parker Scott, Nicholas Foley, Assad Mady



Cycling

Aaron, Room 14

In Drimnagh Castle Primary School 6th class boys are doing a cycling programme. It is led by Mr. Legend (Colm) and Mr. Hugh. They teach the boys that they need to know when to cycle. It was a six week programme. The first 5 weeks we did some drills and challenges. The 6th week we went on the roads around our school. A few boys actually learned how to cycle for the first time thanks to the programme!



3rd Class GAA

Anas, Room 2



This term 3rd class has been doing GAA. We have been learning how to play Gaelic football for 6 weeks. Our coach is called Niall, he is from Crumlin GAA club. We had lots of fun learning the basics - handpassing, kicking and soloing the ball. We hope these skills will help us in the School Leagues.



Swimming

Sam, Room 5



This year the three 4th classes (rm 5 rm 6 rm 7) have been going to swimming every Friday in Templeogue College. We get go there on the bus and its really fun. When we get there we get split up into different groups. The coaches are kind and allow us a few minutes of free time when we play around in the pool. After that the coaches call us over to get started on our lessons. Our swimming is really improving and we'll miss it when it's over.

6th Class Visit Glasnevin Cemetary

Oisín, Room 15

On the 20th of October 2025, the 6th class boys in Drimnagh Castle went to Glasnevin cemetery.

We got on the bus at 9.25am and got off at 9.56am. We were divided into two groups by our tour guides Ciaran and Eleana. We went into Daniel O Connel's family crypt and were told many true stories but when we got out it was absolutely lashing rain! Afterwards, we went into the visitor's center and learned a lot more! Other icons of history that were there were Michael Collins, President Eamon de Valera and Richard Parnell. In conclusion, we had a great time and were very grateful for Ciaran and Eleana being our tour guides for the day.



Rugby

Aaron, Room 12

Over the last few weeks, the boys in Room 12 have been learning rugby with the coach, Mic. Rugby was hard at first but got easier in the end. The boys in Fifth Class were very excited. We're hoping to have a rugby team in the school soon. We played tag rugby a lot on the field. Monkey Tails was a fan favourite in our class. We all really hope to see Mic back in our school. Rugby is now a big favourite in Room 12!





6th Class Boxing Oisín, Room 15

The 6th class boys in Drimnagh Castle did some exciting boxing for PE with coach Noel in the hall for 6 weeks.

At first, we only did warm ups and drills like jumping up and doing 4 punches and reaction speed tests. One exercise that was done the most was an elbow tapping game, that was like sparring but no gloves and instead of punching you touch each other's elbows. But then at the last two weeks of it, we put our gloves on and started to get into sparring. In the final week, we went to the boxing ring behind Pearse park and beside Swan Leisure. We did some full on boxing in a ring, with gloves and all! We had a great time and were very thankful for coach Noel taking the time, patience and dedication to coach the 6th class boys of Drimnagh Castle Primary School.



First Term Fun Jesse, Room 10

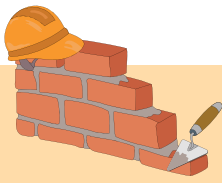
The first term back at school has been busy and great fun. We brought in 2 euro and wore our jerseys for Goal Jersey Day. Altogether, we raised 350 euro for the charity Goal.

On the 23rd of October, we got to wear our Halloween costumes. There were some brilliant costumes in Drimnagh Castle.

That same day we had our bake sale. Everyone loved buying cakes. I even filled my whole lunch box with them! Mr. Kirwan said that if we brought in something for the bake sale, we'd get no homework for the week. Parents were able to come into the school to buy cakes and enjoy tea and coffee. It was a great way to end the half-term!

I got lots of pictures of boys in their wonderful costumes. There was a Marshmallow Man named Alex from Room 6. There was a Banana Man named Oliver from Room 2. There was a Squid Game trio from Room 12: Sean, Alex, and Billy. And there was a Golden Ninja named Jamie from Room 26.





New Classrooms Conor, Room 7



Some of our yard has been taken over by the build of brand new classrooms. I know they look amazing, and I can't wait to see them finished! They seem really big—maybe bigger than usual.

We also got a new bike rack near the Kokonut gate. This has been great for boys cycling because it's nearer the entrance and exit of the school.

We are excited to see the new classrooms when they are finish....And don't worry—there will still be a yard! The new building only covers a little bit of it!



Drimnagh Castle's Debate Team Jaiden, Room 13

Run by Mr. Clyne, we had our school debate team again. On the debate team, Room 13 had Jaiden and Michael, Room 14 had Mohammed and Nicholas, and Room 15 had Fabio and Frankie.

We had our first debate on Thursday. It was about why social media should be banned for under 16s. The opposing team was from Scoil Thomas. Everyone was nervous, and it was a very close debate, but we won! Everyone gave great speeches and enjoyed it.

Our first reader and captain was Mohammed, the second reader was Jaiden, and the third reader was Fabio.

Student Voice at the Heart of Our Paper

Every article in this edition was chosen, shaped, and written entirely by our own student journalists. Their ideas, perspectives, and voices drive this newspaper, and we're proud to showcase their work. Our 2025 student journalism team:



Top, from left: Jaiden, Araon, Oisín, Aaron, Jesse, Mikolaj
Bottom from left: Sam, Josh, Conor, Leo, Anas, Dave