



19<sup>th</sup> November 2021 **Dromintee Primary School**

An Léann • An Grá • An Sult

Dear Parents,

Thank you all most sincerely for your generosity during the Hallowe'en Fancy Dress sponsored walk. We are absolutely awestruck by your kindness and we will be solvent for the year ahead with the amounts raised- £2,068.80 and €144.50. We also wish to thank you for supporting the Mulkerns 'Cash for Schools' competition. We were lucky enough to come second and we are got presented with a cheque for £500 yesterday. We've already ordered £500 of books for our outdoor reading room.

We had 100% attendance, with all families represented, at our recent parent/teacher meetings. Thank you all for your interest and your support. We appreciate that children reach their full potential when home and school work closely together.

We pride ourselves on the strength of the pupil voice in our school. Today marks the end of the Anti-Bullying week in which all classes explored the theme -One Kind Word. The Pastoral Care Team launched the event at an outdoor assembly on Monday. Each class has been enthusiastically participating in anti-bullying awareness activities. Congratulations to the PCT for organising all the events. We are eagerly anticipating the outcomes of the whole school poster competition.

We are still operating the class bubble system and, unfortunately we are still not in a position to invite parents or grandparents en masse into the school. Each class will be doing something for Christmas which we are hoping to share with you virtually.

We have 2 Fridays in December where the children will have the (optional) opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we are taking part in the Santa Run Daily Mile. There is no cost involved. It is about raising awareness of health and well-being practices. There are 400 schools in the North of Ireland expected to take place.

The other day is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 which is also the day Christmas dinner will be served at a cost of £2.60 per meal. There is no cost for those pupils entitled to free school meals. We are dedicating this day to a mental health charity - Action Mental Health - who have worked with us extensively (free of charge) last year and this year. It is an Elfie (Selfie-Mental-Healthy) day where children will have their photographs taken with an Elfie frame. The photographs will all be on the school website. We are encouraging the children to bring in £1 on this day which we will donate to Action Mental Health.

Unfortunately, due to health set-backs, Mr Flood and Ann-Marie Hanratty were unable to join us after the Hallowe'en break, as expected. It is likely that Mr Burns and Sinead Byrne will be covering their absences until Christmas. We offer prayers and send good wishes to both valued members of staff.

Covid-19 remains a concern for us in school. I'd like to reassure you that we have the highest standards of hygiene and good routines in operation in the school to keep everyone safe. If your child is off schools for ANY reason, please telephone the school on the morning of the first absence.

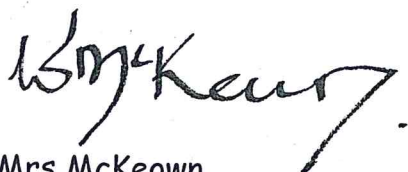
We have a number of 'Healthy, Happy Schools' music and drama therapy workshops in operation to develop emotional resilience in our pupils. Look at our school website for details of what is going on in your child's class.

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Advent and the run up to Christmas is a very exciting time in schools. We have lots of stimulating plans for the children to enjoy before we get our holidays at midday on Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

Please telephone the school if you have any concerns.

Le dea-ghuí

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs McKeown', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs McKeown