

Green Schools

We are working towards our sixth flag under the theme global citizenship. We were the first second level school in Co Leitrim to achieve a green flag. It creates a great incentive in the school to have and sustain a green flag which shows that our school is environmentally friendly.

School Policies

The revised Anti-Bullying, Code of Behaviour, and Mobile Phone policies are now (from Easter) available to view on our web-site – www.dvs.ie

The following policies are currently being reviewed:

Critical Incident Policy, Attendance Policy, & Managing Chronic Health Conditions (eg: allergies etc)

Your opinion/input is invited and can be submitted at principal@dvs.ie or in writing to the principal

Building Works

The extension to the Engineering Room has been completed. Funding has been secured from the DES for a significant extension to the school in addition to the planned ASD Unit. This additional approval meant that we had to go back for planning that would incorporate the extra building. Despite the resulting delay, we are pleased that this further extension will greatly improve our facilities. Provision will now be made for a full size music/drama room in addition to regular classrooms. After the planning is approved, building works are expected to commence in mid-July 2014.

Celebrating 50 Years



This year, DVS celebrates 50 years of second level education provision in the area. A school committee has been busy organising a commemorative magazine. If you have any memorabilia, photos etc. of your days at DVS and you would like to share them, you can e-mail the organising committee at DVSfifty@gmail.com or contact John King at the school.



DVS Newsletter

Term 2, 2013/14 Easter

See our new web-site from Easter—www.dvs.ie



Fourth Year GAISCE students are very busy doing their voluntary community involvement, improving a personal skill and doing a sporting activity. They are now planning their adventure journey in conjunction with their PAL, Ms. Tiernan. They hope to do the Lough Allen Canal Walk on Friday 4th April and stay that night at Lough Allen Adventure Centre. On Saturday morning they'll be up bright and early to

Zumba dancing workshop



First Year girls are participating in the Girls Active Programme at lunch-time every Tuesday. They are doing activities like zumba dancing, aerobics and circuit training. It's proving very popular so far and the class instructor Michelle Fanning is keeping them on their toes! The girls love the music and enjoy learning the dance moves. The activities are being co-ordinated by Ms. Travers and Ms. Tiernan.

Biology trip

A group of 25 fifth year Biology students together with their teacher, Ms Devaney and Ms McWeeney, went to FSC Derrygonnelly on Thursday March 27th to carry out a woodland ecology investigation.



Young Enterprise

Congratulations to the first year girls involved in the "Sweet Surprises" company (Alana Noone, Kellie Griffin, Anna Corcoran & Claire McKeon) who were busy all year selling their confectionary in the school at lunchtime, the "Candelicious" company (Deirdre McKeon, Ciara McCormack, Rebecca Moran, Shauna Gilmartin & Miriam Houat) also deserves praise for their hard work. James Tighe's product "Universal Troughs" was a very practical idea and James was aided on the day of the competition by Gary Beirne and Daire McManus. Well done again to all concerned and to their parents that helped on the day of the final.

Sports update

Recent Awards

Business Award

Congratulations to **Aideen McKiernan** (Fourth Year) who was presented with the BSTAI Award for her achievement in the Junior Cert Business Studies Exam 2013. The Award was presented to Aideen by Professor Ciaran O'Neill at a ceremony which took place at NUI Galway on 28th January 2014. Aideen's family and her Business teacher, Mrs Margaret Beirne are very proud of her achievement.

Charlemagne Youth Prize

Megan McDermott and **Sinead Fox** (PLC students) have been nominated to represent Ireland in the European Charlemagne Youth Prize. The prize aims to encourage the development of European consciousness among young people,

Driving safely



Twenty of our Fourth Year students recently took part in a simulator driving course organised by Ms Traynor. The course was to improve driver safety and enhance driver skills leading to improved road safety. It was an experience enjoyed by all



Drama Classes

Some of the 1st and 2nd Year students are busy at work in the Drama Club preparing Willy Russell's "Our Day Out". They are developing their acting skills and an appreciation of stage craft. The team of teachers

working on the drama are very impressed with the range of talent displayed by these students.

Trip to the Helix

Ms McLoughlin's Third Year English class are looking forward to their trip to see Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" on Tuesday April 1st.

Volleyball report from Mr King

Hard luck in January for the Cadette A boys when they just lost 25-23 in the final set in the National semi-final, particularly for Jordan Earley and Kevin Moran who were just beaten in 5 sets in the senior semi-final in November.

Well done to our cadette B and C teams who ended playing each other in the quarter-final! The Cs just lost the semi 2 sets to 1.

Our Junior A's just topped the group in the recent seedings matches while the Junior Bs won a crucial game.

Their dedicated coaches are Jordan, Darren Earley, Fergal McWeeney and Conor Prior under the new management of Ms Ciara Nangle.

Gaelic Football report from Mr Wynne

Leitrim Senior League Division 2 champions play the winners of Mayo/Galway winners in the Connacht Final. Beaten in the Quarter final of the Connacht Championship by Enniscrone Co Sligo.

Under 16 are in the Leitrim League final against Carrigallen.

There are two first year and second year blitz planned for April.

In May we have an under 16 girls league between Drumshanbo VS , Lough Allen College and Carrigallen VS.

Hurling

This year the U-14 & U-16 teams will be coached and managed by Mr Daithi Hughes who is an experienced hurling coach at underage club and county level. Training is due to start in April on the excellent Astro turf pitch at the school and move to Allen Gaels club at a later stage. The school has secured a fantastic range of hurling equipment; hurleys and helmets are also available to buy at a discounted rate. Please contact Mr Hughes for further information.