

### **Volleyball:**

**Drumshanbo As** had set point against the eventual champions, went within 3 points of a first cadette win against Brigids Loughrea since 2009 and qualified for their 21<sup>st</sup> A semi-final in 25 years

**Drumshanbo B,C and Ds** had a great outing to Dublin for a long blitz day. The day ended with a very exciting match between the Bs and Castleblaney. The Bs were eventually just beaten in the National quarter-finals (losing 28-30 in one set!)

**Drumshanbo panels A:** T McManus, J Earley capt, F Guihen , D Duignan , C O'Hagan Moore, C Beirne , K Moran , L Tuite, K Lynch, A Keaveney, K Gibbons, G Higgins

**Drumshanbo B:** S McGrenaghan , P Kelly, F Gilmartin , D McLoughlin , R Gallagher, M McMahon capt, D Cull, A McCarthy ,C Griffin

**Drumshanbo C:** CReynolds, BMcCormack, C Wynne, D McTigue, C McKeon, D Hennessy capt., L Rowan, C Daly, M Gillespie , B Moran, G Flynn

**Drumshanbo D:** A Krupa, B Cotter, E Gunning, S Tighe-Flynn, D Scollan , B Saul capt., R O'Connor , A Doran ,N Malone, C Lynch, B. O'Connor, D McKiernan, D Mc Manus

### **Basketball**

Our cadette and senior basketball teams competed in the regional finals against schools from Roscommon, Sligo and Leitrim. Both teams played a round of qualifying matches earlier this year to determine the semi-final pairings. Our senior team played very well in their semi-final but eventually lost out to a strong St. Mary's team, who went on to win the trophy. The cadette team had better fortune and recorded a one point win over Carrigallen Vocational School in their semi-final. The final was a tense affair but the Convent of Mercy Roscommon pulled away in the last two quarters to secure the title. Well done to all the girls who represented DVS to a high standard.

### **GAA**

#### **Girls Football**

On 19th March we took part in a 1st and 2nd year girls Gaelic Football Blitz competition. 12 teams competed from schools in Leitrim, Roscommon and Mayo. DVS travelled with a squad of 17 girls. The team displayed many positive attributes and developed their skills as the tournament progressed. After the round of group games concluded we were placed in the "B" semi-final. We lost out on a final place as we were beaten by a very strong Convent of Mercy team from Roscommon. The girls were fantastic ambassadors for the school and will come back stronger for this tournament next year, after gaining valuable experience. We would like to thank Peter Nyland and the CCS for hosting an excellent tournament.

#### **Boys Football**

DVS Senior team were beaten in a close match in the Senior D Final vs Louisburgh. Both Senior and Junior teams now go on to play CVS in the Leitrim League Finals.



## **DVS Newsletter**

### **Term 2, 2014/15 Easter**

Keep up to date at [www.dvs.ie](http://www.dvs.ie)

#### **Maths Competition:**

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015, our First Years took part in the first round of the Comórtas Sóisearach Matamaitice Éireann (Irish Junior Maths Competition) 2015.

The Irish Junior Maths Competition consists of a school round where multiple choice brain teasers are answered within a 40 minute period. Results are sent back to the coordinator in the Irish Maths Teachers Association (IMTA) and, based on results, students are invited to attend the final round.

#### **CODERDOJO NEWS—Scratch Coolest Project Competition**

Our Coder-Dojos meet every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays at lunch time with teachers Mr Bailey and Ms McGowan. This competition is sponsored by Lough Allen Education Centre, Drumshanbo Enterprise and DVS. Closing date for entries is May 1st.

#### **Young Enterprise 2015**

DVS won the Junior section with Morgan O'Reilly and Cathal McGourty going on to represent Leitrim in the All Ireland Finals to be held in Croke Park on April 24th. Congratulations to all our entrepreneurs that participated. See our Twitter feed on [www.dvs.ie](http://www.dvs.ie) for photos.



#### **Easter Egg Raffle**

Fifth year students are currently selling lines to raise funds to send two senior students to Lourdes in May as helpers with the Ardagh and Clonmacnoise Pilgrimage. Lines are two euro and first prize is a huge Easter egg! Please support this worthy cause



### Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge againn i nGairmscoil Droim Sean Bhó an seachtain seo caite. Activities to celebrate were held throughout the week such as poster competitions and tráth na gceist. The highlight gan dabht was on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> when the first and second year students had the delightful opportunity to receive a dance lesson from the very talented Gerard Butler. The week was a great success and fun was had by all!

### **Jimmy's Other Hall Concert**

Our Trad Irish Music class had their annual concert on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. An excellent night's entertainment as usual under the guidance of their music teacher Mossie Martin. Our sound Engineering class and teacher Liam Cunningham provided the sound and lighting.



### **LCVP News**

LCVP students had a most enjoyable "Visit Out of the Classroom" before Christmas at the *Chocolate Warehouse* in Dublin accompanied by Ms Tiernan and Ms Traynor. They even got to decorate their own chocolate treats!! The recorded interviews were daunting but it was great to see how well turned out they all were on the day!! Well done to all!!

Our 5<sup>th</sup> year LCVP classes spent a week out on work experience before the midterm break in February. Work experience is an integral part of the L.C.V.P. and the 5<sup>th</sup> year students have put a lot of time and effort into selecting suitable career paths and possible placements.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the employers who facilitated our students on Work Experience this year.

### **Humourfit Theatre Company Performance**

On Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, all of our students enjoyed a performance from Humourfit Theatre Company. This visit was organised by Lorraine McLoughlin, our Learning support Co-ordinator. Humourfit Theatre Co. provides a programme of performances for teenagers on topics affecting young lives. Bullying, including cyberbullying, drug awareness and mental health take centre stage in their shows. This performance was titled "The value of life" and was an enjoyable 90 minute drama on mental health awareness. There was very positive feedback from students afterwards.

### **Easter Confessions**

Confessions will take place in the school for those that wish to attend on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **First Year Day Out**

Ms Beirne (Year Head), Mr Scollan (Class tutor) and Ms Kelly took the First Years to the Cinema and Carrick Bowl today (March 24<sup>th</sup>). We hope they are enjoying their day out of the classroom !

## **Sports Update**



### **Athletics**

The regional semi-finals (North Connacht) of the cross country athletics took place at the end of January in Sligo. DVS had twenty two athletes taking part and two qualified for the Connacht finals - Anna Corcoran in the Junior Girls and Diarmuid McKiernan in the Junior Boys.

Sligo again was the venue for the Connacht finals and took place on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The top fifteen finishers in each of the eight races on the day would qualify for the All-Ireland finals in March. Diarmuid having finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the regional semi-final put in a tremendous effort to finish 11<sup>th</sup>. Anna put in a very commendable effort to finish 28<sup>th</sup> in her race. So, for the first time in a few years, DVS had a representative in the All-Ireland cross country athletic finals which took place in Clongowes Wood in Co. Kildare.