



## Scéalta 28

### News & Information for

### St. Mochta's National School Community

13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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#### **Oliver!**

What a fantastic show! Congratulations to all involved in Oliver! Thank you to the children, parents and teachers who all gave so much of their time and energy to the successful staging of the show. In particular, we thank Mr. Cryan for his vision and dedication. The whole school community is so proud and messages of congratulations have been pouring in. Well done to all!

#### **Mini iPad Raffle in support of Oliver!**

Thank you to everyone who entered the draw for the mini iPad and supported us so generously. The draw will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Good luck!

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Class Retreat**

Confirmation candidates will be attending their Confirmation Retreat in the Emmaus Centre in Swords on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. We hope they enjoy the day.

#### **Service of Light**

On Monday evening 18<sup>th</sup> April, candidates will celebrate the Service of Light in St. Mochta's Church at 7pm. One parent and Guardian should attend with your child. Please bring along your child's Baptismal Candle for the ceremony.

#### **Crosscare Food Appeal**

Crosscare Blanchardstown Food Bank will hold a Food Drive on **Wednesday 27th April** at St Mochta's School. Crosscare will be collecting food for those who are struggling to feed their families at present in the Dublin 15 area. Families come to the Food Bank each week and the food is distributed to them. Pupils are asked to bring if possible to school on the 27th a non-perishable food item, e.g. Tinned food, soups, pasta or sauce, rice pudding, cereals, sugar, washing powder or liquid, shower gel or soap, etc. Any food items donated will be deeply appreciated. Many thanks.

#### **Trócaire Boxes**

The Trócaire boxes have now been collected. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. If you still have Trócaire boxes at home, they can be returned to the Church.

#### **Team Sports**

- Hurling
  - Please note there is no hurling match this Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April.
  - Good luck to the boys in their hurling match next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Athletics**

Well done to all our runners, who performed brilliantly in Santry yesterday. Their performances here and at the three previous meets in Porterstown Park, meant we

won the Dublin 15 boys and girls categories. This achievement earns us promotion to the A championship for next year. Such is the talent in our school though, that our coaches and runners are looking forward with confidence to a successful year in the top tier.

On the track, our twenty-four 3rd and 4th class runners finished the day with 11 podium positions. The majority of the 5th and 6th class races were run on grass and due to the recent heavy rain, they had tougher conditions to deal with. Still, they finished the day with one gold, two silver and two bronze medals. We were competing with sixty-eight other schools from across Fingal Co. Co. and given the competition, the school did exceptionally well to come away with such an impressive haul. Anybody who ran at any of the races during the year contributed to our triumphs, and Mr. Kenny would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication for the last 7 months.

The runners on the finals day who finished on the podium were Daniel Clejan (Bronze) in 6th, and 5th Class students Eimear Sutton (Gold), Zoe Coquart (Silver), Eryk Fecowicz (Silver) and Anastasia Casey (Bronze). 4th Class students Luke Fagan (Gold), and the invincible Darius Lipsiuc(Gold) were two more who contributed to our success while in the girls division Ava Casey (Bronze) and Eghosa Nugba (Bronze) also ran magnificently well.

We really saw the benefits of the ‘mile a day challenge’, the five 3rd Class teachers have undertaken with their classes. Kudos to them for starting this. Jody Molingo (Silver), Brian Odeyale (Silver), Max Koniorcyk (Silver), Kate Begley (Bronze), Stephen Kane (Bronze), Sam Moloney (Bronze) and Dylan Mahon (Bronze) delivered superb performances in the home of Irish Athletics.

Thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for their help, and to the children for their willingness to give up one of their lunch breaks once a week since September, to commit to the training that has brought such distinction to the school.

### **Mindfulness**

- Enquiries regarding the Mindfulness Course should be made to Ms. Murphy at [mismurrphystmochtas@gmail.com](mailto:mismurrphystmochtas@gmail.com).

### **Safety On The Way To School**

As we are all aware, there is always a high volume of traffic at drop-off and collection. Please ensure all children cross the roads with the Lollipop Ladies. All young children should be holding a parent/guardian’s hand. Thank you.

### **If your child is sick**

Please do not send sick children to school for the following reasons:

- Children are unable to cope with the demands of school when they are unwell.
- Infection spreads rapidly in the confinement of the classroom.
- There is no indoor supervision for sick children during break times.

Please note, on your child’s return to school please send in a note to the class teacher explaining your child’s absence. Many thanks.

### **Parent Talk**

The National Parents Council are hosting a talk in St.Mochta’s on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The topic is Transition to Post Primary. This is a free talk and all are welcome. Time will be confirmed in next week’s newsletter.