



## Scéalta 29

### News & Information for

### St. Mochta's National School Community

20<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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#### School Closures

The school is closed for the May mid-term from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Enjoy the break!

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

Thank you to everyone who entered the draw for the mini iPad and supported us so generously. Congratulations to the lucky winner Julia Kowalewska in Mr. Cryan's class! We also had 6 runner up prizes of an Easter Egg and the winners were Lucy Moran, Attila Garanego, Adriana Risipanu, Megan Virgin, Siobhan Camacho Lenihan and Conor Conway.

#### Parent Talk

The National Parents Council are hosting a talk in St. Mochta's next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. The topic is Transition to Post Primary. This is a free talk and parents from all classes are welcome.

#### On-Line Payments.

This year, to facilitate payments for school tours, we are introducing, on a trial basis, an on-line facility for payment. We hope this will make it easier for parents to make payments, avoiding a trip to the ATM machine!

To make the payment, you will receive an email from the school providing a link for payment. Only debit cards will be accepted. To use this facility, it is important that the school has an up-to-date email address for parents.

For your information, during this trial period, cash/cheque payments will still be accepted in the normal way to the class teacher.

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

Confirmation candidates attended their Confirmation Retreat in the Emmaus Centre in Swords on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. They had a great day followed by the Service of Light in the Church.

#### Crosscare Food Appeal

Crosscare Blanchardstown Food Bank will hold a Food Drive next **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.

#### St. Mochta's Parish Fundraising Quiz – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

St. Mochta's Parish are holding a fundraising quiz in aid of World Youth Day 2016 in the Castleknock Hotel and County Club on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Teams of 4 (€10 per person). Student Teams of 4 (€5 per person).

#### Eason Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Peter Emonina in Mr. Terry's 6<sup>th</sup> class who will represent our school in the final tomorrow in the Red Cow Hotel. We wish Peter the very best of luck.

### **Athletics**

Apologies. it was Dylan Maher, not Manon, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> last week at the athletics in Santry. We would also like to thank the parents for coming along and supporting us on the day.

### **Hurling**

Well done to the boys hurling team who played in Huntstown yesterday. Unfortunately it was not their day, good luck in their game in Somerton tomorrow. Thanks to Mr.Brennan for training the team.

### **Soccer**

The boys soccer team had a great win against Scoil Bride in Blanchardstown yesterday. The next game is on Friday in St.Patrick's Corduff. We wish them the best of luck. Thanks to Mr.Mullarkey for training the team.

### **Safety**

With the bright mornings & evenings coming in, it is a good idea to speak to your children about keeping safe when walking to and from school. Speak with them about stranger danger. Encourage them to walk in groups.

### **Absences**

If your child misses a day from school, please send a note explaining the absence (*there is no need to ring the school*). Quarterly returns are made to Túsla and absences must be explained. We encourage very good attendance from all our children. Further guidelines from Túsla for parents is available by following this link. [Information on School Attendance](#) and our school Attendance Policy is available for viewing on the school website [www.stmochta.ie](http://www.stmochta.ie).

### **Appointments**

**Please refrain from detaining teachers either in the line or on the way in to class.**

**Please make an appointment either in the Homework Journal or contact School Reception- 8210499.**

### **St.Vincent's Castleknock**

There will be an open night for prospective students and parents tomorrow Thursday 21st April starting at 7pm.The closing date for applications for First Year 2017 is 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and the closing date for First Year 2018 will be 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

### **Dogs**

A reminder that dogs are strictly prohibited at any time on the school premises.