



**Scéalta 30**

**News & Information for**

**St. Mochta's National School Community**

**27<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

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### **May Mid Term Break**

The school is closed for the May mid-term from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. School will finish at the normal time this Friday – 1.30pm for Junior & Senior Infants and 2.30pm for all other classes. Enjoy the break!

### **Parent Talk Tonight!**

The National Parents Council are hosting a talk in the PE Hall in St.Mochta's tonight 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.

### **Crosscare Food Appeal**

Crosscare Blanchardstown Food Bank held a Food Drive today at our school. What an amazing response - many thanks to all who donated so generously for this worthy cause.

### **Eason Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Peter Emonina in Mr.Terry's 6<sup>th</sup> class who represented St.Mochta's so well in the final at the Red Cow Hotel last week.

### **Cricket**

Our cricket team will play a match against St. Patrick's, Diswellstown tomorrow. We wish the team the very best and thank Mr. Brennan for all his work with the team.

### **Soccer**

The boys soccer team had a great win against Scoil Bríde in Blanchardstown last Tuesday. The final score was 2-1. Last Friday, the boys took on St.Patrick's Corduff, but unfortunately it wasn't their day. We wish the team the very best with their matches today and Friday. We would like to thank Mr. Mullarkey, Mr. Boner, Ms. Gorby and Mr. Terry for their work in helping this team.

### **Attendance**

Well done to all pupils helping us to achieve very good attendance records during April (95.7% for girls & 95.4% for boys). Further guidelines from Túsla for parents is available by following this link. [Information on School Attendance](#)

### **On-Line Payments – a reminder**

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.

## **Khan Academy**

Over the last number of weeks some of our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have been learning maths using Khan Academy. Khan Academy is a *non-profit educational organisation created in 2006 by American educator [Salman "Sal" Khan](#) with the aim of providing a "free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere"*.

Children can learn maths through Khan online at their own pace while being coached and monitored by their class teacher. Khan is widely used across Ireland as a support for maths learning within schools.

Learnstorm Ireland is an online maths competition challenge which is powered by Khan Academy.

Learnstorm rewards individual children and schools for maths activity on Khan Academy. Children earn points for maths practice and challenges. Our children have really enjoyed their engagement with Khan and Learnstorm and we are delighted to announce that St. Mochta's placed 57<sup>th</sup> nationally on the Cup 3 Learnstorm Leaderboard!

The following children placed on the individual learner leaderboards during Cups 2 and 3, with 6<sup>th</sup> class student Jivi Muttumula reaching 5<sup>th</sup> place nationally in Mastery Cup 2! Congratulations to Jivi, Alex Ion, Daiana Ursu, Precious Adeoye, Ellie Soughley, Mahmood Mohamed, Daniel Clejan and Jumaana Sabri from Ms. Murphy's 6<sup>th</sup> class, and to Tanay Gupta, Ayesha Aziz and Sofia Rossi-Heap from Ms. Brennan's 4<sup>th</sup> class who all placed on leaderboards during Cups 2 and 3. The Learnstorm competition is now over for 2016, but we are greatly looking forward to next year's challenge, as we are only just getting started! Well done to all of the children involved.

## **Health & Safety**

In the interest of Health & Safety, please ask your children to refrain from climbing the trees around the school.

## **Drumcondra Tests – Dates for your diary!**

Kindly note the dates below for Drumcondra Testing – it is important that your child attends school on these dates.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- All other classes – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016

## **Chemintz Youth Orchestra – Luttrellstown Community College**

You are cordially invited to a concert by German Youth Orchestra from Chemintz, Saxony on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 7-8p.m. at Luttrellstown Community College. This is part of the LCC German and Music Department's exchange programme, which brings over 30 students from Germany to Dublin in May. Entrance is free and all are welcome.