

Scéalta 10
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
8th November 2017

Welcome Back

We hope everybody enjoyed their mid-term break.

School Closure

A reminder that due to the next Primary Language Curriculum training day for St. Mochta's National School on Thursday 16th November, the school will be closed to students on that day.

Important Health and Safety Notice

There is an on-going issue with the drains in our school as a result of wipes being used. Only biodegradable hand towels and toilet tissue can be used. Please refrain from giving your child wipes to help with this issue. Many thanks for your support with this.

First Communion Meeting

Congratulations and well done to our 2nd classes on a wonderful enrolment ceremony last night. Special thanks to Ms. Toland, Ms. Ní Coitir, Ms. Reynolds, Ms. McNally and Ms. Kelly for their work in helping prepare the children for the ceremony.

Confirmation Students

The First Candidates and Parents Meeting will take place in St. Mochta's Church on Monday 13th November at 8.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Teacher Meetings

All letters regarding Parent/Teacher Meetings are being sent home in the school bags today. Please complete the confirmation slip and return to the teacher as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Maths Week

Well done to all of the students who participated in the Maths Eyes Competition. The standard was very high this year and it was really hard to choose a winner. The competition winners are as follows:-

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
Junior	Zamon Shaik	
Senior	Andy Bourg	Adonis Goldise
1 st	Ciara Byrne	Grainne Muldoon
2 nd	Andrea Reilly	Lauren Roll
3 rd	Grace O'Brien	Dania Ali
4 th	Ruben Deac	Colm Keenan
5 th	Martha Ralph	Emmet Cassidy
6 th	Aoibheann O'Connor	Emily Dunne

Prizes will be delivered shortly. Many thanks to Ms. Brennan for co-ordinating this work.

Stay Safe, Stay Clear

Many thanks to Mr. Shane Macken of ESB Networks (and also a parent in our school) who visited our Junior Infants on Thursday 26th October. He gave an educational presentation on the benefits of electricity while learning to be safe around it. Please follow the link for further information on safety and electricity.

<https://www.esbnetworks.ie/staying-safe/staying-safe-overview>

Science Week

Next Monday sees the beginning of Science Week at our school.

- Our 6th Class students have been working very hard on their Intel Projects. We wish all students the very best of luck as they present their projects to the Intel Judges on Wednesday 15th November. Parents are invited to view the projects on Wednesday from 9.30am until 10.30am.
- Friday 17th will be our main Science Day, with each class group participating in different experiments with each teacher in the year group.
- Our annual airplane competition for 3rd to 6th Classes will take place on Monday and Tuesday (20th and 21st November).

We hope all children enjoy Science Week and would like to thank Mr. Brown for co-ordinating this work.

School Attendance

97% attendance was achieved during the month of October with a breakdown of 96.7% for girls and 97.3% for boys. We are hoping to improve on this figure during the month of November.

Peter Pan-A Musical Adventure

A big thank you and well done to all those children who auditioned. Unfortunately, we cannot take everyone, as there are limited places. Please respect our very difficult decision and thank you for your cooperation. Rehearsals for cast members from 4th and 5th Classes will take place on Monday 13th in the hall from 2.30pm to 3.45pm. Further rehearsal dates will follow.

Rehearsals for all boys will take place on Wednesday 15th from 2.3 p,0 to 3.45pm.

A meeting in the school hall for all those parents whose child is involved in our musical will take place on Thursday 16th at 8.00pm. Our parents form an integral part of our shows and we enjoy working in partnership with you.

Show dates Wednesday 7th March-Saturday 10th March 2018 in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown.

Parent Association Messages

25 MORE SLEEPS TO GO-HO-HO!

Yes, you guessed it, our 'festive fair' is indeed our **CHRISTMAS FAIR** and we are well under way in our preparations for **Sunday 3rd December**. We are thrilled to be able to have a Christmas fair in the school this year despite the school build. As a result of less rooms in the main school we have moved and changed several areas to facilitate our very popular and main man 'Santa and his Grotto'. We will not be able to facilitate the Toy Room and the Book Rooms this year, but we will have other smaller alternatives.

We hope, as always, it will be a great family and school community event, and look forward to your support in the build up to and on the day itself.

Please see the next page to see how you can help with our Christmas Fair this year.

St. Mochta's NS *Parents Association*

Christmas Fair 2017

Sunday 3rd December

It's that time of year again when we are busy preparing for the Christmas Fair. Over the next few weeks we will have reminders of what will be happening and how you can help make this event a great success.

What you can do to help now! Volunteer!!

We currently need volunteers to ensure that the event runs successfully. We will need volunteers in the run up to the fair to help collect and sort donations. Help will also be needed with the set up on Fri 1st and on Sat 2nd December. Or volunteer on Sunday 3rd Dec to run a stall or help run a stall (even for a short stint)

Donate!!

Shortly we will be in touch again looking for various donations- eg: bottles of wine, spirits and minerals for the bottle stall, spot prizes, cakes/ buns (baked/ bought!)

Volunteers are crucial to the success of this great event

**Please see a member of the committee, or email the PA at
parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie**