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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 14th November 2018

Help increase the Play Space for our children

The first event to help raise funds towards the expensive costs of ensuring an adequate play space for all of our children takes place this Friday 16th November at Westmanstown Event Centre. We wish all our dancers the very best of luck as they perform their dance at Strictly St. Mochta's! We hope all families will be able to contribute and support this fundraiser. Please see the list of dancers below. If you click on the link, it will bring you to the Go Fund Me page of each dancing couple – we need enough funding to ensure the maximum play space for our children. Thanking you in advance for your on-going support.

Last chance to support our dancers before the Strictly St. Mochta's event! Click on a link below:

[Ann Marie and Darren](#)

[Kate and Anthony](#)

[Catherine and Justin](#)

[Rachel and Barry](#)

[Helen and Darren](#)

[Ciara and Dave](#)

[Bridie and Colin](#)

[Karima and Dave](#)

[Prerana and Rob](#)

[Sarah and Ronan](#)

[Brenda and Martin](#)

[Kristine and Ted](#)

[Grainne and Hugh](#)

[Tara and Joe](#)

As the show is sold out, there is a waiting list and the Committee is working through the list. If, however, you have purchased a ticket and are now unable to attend the event, please email Fiona at stmochtasfundraising@gmail.com.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmochtasschoolfundraising/>

<https://mobile.twitter.com/OurPlaceToPlay>

Strictly St. Mochta's is a ticket only event, therefore, no admission without a ticket.

Strictly St. Mochta's Assemblies

Special assemblies for our boys and girls will take place on Friday 23rd November. We are delighted to announce that many of our Strictly Dancers have very kindly offered to perform their dances for our children. This will take place during school hours. Further information will follow next week.

Parent Teacher Meetings

All letters regarding Parent/Teacher Meetings were sent home in the school bags last week. On the meeting days, school will finish at the usual times for Junior and Senior Infants.

Classes will finish at their usual times on Wednesday, but at earlier times on Thursday. Please see list below:-

| Class Level | Day | Gates Open |
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| 1 st & 2 nd Classes | Wednesday 21 st | 2.20pm |
| 3 rd to 6 th Classes | Wednesday 21 st | 2.30pm |
| 1 st & 2 nd Classes | Thursday 22 nd | 2.05pm |
| 3 rd to 6 th Classes | Thursday 22 nd | 2.15pm |

Please collect your child at the time above so that the meetings may start on time. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Science Update

- Science Week will be celebrated in our school next week.
- Our 6th Class students have been working very hard on their Intel Projects over the last number of weeks. There was great excitement yesterday as the Intel Judge arrived at the school. We were delighted that so many parents of 6th Class children were able to join us in the hall for the exhibition. We are immensely proud of each and every girl and boy who participated in the competition and would like to congratulate them all. We hope they all enjoyed preparing and presenting their projects.

The competition was adjudicated by a judge from Intel. He said that the standard this year was extremely high. Picking a winner was a very difficult task. However, three teams emerged victorious because of their innovative ideas, teamwork, presentation skills and, most importantly, their ability to work as scientists.

1st Place

'Salt Water' from Ms. Murphy's Class.

Well done to Sam Fitzpatrick, Caoimhe Quinn, Karl Foley & Ciara Cogan

2nd Place

'Bird Sense' from Ms. Murphy's Class

Well done to Gayathri Kosuru, Mia Mooney-Long, Adriana Rispanu & Mike Boland

3rd Place

'Does the sugar content change in ripening fruit?'

Well done to Emmet Cassidy, Ben Herbert, Aoife Towey & Dawn Mulready

The winners will go on to represent our school in the Regional Section. Huge thanks also to Ms. Murphy, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Brown and Mr. McAdam for assisting the children over the last number of weeks.

Glasnevin Cemetery and Botanic Gardens Tour

Ms. Naughton's and Mr. Terry's 5th Classes will be visiting Glasnevin Cemetery and Botanic Gardens tomorrow. A payment link has been emailed to parents/guardians. Please pay the money as soon as possible. We hope the children enjoy their visit.

Confirmation Candidates

All 6th Class children preparing for Confirmation will attend mass at 10.00am at St. Mochta's Church on Monday. Thanks to their teachers for helping to prepare the children and to the parents who will walk the children to and from the church.

The Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony takes place at 7pm next Monday 19th November at St. Mochta's Church.

Junior Infants – September 2019

All letters offering places for Junior Infants 2019 have now been issued. The closing date for acceptance is Friday 23rd November 2018. For your information, due to the high volume of applications, a cut-off date of 22/02/2015 had to be implemented.

Voluntary Contribution Letter

The voluntary contribution letter and a link for payment will be emailed to all families shortly.

After School Activity

Reminder – Homework Club runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children from 1st – 6th classes. Ms. Hegarty and Ms. Fitzgerald co-ordinate this Club. There are still spaces available. Please text 085-8450191/083-8558073 or email stmochtashwc@gmail.com

From the Parent Association

- Many thanks to all families who have returned the Christmas Card orders. The printer will collect the final orders tomorrow, so you still have some time to return an order. Cards will be distributed by the PA in early December.
- Our Clothing Collection took place last Saturday. A huge thanks to all the families who donated towards this fundraiser. Many thanks to the members of the PA for organising and collecting the bags.
- Due to the building work, and the Strictly St. Mochtas event, there will be no Christmas Fair this year in the school. There will be a **Christmas Fun Day on 2nd December from 1pm to 4pm** with fun and games for all the family to enjoy. There will be no Grotto this year, but the builders are busy building Santa a new Grotto for Christmas 2019!

Community Notices

- **Message from St. Mochta's Parish**
SONGS FOR A WINTER'S EVENING CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Following last year's very successful concert, Mary Flynn, Soprano, together with Mary O'Donnell, Harpist and friends have come together for the 9th annual 'Songs for a Winter's Evening' – a Christmas Celebration.

The concert will take place in St. Mochta's Church on Friday, 7th December at 7.30pm. Tickets are €15 and are on sale from the Sacristy after any mass or from the Parish Office during office hours. Or you can phone Mary at 087 2585398.

All proceeds in aid of The Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People, Bow Street, Dublin 7.