

Scéalta 11
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
16th November 2017

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. All other classes will finish at the usual times on Wednesday 22nd, but on Thursday 23rd, kindly note the closing times below:-

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Gates Open</u>
1 st & 2 nd Classes	Thursday 23 rd	2.05pm
3 rd to 6 th Classes	Thursday 23 rd	2.15pm

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

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.

Confirmation Students

On Tuesday the 21st November, 6th class students will be attending mass in St. Mochtas Church at 10.00am. Also, there will be a Confirmation enrolment ceremony on the 27th November, in the Church at 7pm for the students and parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Science Week

- 6th class students had a busy week preparing their Intel projects culminating in an amazing presentation in the hall yesterday. We hope everyone enjoyed the experience. The Intel judges were very impressed with the exceptionally high standards. Congratulations to the winners – Aura Aftinescu, Rachael Boucher, Omnia Ahmed & Bhuvana Chalasani from Ms. Mackle's class, whose winning project was all about "**Natural Skin Care**". Congratulations also to the Runners Up from Mr. McAdam's class – Eghosa Nugba, Finn Murphy, Grace McGlynn, Christian King & Sama Jilani whose project was all about "**Assisting the Blind**". Well done to all the Students that took part we are extremely proud of them all. Also, a big thank you to all the Teachers, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. McAdam, Mr. Mullarkey and Ms. Mackle for all their effort and help.
- Tomorrow will be our main Science Day, with each class group participating in different experiments with teachers 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.

FÍS – Film Festival in the Helix

Congratulations to our past pupils from 6th class last year who attended the Fís Film Festival in the Helix today. We are delighted to announce that they won the award for **Outstanding Film Making As Gaeilge**. Well done to them all for their creative efforts and to Mr. Terry for his work with this project. It is the first time our school has won this prestigious award.

Parents Association

FINAL FAIR(well) IN THE OLD SPORTSHALL!!

The Christmas packs were distributed to all classes and hopefully have arrived home safely. Extra raffle tickets are available, if needed, from the school office.

18 MORE SLEEPS TO GO-HO-HO!

Christmas Fair 2017

Sunday 3rd December from 1pm to 5pm

Visit Santa at the Christmas Fair

Tickets to visit Santa will be on sale by the Parents Association volunteers at the school, in the car park beside **Gate 3**, on the 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th Nov and 1st Dec 8.30am, 1.20pm & 2.20pm. Tickets cost €5 for one child and €10 for a family of two or more children.

Please book early as this can book out quickly.

Donations

Despite there being NO TOY and BOOK rooms this year we will still be looking for donations for our **Bottle Stall** and **Cake Stall**.

- Volunteers will be collecting items for our **Bottle Stall** at Gate 3 @ 8.30am, 1.20pm & 2.20pm each school day from - Mon 27th Nov - Fri 1st Dec. There will also be one evening collection on Thurs 30th Nov from 7-8 pm. **Bottles** of wine, spirits and minerals and **Hampers** will be raffled on at the Christmas Fair.
- We would also appreciate **Spot Prizes** and any unused Christmas decorations to help decorate the hall
- We welcome donations for the **Cake stall** on the morning of the fair Sunday 3rd December- buns, biscuits, tarts, scones, flans, brownies, cakes, small Christmas cake/pudding etc... home baked or shop bought.

Kindly note, due to a number of children having severe NUT allergies in the school, we would ask that you please do not use any nuts or nut products in your baking. Thank You!

'Guess the Jar'

The student council will be visiting each classroom from Mon 27th with a '**Guess the Jar**'. The infant classes will 'Guess the number of **JELLY BEANS** in the jar', while 1st class and up will 'Guess the number of **COINS** in the jar'. €1 for 2 guesses. Nearest guess wins the jar

Volunteers on the day are crucial to the success of this great event

We currently need LOTS more volunteers to ensure that the event runs successfully. Help with the set up on Friday afternoon 1st Dec or Saturday 2nd Dec. Or volunteer on Sunday 3rd Dec to help run a stall, if only for a few hours, or with clean up after the fair.

If you can help please see a member of the Committee or email Fiona at- parentsassociation@stmocht.ie