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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
23rd November 2016

Parent/Teacher Meetings – 23rd & 24th November

As you are aware, the Parent Teacher Meetings are taking place today and tomorrow. School will finish at the normal time of 2.30pm today, Wednesday 23rd November, but will finish at 2.15pm on Thursday 24th November. Please collect your child on time.

Let's Get Jingling!

- - **Volunteer shortage! Help needed on Sun 27th - email: parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie**
- - **Book Santa!**
- - **Donate** - toys, books, bottles, DVDs...
- - **Bake** – cakes and buns for the cake stall, no nuts please.
- - **Raffle CLOSES- Fri 25th @ 3pm! NO LATE TICKET ACCEPTED**
- - **Join us for fun- Sun 27th- 1-5pm. Santa due to arrive @ 1pm**

Food Dudes

The school is participating in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme starting on the 25th November. A letter went home with the children last week. For further information please see the website www.fooddudes.ie. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising this.

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 – Emily O'Brien, Meghana Dugyala and Ramz Ahmed from Ms. Cummins class, who's winning project was all about the "Effect of Sugar on your Pet". Congratulations also to the Runners Up from Mr. McAdam's class – Eimear Sutton, Emre Erdem, Calum McKinley and Rua O'Donoghue, who did a project called "Bright at Night". Special thanks to Mr. Brennan, Mr. Terry, Mr. McAdam, Ms. Cummins and Ms. Naughton for all of their work with the children and to Mr. Brown for co-ordinating.

MarathonKids – Sunday 20th November.

Well done to our 5th and 6th class students who completed their first ever MarathonKids Programme. The final mile event took place on a very cold morning last Sunday 20th November at the National Sports Campus. It was a brilliant event and we hope everyone had a great day. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to Mr. Kenny for organising this great event.

Sam Maguire Visit

Sam Maguire paid another visit to the school yesterday, and photos were taken of each class with the trophy. These will be on sale at the Christmas Fair at a cost of €2.00 per photo. Thanks to Mr. Boner and Declan from Westmanstown for organising.

Funding Letter

This letter, appealing for help with school funds, was sent home last week by email. We are very grateful for all contributions received so far. Every contribution counts and whatever you can send in is really very much appreciated. Thank you.

St. Mochta's National School Choir

The school choir present **When Christmas Comes to Town** in St. Mochta's Parish Church on Thursday 8th December at 8.00pm. Limited tickets available and will be on sale at the Christmas Fair. €10 for adults and €5 for children.

Hearing & Vision

The HSE will be visiting the school on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th November to complete Hearing and Vision testing for the senior infants.

Confirmation Enrolment

Enrolment Ceremony for our Confirmation candidates takes place next Monday 28th November at 7.00p.m. in St. Mochta's Church.

Internet Safety – 6th Class

The Neighbourhood Youth Project is providing an Internet Safety programme to our 6th class children, over four weeks. These sessions will run each Wednesday, starting today 23rd November. The focus will be on social media awareness and stranger danger online. We hope the children find it useful.

National Concert Hall

Yesterday all the fourth classes had a lovely day out in the National Concert Hall to hear the RTE National Symphony Orchestra perform classical pieces as part of their 'Musical Adventures' programme. As this was the opening performance, the RTE cameras were there to record for the News2Day programme. One of the children in Ms.O'Donoghue's class, Nayera Shokry, was interviewed as she was lucky enough to be chosen to help out with conducting the orchestra! It is all available on the RTE player today.