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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
28th November 2018

We hope all families will come to the school on Sunday 2nd December next to have some Christmas fun with all members of our school community. A special Thank You to our PA for organising this exciting afternoon on your behalf – further details below:-

Christmas Fun Day

Sunday 2nd December

1pm to 4pm

Come to St Mochta's for some Christmas Fun & Games with Nerf Madness, Hook-a-Duck, The Cube, Hoopla, Play your Cards and many more...

Tours of the New School will run at 2.00/2.30/3.00 and will be ticketed (no cost)

Raffle tickets will be sold on the day with prizes including Philip Murray Photography Voucher, Cecilian Theatre Arts Voucher, County Photos Voucher and many more...

We are looking for volunteers to ensure that the event runs successfully. Help with the set up on Friday afternoon 30th Nov or Saturday 1st Dec. Or volunteer on Sunday 2nd Dec to help run a game or stall, if only for a few hours, or with clean up after the event. If you can help, please see a member of the Committee or email - parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie

We welcome donations for the **Cake Stall** on the morning of the Fun Day Sunday 2nd 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!**

Strictly Kids

Last Friday was a very exciting morning for our boys, girls and staff. The school was delighted to host many of our Strictly St. Mochta's dancers. Every child had the opportunity to vote and the students selected the following winners:

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place

Ann Marie & Darren
Rachel & Barry
Bridie and Colin

Congratulations to everyone involved in organising a fun morning for everybody. A total of €1,264.00 was raised on the day and thanks to everybody who made a contribution.

The money is still rolling in from the overall event and to-date, the Fundraising Committee are pleased to announce that over €64,000 has been raised! This is more than double of what was expected, so a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make this happen.

Bless Us All

Our school choir presents '**Bless Us All**' – an evening of Christmas Carols and songs from the movies and musicals on Tuesday 11th December at 7.30pm in St. Mochta's Church. Tickets are €10 for adults and €5 for children/concession. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 3rd outside the school library at 1.30pm and 2.30pm all week. Tickets are limited so early purchase is advisable!

Build Update

We are delighted to see the wonderful progress the builders are making on the 2nd Phase of the new school. For your information, with effect from Monday 3rd December, there will be no parking available at the lay-by on the Porterstown Road. The builders are ready to start preparing the drop-off zone for the new school and, therefore, the hoarding will be moved in line with the existing footpath. We thank you for your continued patience and apologise for this inconvenience - it will be worth it in the long run!

Science Week Update

- We hope all the girls and boys enjoyed our main Science Day last Monday. Each class level held a number of different activities and experiments. We hope every child enjoyed their day. Special thanks to all of our teachers for preparing such an exciting day!
- The finals of our annual airplane competition for 3rd to 6th Classes will take place tomorrow and winners will be announced next week.

Messages from the PA

- **Christmas Calendar Photos** - Photos of all classes for the St. Mochta's Calendar will be taken during school hours tomorrow, Thursday 29th November 2018. Children should wear their full school uniform. Many thanks to the PA for organising this. **Order envelopes will be sent out shortly** and will need to be returned by Thursday 6th December. The cost of the calendar will be €1 and please use one envelope per order.
- **Christmas Card** orders have arrived at the school will be sent home this week.

Community Notices

- **Tigers Afterschool Care** still have places available from 1.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are interested, please contact the Manager, Amanda Jones, at 086-1704001 or email info@tigerschildcare.com for further details.
- **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.

- **Castleknock Celtic** will hold its Open Day for New Players for the 2019 Season on Saturday 8th December. Times for different age groups and location to attend will be posted on their website www.castleknockceltic.com