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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 5th December 2018

Our Intel Scientists

We are very proud of Sam Fitzgerald, Caoimhe Quinn, Karl Foley and Ciara Cogan from Ms Murphy's 6th Class who went to the Regional Finals of the Intel Mini-Scientist competition today and emerged as Regional Winners. They will now go through to the Leinster Finals. Their project called 'Saltwater' investigated various methods of desalinating water. They have worked really hard and are very deserved winners. Thanks to Ms. Murphy for her guidance and support of the team.

What a Wonderful Christmas Fun Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting our first Christmas Fun Day in our new school hall. It was a wonderful success and an amazing day out for everyone. It was great to see so many families in attendance. We hope everybody enjoyed the afternoon. Special thanks to our PA for their fantastic work in making this day so special. We are so lucky to have such a great PA and wonderful parents in our school.

Message from the PA

The PA would like to say a big **thank you** to all who supported our Christmas Fun Day on Sunday. It was a fantastic day and we hope that all who came along enjoyed the event. We would like to thank:

- Our **committee members** and **volunteers** without whom the event could not happen,
- our **children**, especially the Choir and the Student Council,
- the **staff** of the school who helped before and during the event,
- our **sponsors** who donated prizes for the raffle and those who donated to our cake stall,
- the Civil Defence and St John's Ambulance,
- and most importantly, **Santa** and **Mrs Claus** for joining us on the day.

Christmas Calendars - Order envelopes were sent home on Monday and will need to be returned by tomorrow **Thursday 6th December**. The cost of the calendar will be €4 and please use one envelope per order.

Calling all Facebook users!

Strictly St. Mochta's has raised almost €65,000 and we have the opportunity of possibly making it to €70,000. One of our dancers, Barry, has applied for the Version 1 Community Grant. If you have a Facebook Account, please press Ctrl and click on the link below. Then select Vote for St. Mochta's National School to win.

<https://woobox.com/gm9q72/gallery/oDNTGMrUmjw>

It's worth €5,000 to the school, so please VOTE and share with all your facebook friends. Ask all your family, friends and work colleagues to do the same. There is no form to be filled – it's as simple as clicking VOTE! We need your help. Together, we can make it 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 are on sale tomorrow and Friday outside the school library at 1.30pm and 2.30pm. Tickets are limited so early purchase is advisable!

Science Updates

Congratulations to the following boys and girls who won our annual Paper Airplane Competition.

3rd/4th	1st	Ethan Maher	Ms. Corrigan
	2nd	Aaron Heffernan	Ms. Griffin
	3rd	Jonathan Deac	Ms. Keane
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5th/6th	1st	Sean O'Brien	Ms. Stewart
	2nd	David Cassidy	Ms. Fitzgerald
	3rd	David Okonkwo	Mr. McAdam

Mighty Mouth Programme

Today, the girls and boys in our Senior Infant classes received their Mighty Mouth Certificates from the HSE.

Health and Safety Notice

It has come to our attention that many parents are dropping children off on the main Clonsilla Road when in traffic. This practice is highly dangerous and illegal. The safety of our children is our top priority. Please ensure all children are dropped to school in a safe manner.

Assemblies – Thursday 6th December

To celebrate the season of Advent, special assemblies will be held tomorrow in the hall.

Our School Choir visits St. Francis Hospice

Some members of our school choir will be singing Christmas Carols and hymns at St. Francis Hospice in Blanchardstown on Friday 7th December. The pupils will be back in time for normal school collection at 2.30pm. Thanks to Mr. Cryan. Ms. Stewart and Mr. McAdam for their work with the children.

1st Class Plays

We look forward to welcoming parents and guardians of the boys and girls from 1st Class to enjoy their Christmas Plays at 11.30am as follows:-

Classes of Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Higgins will be on Tuesday 18th December
Classes of Ms. McAuliffe and Ms. Walsh/Ms. Carroll will be on Wednesday 19th December

- We kindly ask all parents to refrain from taking photos and/or videos of the children performing.
- Also, please note that we cannot accommodate siblings who are already attending the school. Many thanks.

Christmas Holidays

All children will finish school for the Christmas Break on Friday 21st December.

<u>Class Level</u>	<u>Finishing Time</u>
Junior Infants to 2 nd Class	11.40am
3 rd Classes to 6 th Classes	12.00 noon

School will reopen at 8.50am on Monday 7th January 2018

Dates for your Diary

The school photographer will be coming to visit the school on 15th and 16th of January 2019. Children should wear their full school uniform on these days. Further information will follow in the New Year.

6th Class Students – a message from Westmanstown Rugby Club

As you have been an active part of the Leinster Rugby tag programme over the past number of seasons, we would like to invite you to take part in this blitz. We are hoping to have as many schools as possible taking part on the day. It will be a fun-filled, action-packed evening for all involved, with a visit from Santa to top it off.

You are invited to come to Westmanstown Rugby Club on Tuesday 11th December 2018 to take part in the Christmas Tag Blitz Bonanza for children in 6th class.

When: 11th December

Where: Westmanstown Rugby Club

Time: 6.30pm to 8pm

Confirmation of attendance by:

Please RSVP to me via phone: 0876681500 or by email westmanstownccro@leinsterrugby.ie

Community Notices

- Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 19th of December at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

- **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