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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
9th December 2015

Special Assemblies – December 8th

To celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, special assemblies were held in the hall.

Mini Scientist

The very best of luck to our 'Mini Scientists' Emma Donnelly, Nadia Nya, Jatin Ramesh & PJ Muoh from Ms. Naughton's class who will represent our school at the regional finals at Intel in Leixlip tomorrow Thursday. Good luck and enjoy the experience. Thank you to Ms. Naughton for all her work with the group.

School Musical Has Changed

Just to let you know, we can now look forward to seeing a school production of Oliver at the Draíocht next April. Details on rehearsals will be sent home shortly.

1st Class Christmas Plays

We look forward to welcoming the parents and guardians of the boys and girls from 1st Class to enjoy their Christmas Plays at 11.00am as follows:-

Classes of Ms. Stewart & Mr. Cryan will be on Wed. 16th December
Classes of Ms. Mackle & Ms. Reilly will be on Thurs. 17th December

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

Many thanks.

1916 Celebrations

As you will be aware, St. Mochta's National School will be celebrating 1916 next year. To help with our preparations, we would be delighted to hear from anybody in our school community who might have a particular interest in this part of our history. You might have a relation who participated, have a good knowledge of 1916 or have some good ideas to help us make the celebrations more interesting for the children. If you can help, please contact Catherine at 8210499.

Attendance

If your child misses a day from school, please send a note explaining the absence (*there is no need to ring the school*). Quarterly returns are made to Túsla and absences must be explained.

We encourage very good attendance from all our children. Further guidelines from Túsla for parents is available by following this link. [Information on School Attendance](#) and our school Attendance Policy is available for viewing on the school website www.stmochta.ie.

Rainy Days

Please see page 2 of this Newsletter to remind yourself of the guidelines to be followed when coming to school on wet mornings.



Items for your Attention!

Collecting Children for Appointments

Kindly note times below when children are playing in the yard.

10.30am to 10.40am
12.00 noon to 1.05pm

Should you need to collect children for appointments during school, please avoid these times as you may have to wait until pupils are back in their classes.

Christmas Holidays

Please note the school will close on Tuesday 22nd December for the Christmas break. Junior and Senior Infants can be collected at 11.50am and all other classes will finish at 12 noon. Please collect your child on time. School will re-open on Wednesday 6th January 2016 at 8.50am as normal.

Class Calendars 2016 - €4

Last orders should have been returned today, any later orders cannot be guaranteed delivery before the Christmas break.

School Funding

Many thanks to the families who have contributed to our appeal for a voluntary contribution. We are very grateful. We continue to accept donations and appreciate your help and support.

RTE TV Series

– Financial Makeover

Please see additional page regarding request from RTE seeking families to participate in this new series.

Traffic

As you are aware, the traffic outside the school continues to cause problems for the whole school community. Please be patient and respectful. The safety of our children is of utmost importance.