

**Scéalta 15**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Christmas Holidays**

School will close on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11.50 am for Junior and Senior Infants and 12 noon for all other classes. School re-opens at 8.50am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**1<sup>st</sup> Class 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. Toland & Ms. De Burca will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Classes of Ms. Hegarty & Mr. Cryan will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**We kindly ask all parents to refrain from taking photos and or video of the children performing. We do not have consent for this.**

**Also please note that we cannot accommodate siblings who are already attending the school.**

Many thanks.

**When Christmas Comes to Town**

Wow, what a great night! It was truly amazing and a fantastic start to the Christmas festivities. Well done to all our pupils past and present, who performed so well and treated us to a fabulous evening of song. We hope everyone enjoyed the night as much as we did.

Thank you to Mr. Cryan for organising the concert. A special thanks also to Ms. Griffin, Ms. Stewart, Mr. Terry, Mr. McAdam and Ms. Ryan for all their help. We are very lucky to have such wonderful parents who give their time so freely to ensure all our events are so successful – thank you for your continued support. The lovely mince pies and tea & coffee served during the interval were a real treat – thank you to the PA for organising this.

Thank you also for the support of businesses who donated prizes for our raffle on the night. Huge thanks to Walton's Music Shop, Castleknock School of Music, Dunnes Stores – Ongar, Rendez Vous Café – Ongar, Chill In off Licence – we ask you to support these local businesses. Thank you also for donations received from parents.

**Mini Scientist**

Congratulations to our '**Mini Scientists**' Emily O'Brien, Meghana Dugyala and Ramz Ahmed from Ms.Cummins's class and Eimear Sutton, Emre Erdem, Calum McKinley and Rua O'Donoghue from Mr.McAdam's class who represented our school so well at the regional finals at Intel in Leixlip last week. We hope they enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Ms. Cummins and Mr. McAdam for all their work with the students.

**Punctuality**

School begins at 8:50am. All pupils are expected to be on time. If you are late, please sign your child in at reception. We ask that you do not bring your child directly to class.

**New Secondary School – Edmund Rice College**

This college will be opening for First Year Students in September 2017. Leaflets were sent home with 6<sup>th</sup> Class students today. Closing date for completed applications is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Further information is available on [www.erst.ie](http://www.erst.ie).