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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
16th December 2015

Happy Christmas

This is our final newsletter for 2015. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and wish you all peace, health and happiness in 2016. 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.

1st Class Christmas Plays

Well done to all the boys and girls in the classes of Ms. Stewart and Mr. Cryan who welcomed their parents and guardians to the school today to enjoy their Christmas Play. Tomorrow, at 11.00am, it will be the turn of the classes of Ms. Mackle and Ms. Reilly. Enjoy!

Christmas Carol Service

This service will take place on Monday 21st December for all classes. (Please note it is for pupils attending the school only – we cannot accommodate families).

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 some good ideas. Please help us make the celebrations more interesting for the children.

RTE Junior

Brendan in Ms. Schmidt's 2nd Class has been starring in the 'Dig in Diner' programme on RTE Junior. He has appeared during the show on Tuesday 1st December and Wednesday 2nd December – these may be available on the RTE Player. However, he will also appear on the Christmas Day show at 9.30am. Look out for him also on RTE Junior – he is dressed up as an elf and appears between children's programmes.

Attendance

Well done to all pupils helping us to achieve very good attendance records during November (95.5%) and December (93.5%).

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.

Mindfulness Course

Ms Murphy will be running a 10-week Mindfulness course for children in 5th and 6th classes starting on Thursday 7th January and finishing Thursday 7th April. A separate email, with further details, has been sent to the parents of children in these classes.



Items for your Attention!

CAMHS

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) is a free specialist service for children and adolescents with serious emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties. This important service appears to have diminished over time and we are appealing to parents to email their local Councillors, TDs and Ministers to ensure that this service is fully operational and available on an on-going basis for families to use.

Goal Mile Event

MSB Athletics Club will host the GOAL Mile in Porterstown Park on St. Stephen's Day between 11am and 1pm. Now in its 34th year, the annual event sees tens of thousands run, jog or walk a Mile for GOAL each year, helping the aid agency raise money and awareness for those who need it most around the world. Participants are asked to make a donation before setting off at approximately twenty minute intervals. The mile consists of four laps of the MSB grass track and there is a timer displayed, with participants receiving a certificate of completion and their recorded time. There is a mix of runners, joggers and walkers taking part each year and the event is very popular with families.

Christmas Calendars

Calendars will be distributed to all classes by next Tuesday 22nd.

Irish Dancing

Classes will recommence on Tuesday 12th January 2016.

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dhaoibh go léir*