

Scéalta 16
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
21st December 2016



Happy Christmas!

This is our final newsletter for 2016. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and wish you all peace, health and happiness in 2017. Please note the school will close on Thursday 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. This is a normal school uniform day. Please collect your child on time. School will re-open on Monday 9th January 2017 at 8.50am as normal.

School Building Update

One of the highlights of the first term was the formal approval of our new school build. It was heart-warming to see the whole school community come together and collectively work to ensure this approval was finally granted. Thanks to everyone for all of your support of our campaign. Special thanks to our BAG group for all of their great work. This group will be maintaining regular contact with the school community throughout the coming weeks and throughout the building programme. The BAG group can be contacted at stmochtasschool.bag@gmail.com. Together we are making it happen!

Tenders were received on 7th December. Our contractor will be appointed in the New Year and we can now look forward to the commencement of the new school building at the beginning of April 2017. Further details will be communicated to you as this project progresses. 2017 will be a very exciting year for our new school building programme.

Carols Around the Tree

Both our Junior and Senior Classes enjoyed a beautiful Carol Service in the PE Hall today. The children as ever were wonderful and sang beautifully. Special thanks to Mr. Cryan, Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Terry, Mr. McAdam and Rosemary Duff for helping the children to prepare so well.

Visit from Mr. Claus

A big Thank you goes to the Parents' Association for organising Santa's visit this week. Santa was so delighted to hear all the children singing and being so good. They are all definitely on the "good list" this year!

1st Class Plays

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls in 1st class who welcomed their parents and guardians to the school last week to enjoy their amazing Christmas Play. We are so proud of our children and we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you to the teachers, Ms. Toland, Ms de Burca, Ms. Reynolds, Ms. McNally, Ms. Hegarty, Mr. Cryan and Ms. Stewart for all their work preparing the children.

Go the Extra Mile

Join the fun and run a mile for Goal on Monday 26th December in Porterstown Park, from 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Further details available on <https://www.goalglobal.org/events/event/goal-mile>

Doodle 4 Google Winners

Congratulations to our winners who will go on to represent our school in the Doodle 4 Google art competition. Further details will follow as the competition progresses. Well done and good luck to:

Erin Hunt	Senior Infants	Ms Kane
Sophie Hunt	Senior Infants	Ms. Kane
Sophie Bourg	4 th Class	Ms. Brennan
Emilija Morris	4 th Class	Ms. Ahern
Ava Sansovini	4 th Class	Ms. Ahern
Yin Ren	6 th Class	Mr. Terry

Maths Week Winners

Congratulations to all pupils who won various competitions during our recent Maths week. Prizes will be distributed before the Christmas break. Due to the high volume of winners, some prizes for the Quiz team winners will be presented early in the New Year.

Food Dudes

The Food Dudes programme has come to an end and we hope you found it helpful in encouraging your children to try more fruit and vegetables. We would like to say a special thanks to the Parents Association for giving their time every morning to deliver delicious fruit and veg to all the classrooms. We hope your children continue to try new and exciting food and that they will benefit from this initiative in the months and years ahead.

School Photographer

County Photos will be in the school on **Wednesday, 11th & Thursday 12th January** to take photos from Junior Infants to 6th Class. It is important that your child wears **full school uniform** on these days.

Sacraments

- Faith Friends for Confirmation Candidates starts on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Your child will receive a letter to inform you which evening your child should attend.
- On Monday 16th January, there will be a meeting for parents of 1st Holy Communion children at 8.00 p.m. in St. Mochta's Church.

Mindfulness Course

This Mindfulness Course (.b Foundations) is designed to support Teachers and Parents and anyone working in the Educational Sector. It helps to cultivate a Mindful way of Being both in their personal lives and in their working lives. This Mindfulness training has innumerable benefits including enhancing Resilience, Performance and overall Well-being.

When:	Wednesday Evenings 25th January
Where:	Dublin West Education Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24 (free car parking)
What's included?	8 weeks (2 hour Sessions), Course Book with Meditation CD Course Handouts

By Course completion participants will have had many opportunities to experience the extraordinary benefits of Mindfulness known to increase Physical, Emotional and Mental Health. The investment in this informational, transforming and healing Mindfulness Course is €175 + €20 for Course Book & Mediation CD (equates to €12 per hr). This includes all 8 Classes, Course Book, Meditation CD and Class Handouts. To Book Your Place on this January Course please call Pamela-Maria on 083 8166800 or email info@mindfulnessatsource.com

Health & Safety

Kindly note dogs are not allowed on any part of the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

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