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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
13th January 2016

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope everybody had a very enjoyable time over the Christmas holidays and would like to wish all our families a very 'Happy New Year'.

Parents Association

The Parents' Association Committee wishes to thank everyone who volunteered to help out at our events this year. As a small gesture of appreciation, the PA would like to invite you for a drink on Thursday 14th January in the Clonsilla Inn, from 9pm onwards.

Special Education

If your child has access to an SNA or Resource hours allocated from the NCSE, or if you will be applying for any of the above before this coming February 2016, please bring any reports/assessments or appointment letters from the HSE, Speech and Language Therapists, Psychologists or hospitals etc. to the school reception for the attention of the Deputy Principal, Ms. O'Boyce. Please contact Ms. O Boyce if you have queries regarding any of the above.

Oliver! – Musical

As you already know the school musical, Oliver!, will take place at the Draíocht on April 7th, 8th and 9th. An art competition is being held to design the cover of our programme. All children are invited to enter. The lucky winner will have their artwork appear on posters, on the cover of the programme and receive 4 tickets to the opening night of the show. Entries should be in A4 portrait format and we recommend that twistables or colouring pencils are used. Entries should be completed by 28th January and returned to Ms. O'Donoghue in the White School.

Me Mollser

5th and 6th class students attended a production of Me Mollser by the Abbey Theatre Group in the school yesterday. This production tells the story of the Easter Rising 1916 through the eyes of a 15 year old girl and is based on the play 'The Plough and the Stars' by Sean O'Casey. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Ms. Ní Coitir for organising this visit.

1916 Celebrations

As you will be aware, St. Mochta's National School will be remembering and commemorating 1916 this 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. Many thanks to the parents who have come forward already. You might have some artefacts at home from this period, have a good knowledge of 1916 or some good ideas. Please help us make the celebrations more interesting for the children.

Absences, Early Departure and Late Arrivals

Absent from school- We kindly ask that you send a note to the class teacher explaining all absences on your child's return.

Leaving Early- If children are required to leave school during the day e.g. doctor's appointment, sickness etc, a parent/guardian must sign out their child from the school office. Please avoid collecting during break times.

Late for school- Students arriving late to school, must check into the school office with an adult who signs them in, giving the reason for the late arrival.

Many thanks for your co-operation in these important matters!

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.



Items for your Attention!

School Photographer

County Photos will be in the school next **Wednesday, 20th January** to take photos from Junior Infants to 6th Class. It is important that your child wears full school uniform on this day.

Christmas Calendars

There are a limited number of Class Calendars still available from Reception – cost €4.

Afterschool Activities

- Homework Club starts back on Thursday 14th. There are a limited number of places available. Please directly contact Ms. Aherne or Ms. Mackle for further details
- Ms. Brennan's Art Class start back tomorrow Thursday 14th. Please directly contact Ms. Brennan for further details.
- Irish Dancing classes have started back every Tuesday after school.

Dates for your Diary

- Confirmation – Meet and greet meeting takes place at the Pastoral Care Centre for pupils and a meeting for parents takes place in the church at 8pm on Thursday 14th January
- Faith Friends (for Confirmation Candidates) meetings start on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Your child will receive a letter to inform you which evening your child should attend.
- Communion – the second Parent's meeting will take at St. Mochta's Church on Monday 25th January at 8.00pm.