

Scéalta 18
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
17th January 2018

Sacraments

- The Faith Friends Programme for 6th Class students started last night and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday. We hope children enjoy the experience.

EAL Testing (English as an Additional Language)

This language assessment test will be carried out by all the support teachers in the school next week. All pupils will be tested who are:

- a) New to the school
- b) Have been born abroad
- c) Have a parent born abroad

The purpose of the testing is to help us maintain this vital language support for all pupils who require it.

Upcoming Events

- County Photos are in the school today and will be back tomorrow 18th January. Please ensure your child wears **full school uniform** again tomorrow.
- The HSE will be completing vaccinations for our Junior Infants on 29th and 30th January 2018. An email regarding this was sent directly to parents of Junior Infants last Friday.
- Catholic Schools Week 2018 will be celebrated for the week commencing 29th January. The theme for this week is **Catholic Schools: Families of Faith**.

The Laudate Festival (as part of Catholic School's Week- Primary School Music Programme) presents an evening of Music and Reflection. All families are invited to attend and the entry is free. Should you wish to attend, the Festival takes place on the following dates and location:-

- Monday 29th January at 7pm at St. Colmcille's Church, Knocklyon
- Tuesday 30th January at 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun
- Wednesday 31st January at 7.00pm at Church of the Guardian Angels, Newtownpark Avenue, Blackrock

Flu Symptoms

Over the last number of weeks, there has been a lot of commentary in the media about a strain of 'flu' which can be quite virulent. The advice given to schools is to discourage parents from sending children to school who are showing symptoms of 'flu'. This advice has come from the Department of Health and the Department of Education and Skills. For further information you can click on the following links:-

[Guide For Parents](#) , [Infection Control Advice](#), www.undertheweather.ie

For your information, children in the school have been suffering with various ailments including winter vomiting bug, the flu and glandular fever. School plays a critical role in protecting the health of their students, staff and the community from contagious coughs, colds and tummy bugs. Please do not send your child to school if he/she presents such illness. On your child's return to school, please send in a note to your class teacher explaining the absence. There is no need to provide a letter from your doctor.

Health & Safety

- Please ask children to walk on the paths around the school. At this time of the year, the grass areas are wet, mucky and slippery. This is for the safety of your child. Thanks for your co-operation.
- Road Safety – again, we encourage every parent to speak to their children about road safety to and from school. Please be aware of the designated road crossing areas which are safely supervised by our Traffic Wardens. If you do park in the area, please park safely and respectfully and do not allow your children to run across the road from a parked car. Do not under any circumstances let your children out of your car while in traffic. School drop off and pick up times are extremely busy times on the roads around our school and we want to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you for your co-operation with this very important matter.

Peter Pan Updates

Peter Pan-A Musical Adventure

7th-10th March, Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown Shopping Centre

Tickets for our musical will go on sale to the general public on Friday 19th January from 10 am. You can book the tickets in person, by phone or online. It is expected to sell really quickly, so it is advisable to book as soon as possible. Tickets cannot be sourced through the school. Website: <http://www.draiocht.ie>. Phone: 018852622.

Fundraising - Tesco Roselawn Community Fund – St. Mochta's NS/Variety Group

From Jan 21st St Mochtas NS Musical/Variety group will be one of the nominees in the Tesco Roselawn Community Fund. There's no financial contribution needed. All we ask is that if you are in Tesco Roselawn for the 6 week period from Jan 21st, that you take a blue token and drop it into the St Mochta's NS Musical/Variety group container on the way out. Or maybe if you are there before it starts, hold on to your tokens until 21st January. At the end of the 6 weeks €1,000 will be divided between the 3 nominees based on the number of tokens each receives. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. The money collected will be used towards our upcoming school production of Peter Pan. Thank you for your participation!

Fundraising – Change of Date to the Peter Pan Pub Quiz – Clonsilla Inn, 7th February

Please keep this date free. We are organising a fundraiser for the show. The cost will be €10 per person, €40 for a table for four. Further details will follow.

Fundraiser – Cake Sale

Date for your diary – Friday 26th January, parents can buy delicious cakes at 1.30pm and 2.30pm collection times in support of Peter Pan. Further details will follow in next week's Scéalta.

Unwanted Prizes and Gifts

We are appealing to the whole school community to support our upcoming production of Peter Pan. To help with fundraising we would be delighted to receive any unwanted gifts, prizes or sponsorship to help towards the costs of the show. Please drop any gifts & prizes to reception. If you are interested in an advertisement in the programme please email stmochtas.musical@gmail.com for further details. Many thanks.

Props Request

The Props Team for Peter Pan are looking for the following items:

- Unwanted Communion umbrellas/parasols
- Old black/brown brief cases
- Porcelain dolls (Edwardian style)
- Metal toy drum and drumsticks
- Small toy flute
- Toy plastic swords and knives (pirate style)
- Toy plastic pistols and holsters.

Please note: None of these items will be returned, so please do not send in anything of personal value.