

**Scéalta 19**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Catholic Schools Week**

This weekend is the beginning of Catholic Schools week and the theme for the week is: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home: seeing, caring for, watching over, protecting and sharing.

Catholic Schools week will be celebrated this **Sunday at 10.30 and 12.00 masses**, at which some children from the Sacramental Classes will be taking part and they are asked to wear their uniforms. There will be an offertory procession that will incorporate the theme, green flags, our earth and school logos. The parish

There will also be assemblies in school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

**Laudate Festival**

Parents and families are invited to an evening of music and reflection to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2017 which will take place as follows:

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun Road @ 7.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Church of St.Lawrence O'Toole, Kilmacud @ 7.00 p.m.

This festival night brings together children from twenty-one primary schools of the Archdiocese along with parishioners and choirs to sing a shared repertoire, to celebrate the gift of one another, and the gift of Catholic education.

**This is a free event and all are welcome.**

**Clothing Collection**

The PA will be holding a clothing collection next month on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Bags will be sent home with the children next week.

**Frosty Weather**

Please note that on frosty mornings the yards need to be salted before school can commence. This may result in a delay opening the gates at 8.30. We apologise for any inconvenience and we appreciate your understanding.

**County Photos**

Order forms went home yesterday for individual, family and class photos. Please return your completed order form with exact change to the class teacher before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**Ben Collins**

Ben Collins from 6th class makes an appearance on News2day reviewing a new book The Knights of the Borrowed Dark by Dave Rudden. You can watch it on RTE Player – search for News2day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Hearing & Vision**

The HSE will be in the school on 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February to carry out hearing and vision screening on the Junior Infant classes.

**Faith Friends**

The Faith Friends confirmation programme continues this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please ensure to collect your child on time.

### **Luttrellstown Community College**

Assessments for Incoming First Years, September 2017, will take place at LCC on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If your child has a place at LCC, please ensure he/she arrives on time for the assessment. As this is not a primary school event, it is the parent's responsibility to drop and collect your child.

### **Art Classes**

Ms. Brennan's Art Classes begin again for a new 10-week term this week.

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Classes

### **Adolescent Parent Plus Programme**

An 8 week parenting course takes place once a week from 8<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017, which promotes effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years.

The course is facilitated by the Blanchardstown Area Partnership and Foróige and will take place in Fortlawn Community Facility from 7.00p.m. – 9.30p.m.

Please contact Nuala Kane on 086 0473991 or Aoife Simons on 086 0497387 and see attached leaflet for more information.