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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
1st February 2017

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools week continues 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.
There were assemblies in school on Monday.

Laudate Festival

Parents and families are invited to an evening of music and reflection to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2017 which will take place tonight Wednesday 1st February in the 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.

County Photos

Order forms went home last week for individual, family and class photos. A reminder that your completed order form with exact change should be returned to the class teacher before Friday 3rd February.

Doodle4Google

Well done to all students who took part in the Doodle for Google competition. In particular, well done to the following students:

Yin Ren	<i>Mr. Terry's, 6th Class</i>
Emilija Morris	<i>Ms. Aherne's 4th Class</i>
Ava Sansovini	<i>Ms. Aherne's 4th Class</i>
Sophie Bourg	<i>Ms. Brennan's, 4th Class</i>
Erin Hunt	<i>Ms. Kane's, Senior Infants</i>
Sophie Hunt	<i>Ms. Kane's, Senior Infants</i>

Huge congratulations to Sophie Hunt who will be representing our school at the finals in Google Headquarters on April 4th. On-line voting will open on February 7th. Further details to follow. Best of luck Sophie!

First Aid

Some days, there can be quite a number of pupils visiting First Aid. Going forward (from 6th February), if your child visits First Aid with a minor head bump, you will receive a text message informing you. Most children are well enough to stay at school after a minor incident. If the First Aider decides that it is best for a child to go home, the school secretary will contact you directly by phone.

Sample Text

Your child visited First Aid with a minor head bump today and received ice. We are happy for your child to stay in school, however, if this changes we will contact you by phone directly.

Clothing Collection

The PA will be holding a clothing collection next month on 14th February. Bags will be sent home with the children later this week.

Sacramental Notices

- First Penance and Reconciliation will take place in St.Mochta's Church at 7p.m. on Monday 6th February.
- 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.

Hearing & Vision

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

Luttrellstown Community College

Assessments for Incoming First Years, September 2017, will take place at LCC on Friday 3rd 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

Apologies for any confusion last week with regard to Ms. Brennan's Art Classes .The classes take place as follows:

- 3rd & 4th Classes - new term started last Thursday 26th January from 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.
- 1st & 2nd Classes - the new term begins this Friday 3rd February from 2.30 – 4.00 p.m. Places are limited.

Parent Plus Programmes

Please see attached leaflets for more information on Parent Plus programmes for Adolescents and Early Years, which are facilitated by the Blanchardstown Area Partnership

- **Adolescents** - 8th February to 5th April 2017 promoting effective communication and positive relationships in families with adolescents aged 11 to 16 years.
- **Early Years** - A 7 week parenting course takes place every Monday from 27th February to 10th April, which promotes confidence, learning and good behaviour in young children aged 1 to 6 years.

Stay Safe

We are currently teaching a personal safety programme across the whole school, called Stay Safe. Safer Blanchardstown have provided a booklet containing useful local information and contact numbers for various services across Dublin 15. It also provides some tips from An Garda Siochana on keeping yourself, your family, your property and your community safe. We have distributed these booklets to families from 2nd Class to 6th Class – a small number of booklets are available at reception. We hope you find this informative.