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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community

30th January 2019

Catholic Schools Week - Grandparents Day today

Huge thanks to all our Junior Infants who invited their Grandparents to visit their classrooms today to celebrate 'Grandparents Day' as part of Catholic Schools Week. We are very thankful to our visitors for taking the time to visit St. Mochta's National School. We hope everybody enjoyed this special day. Many thanks to our wonderful PA who were on hand to provide refreshments. Ms. Kennedy co-ordinated this very successful visit and we would like to acknowledge all her work.

Visit to the Dáil

In recognition of the centenary celebrations of the First Dáil, Ms. Fitzgerald's 5th class visited the Dáil today. We hope they had an enjoyable trip. Thanks to Ms. Fitzgerald for organising the visit and to the parents who attended with the class. Further information on the Dáil can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://www.dail100.ie/en>

First Communion Classes

As the children in 2nd Classes prepare for their First Communion, they will attend St. Mochta's Church during school hours this Friday 1st February to practice for their First Penance and Reconciliation.

We need your help – Aldi Play Rug!

The school is participating in the Aldi Play Rugby initiative to encourage kids across the country to live active and healthy lifestyles. We have the opportunity to win various prizes. If you shop at Aldi and spend over €30 , **please accept the Aldi Play Rugby Stickers**. Your child can bring the stickers to school and help us fill our poster – we need 300 stickers! This promotion started last Monday and will run until 7th April 2019. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Reduced Yard Space

I am sure you have noticed the progress of our new school building. It is very exciting to see the building at such an advanced stage. However, for the builders to continue, our current yard space will need to be reduced. During the weekend of 9th and 10th February, the hoarding will be moved reducing the yard space.

Message from the Fundraising Committee

Lots done, a little more to do

With your support, we've raised over **€70,000** of the €100,000 target to provide our children with the increased playground they deserve. Our most recent success was winning the €5,000 Version 1 Community Grant. It got us thinking..... maybe there are other grants out

there we could apply for or perhaps your company supports charities under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy.

If you are aware of any grants we'd be eligible for or can nominate St Mochta's School as a charity under your company's CSR policy, please email our Fundraising Committee at stmochtasfundraising@gmail.com. The Fundraising Committee will complete and submit grant applications or help complete submissions for charity nominations, all you have to do is let us know about them. Thanks for your continued support.

Photograph Orders

Order forms for school photos were sent home last week. If you would like to order photos, please fill in the form and return together with the correct sum of money to the class teacher by Wednesday 6th February.

Confirmation Candidates

An e-payment link for €25 towards the cost of the Retreat and the rental of the Confirmation Robes was emailed to you last week. If you did not receive the link, please contact the school secretary on 01-8210499. Thank you to those who have paid already. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please pay this fee as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Garda Vetting

From time to time, we need help from parents to ensure that we can organise activities outside of the school e.g. walking children to/from the church, school tours, etc. We invite parents to become Garda Vetted through the school. Please call into reception for the relevant forms. Garda Vetting can take up to 2 months to process.

Head Lice

There has been an outbreak of Head Lice in a number of classes. We ask all parents/guardians to take the time to check your child and treat if necessary, please click on the link for further information: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/child-health/head-lice-in-young-children.html>

Collecting Children during School Hours

If you need to collect your child for an appointment during school hours, please avoid collecting your child during the breaks. We cannot accommodate collections after 2.00pm.

Health & Safety at the front of the school

We ask for your support to remind your children about the health and safety notices:-

- Please ask your children to refrain from walking on the grass areas outside the school.
- We also ask that you remind children to walk on the designated paths around the building and not in the car park.

Junior Infants – Dates for your Diary

For your information, the HSE will call to our school from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th February to complete Vision & Hearing Testing for Junior Infants.

St Mochta's Girls Indoor Champions League.

Over the last 8 weeks, 8 teams and over 50 girls from 5th and 6th class took part in an indoor football competition at break time in our fabulous new hall. Some of the skill and teamwork on show was incredible and it was a pleasure to see the girls enjoying the sport.

While the emphasis of the games was on participation and enjoyment the children's competitive spirit shone through. Well done to all of the teams that took part including Shamrock Rovers, Liverpool, Celtic, and Paris St. Germain. The third and fourth place playoff took place between Barcelona and Bayern Munich with Barcelona edging a very tight game with goals from Róisín Foran and Maia Mulligan.

Last Thursday in the hall we were treated to an exhibition of fine football in the final between Juventus and Ajax. Excitement was high and all of the participants came along to watch the final and cheer on their friends. In a very tight first half it was Caoimhe McDermott who break the deadlock and put Juventus 1-0 up at the break. The second half saw an incredible battle and Isabelle Reilly of Ajax finally put a goal past the outstanding Rodiyat Williams in the Juventus goal making it 1-1 at full time. 5 minutes extra time still couldn't separate the sides and additional time needed to be added on with a Golden Goal to provide a winner. It was the talented Niamh Sadlier who had defended so well for Juventus who broke forward to score the magical Golden Goal to win the tournament for Juventus.

Molly Cummins of Ajax was presented with the Golden Boot for top scorer of the tournament and Niamh Sadlier was named Player of the tournament.

Well done to all of the girls for taking part and hopefully some will be encouraged to join their local football clubs in the coming months.

Thank you to Mr Boner for helping out with refereeing some of the games.

Runners up
Ajax (pronounced Aye Yax!)
Isabelle Reilly
Molly Cummins
Lily Cummins
Ava Kinnucane
Laoise Kenny
Erika Halitchi

Winners
Juventus
Niamh Sadlier
Caoimhe McDermott
Ava Sansovini
Rodiyat Williams
Emma Miller
Sadhbh Murphy

Player of the Tournament: **Niamh Sadlier**

Top Scorer: **Molly Cummins**

Credit Union Quiz 2019

Blanchardstown Credit Union is launching its annual search for local quiz whizzes who have what it takes to get to the national final of the Credit Union Schools Quiz 2019. The following children will represent our school.

Competition A (U11's):

Team A
Dara Connolly (4th Class)
James Harold (4th Class)
Ronan Miller (5th Class)
Róisín Foran (5th Class)

Team B
Owen Hughes (4th Class)
Morgan Dunning (5th Class)
Rachel Griffin (4th Class)
Conor McCann (5th Class)

Sub Team Member: David Cassidy (5th Class)

Competition B (U13's):

Team A

Mathew Dumitru (6th Class)
Dylan Maher (6th Class)
Maia Mulligan (5th Class)
Maia Mulligan (5th Class)

Team B

Cian Duffy (6th Class)
Emmet Cassidy (6th Class)
Cian Mulligan (6th Class)
Ryan Sullivan (6th Class)

Sub Team Members: Cara Feeley (5th Class)

The quiz begins with a knock-out stage at local level, organised by **Blanchardstown Credit Union** which will take place at **The Carlton Hotel, Tyrrelstown** on **4th February 2019 at 7pm**. We wish the teams the very best of luck and will update you on their progress.

Community Notices

- **Tigers Afterschool Care** still have places available from 1.30pm to 6.30pm. If you are interested, please contact the Manager, Amanda Jones, at 086-1704001 for further details.