

Scéalta 21
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
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Doodle4Google

Huge congratulations to Sophie Hunt from Ms. Kane's Senior Infant class, who is representing our school at the finals in Google Headquarters on April 4th.

The public vote is open until the 21st February and *we need your vote.*

So don't delay, click on the link <https://doodles.google.ie/d4g/vote.html#d=d1-10> and please remember, a vote is accepted from each device that you may have on-line access from.

We are appealing to our whole school community to cast a vote from as many devices as possible and help Sophie win her category and also help our school be in with a chance to win a €10,000 technology prize! Please ask your friends, family etc., to cast a vote for Sophie also.

Best of luck Sophie!

School Building

Great news – we have been approved to go the next stage of our building programme. We really are getting close to a start date now!

This means that the Stage 3 tender report has been approved and accepted by the Department of Education and we have been approved to issue our letter of intent to our successful construction firm.

The time line is now as follows:-

- 3 weeks to receive pre-contract information and submit supplementary tender report to the Department
- 2-3 weeks for the Department to review and issue the Construction Contract.
- The Commencement Notice will then be issued to the Local Authority Building Control Section and work will commence on site between 2-4 weeks after issue if same. We can therefore hope to start construction in 10-12 weeks, most likely mid to late April.

Many thanks for your support and we will keep you updated as things progress.

Operation Transformation 10@10 Friday 10th February

Operation Transformation is encouraging every primary school child in the country to take part in 10 minutes of physical activity this **Friday 10th February at 10am**. St.Mochta's is delighted to be taking part and we would like to advise that all children should wear their tracksuits on Friday. We hope that everyone enjoys the 10@10!

For more information, please click the links below:

<http://www.rte.ie/player/ie/show/operation-transformation-workouts-30004506/10679442/>

<https://www.rte.ie/lifestyle/living/2017/0201/849300-operation-transformation-karl-henry-s-10-at-10-on-february-10th/>

Sacramental Notices

- Well done to all the pupils in 2nd Class who celebrated First Penance and Reconciliation on Monday night. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Leddy, Ms. O'Mahony and Ms. McWilliams for all their hard work and preparation.
- 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.

Athletics

Best of luck to all taking part in the race in Porterstown Park next Tuesday 14th February. Thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for all their hard work.

School Holidays

February Mid-Term Break – school is closed from Monday 20th February and will re-open on Monday 27th February.

County Photos

County Photos have extended the deadline for orders. Please return your completed order form with exact change to the class teacher before Thursday 9th February. All orders will be returned after the mid-term break.

Clothing Collection

The PA will be holding a clothing collection next Tuesday 14th February. Bags can only be accepted on that day from 8.30 – 2.30. Please do not drop bags after this time.

Internet Safety Week

The Community Garda from Blanchardstown gave a presentation to our 6th class students on Monday covering such topics as Internet Safety, Cyber Bullying and Identity Theft. We hope they found this information useful.

First Aid

Some days, there can be quite a number of pupils visiting First Aid. Going forward, 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.