

Scéalta 21
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
7th February 2018

School Closure for Teacher Training on Wednesday 21st February

Due to Teacher training on new updated Child Protection Procedures, the school will close early on Wednesday 21st February. Classes from Junior Infants to 2nd Class will be ready for collection at 11.40am and all other classes will finish at 11.55am. Please collect your child on time. Thank you.

Mid Term Break

The school will be closed on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th for the mid term break. There will be normal school times on Wednesday 14th February.

Build Update

Our Builders, Glasgiven, will be removing spoil off site this Friday 9th. Collections of the spoil will be made throughout the school day from the site entrance on the Clonsilla Road. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this very important matter.

Peter Pan Pub Quiz – Tonight at 8.30pm in the Clonsilla Inn

Please support this fundraiser for the show. The cost will be €10 per person, €40 for a table for four. The quiz promises to be a great night of fun, including lots of spot prizes. All parents, friends and neighbours are welcome to participate and enjoy the quiz.

Don't forget to do a Spring Clearout!

There will be a Liberty Clothing Collection taking place on Saturday morning, 10th February from 10am- 1pm. Clothing collection bags have been distributed to as many classes as is possible – there is a shortage of bags. However, black bags can also be used. Many thanks to the PA and the fundraising committee of Peter Pan for co-ordinating this collection.

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 Friday 9th February.

Attendance

During the month of January, there was 92.9% attendance. While, we encourage full attendance at school, there are quite a number of illnesses, e.g. tummy bugs, colds, flu and scarlet fever going around at the moment. If your child is unwell, please do not send him/her to school.

Sacraments

Holy Communion:

- The First Penance and Reconciliation takes place on Monday 12th February at 7.00pm in St. Mochta's Church. All Communion candidates should arrive at the church at 6.50pm.

Confirmation:

- We hope all our Confirmation Candidates enjoyed the Faith Friends Programme which finishes tonight. We would like to thank Mary Green for co-ordinating the Programme and all the Faith Friends who participated.
- The Confirmation Retreat will take place on 20th February 2018 at the Emmaus Centre in Swords. Further details will follow shortly.

Safer Internet Day

Yesterday was **Safer Internet Day**. This day highlights the issue of online safety for children. Further information is available by clicking on www.cybersafeireland.org.

Stay Safe

For your information, The Stay Safe Programme, as part of the SPHE Curriculum is being taught during the months of January and February.

HSE

- **Hearing & Vision**

The School Health Team were back in St. Mochta's National School this morning to complete the Hearing and Vision Testing for children in Junior Infants who were absent from the school on their last visit.

- **Dental Visit**

A representative from the HSE will visit all children in 3rd and 5th classes to discuss oral hygiene next Tuesday and Wednesday (13th & 14th February).

Trócaire Boxes

These boxes were distributed earlier this week. One box was sent home to each family. Please keep the box over the Lenten period and return to the school after the Easter Holidays. Many thanks in advance for your contribution.

Health & Safety on the school grounds

Please use the paths in and around the school grounds. The ground can be quite mucky at this time of the year. Many thanks to Fiona O'Connor and our Parents Association for organising woodchips for the grassy areas near the paths outside the school.

All Ireland Irish Minor Schools Championships

Best of luck to Rachael Boucher, Caoimhe Burge, Siobhan Mc Cann, Sarah Martin and Alex Martin who will be representing St Mochta's National School in the All Ireland Irish Minor Schools Championships in swimming this Sunday 11th February 2018 in the National Aquatics Centre.

Peter Pan

Fundraisers

- **Bag Packing in Dunnes Stores**

The Fundraising Committee has been given an option on a bag packing slot in Dunnes Blanchardstown on Sat February 17th. 70-90 volunteers are required. The day will be broken up into 5 x 2hr time slots, starting at 9am and finishing at 7pm. We would be required to cover approx 15 tills. More volunteers are required. Please email stmochtas.musical@gmail.com if you can help indicating when you are available. May thanks in advance.

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

If you shop at Tesco, Roselawn, please support our school and drop your blue tokens into our container on the way out. 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!

Unwanted Prizes and Gifts

We are still 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.

Community Notices

Castleknock Celtic run a soccer Academy every Saturday morning from 10am at Porterstown Park beside their Clubhouse. All new members welcome. The academy is open to boys and girls from age 4 to 7 years old. Further information is available from www.castleknockceltic.com or from Kevin at 086-8091699.