

**Scéalta 22**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**School Mid-Term Break**

We hope everybody enjoys the mid-term break. The school is closed from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February for the week and will re-open on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

**Doodle4Google**

Everybody in St. Mochta's National School would like Sophie Hunt to do very well in the finals of the Doodle4Google competition. We are so proud of Sophie from Ms. Kane's Senior Infant class. As you all know you can vote every day up to 21<sup>st</sup> February by clicking on the link below and using as many devices as possible. Every vote counts. Please support Sophie.

<https://doodles.google.ie/d4g/vote.html#d=d1-10>

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

*Best of luck Sophie!*

**Good News**

Congratulation to Mr.Terry and his wife on the birth of a beautiful baby girl, Fiadh.

Congratulations also to Ms. Naughton and her husband on the birth of a gorgeous baby boy, Fionn.

We hope all are enjoying this special time with their new families.

Congratulations to Ms. Farrell who got married recently. We wish her and her husband Marc every success in their future together.

**Book Fair**

Celtic Travelling Book Fair is coming to our school hall, from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 to celebrate Book Week.

The commission from sales at our fair allows us to buy new books for our classrooms. Every book you buy helps us get new books for our school. We look forward to your support again this year.

If any parent has the time to help with this event, please contact the PA at [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie) and please specify day/times that would suit you between 9.00am and 2.30pm Tues/Thurs or 9.00am – 3.30 Weds. Please see attached timetable. Thanking you in advance for your support.

**Cycle Safety Training**

A Cycling Safety and Skills School for 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils begins on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will run for six weeks. The course will cover rules of the road, starting and stopping, overtaking and traffic manoeuvres and many other skills. This is a really invaluable training course and we hope everyone benefits positively from this. Thanks to Ms. Carroll for organising.

**Health & Safety**

Kindly note dogs are not allowed on any part of the school premises. We would also ask that you do not tie your dog to the railings or leave them unattended. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Road Safety**

We would encourage every parent to speak to their children about road safety to and from school. Please be aware of the designated crossing areas which are safely supervised by our Lollipop ladies. If you do park in the area, please park safely and respectfully and do not allow your children to run across the road from a parked car. Do not under any circumstances, let your children out of your car while in traffic. School drop off and pick up are extremely busy times on the roads around our school and we want to ensure the safety of all our

children, so we urge you to talk to your children and help keep our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

### **Athletics**

St. Mochta's had another very successful day in the Fingal Athletics League on Tuesday. In the 3rd Class races, Eva Crowe was victorious and Alisha Kearns finished in a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place. While in the boys' category, Cillian Murray finished second. Our super strong 4th Class teams came home with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish for Mia O'Connor and two 2<sup>nd</sup> places for Jodie Milongo and Niamh Sadlier. While our 4th Class boys finished the day with one 1<sup>st</sup> place for Brian Odeyale, two 2<sup>nd</sup> places for Stephen Kane and Max Koniorczyk, and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places for Sam Moloney and Dylan Maher. Other podium positions on the day were secured by two 6th Class students; Alex Hernandez - 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sam Dunne - 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Well done to everybody who took part. Thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for all their hard work with the teams and to the parents who gave up their time to help out on the day.

### **Swimming Success**

Rachael Boucher represented St. Mochta's at the Irish National Minor Schools Swimming Championships last Sunday in the NAC.

She set a new Personal Best in her heat of the 50m Butterfly & was ranked 27th overall.

Well done Rachael!

### **Faith Friends**

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

### **Clothing collection:**

The PA would like to thank all for contributing to yesterday's clothing collection. They plan on organising another collection in the summer term- May/ June.

### **After School Music Lessons**

- Tin Whistle classes running every Tuesdays at 1.45pm until Easter. Instruments provided and the cost per class is €3.50 (**This class is now full**)
- Piano classes run every Tuesday at 2.30 until 3pm (2 places available). If interested please email your child's name and age to : [musicclasses@yahoo.com](mailto:musicclasses@yahoo.com)