

**Scéalta 24**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**School Build**

The school build is still progressing as expected and we hope to have a timeline in the coming weeks. With the first phase of construction only weeks away, the Build Action Group will be posting updates regularly on Facebook and Twitter to keep our school and local community informed throughout the entire construction period.

**Follow on Facebook:** St Mochtas School Build Action Group.

**Follow on Twitter:** @StMochtasNS\_BAG

**Funding Letter**

This letter, appealing for help with school funds, will be sent home later this week by email. We are very grateful for all contributions received so far. Every contribution counts and whatever you can send in is really very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Arriving at School**

If your children are walking to school by themselves, please ensure that they proceed straight to their line in the morning and are not standing at the railings blocking the footpath for other pedestrians. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Retreat**

Confirmation candidates attended their Confirmation Retreat in the Emmaus Centre in Swords on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March. They had a great day followed by the Service of Light in the Church. Thanks to Ms Cummins, Mr. Terry, Mr. Brennan and Mr. McAdam for all their work with the children.

**Athletics**

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

**Engineers Week**

We look forward to a visit from five engineers from Intel on Friday. They will speak with the children in 3<sup>rd</sup> class about the fascinating topic of bridge building. We hope the children enjoy the talk. Thank you to Mr. Brown for organising.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge**

We are celebrating Seachtain Na Gaeilge next week and lots of different activities have been organised. We hope your children enjoy the week and they use as much of the language at school and home as they can.

<b>Dé Luain</b>	The infants will be having lots of fun Irish dancing in the hall with Rosaleen. If anyone would like to continue with Irish Dancing, please call Rosaleen on 087-2685325 (classes take place at the school every Tuesday after 2.30pm.)
<b>Dé Céadaoin</b>	Ceolchoirm with traditional music, dance and song for all classes.
<b>Dé Déardaoin</b>	There will be a Díolachán Cácaí (cake sale) organised by the boys and girls from 5 <sup>th</sup> class. Each class will get a chance to buy a cake and practice their Irish aswell.

Many thanks to Ms. Gorby and Mr. Mullarkey for all their work in organising this week.

**St. John Ambulance**

We were delighted to welcome St. John Ambulance Service who visited the school last Friday to talk to 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes. They spoke to the children about the important life skills they could learn by volunteering with St. John Ambulance. If your child is interested in joining, the course runs every Tuesday night from 7pm – 9pm at the Ongar Community Centre. Please email [Ongar.cadets@stjohn.ie](mailto:Ongar.cadets@stjohn.ie) for more information.

### **Crosscare Food Appeal**

Crosscare Blanchardstown Food Bank will hold a Food Drive on Tuesday 21st March in St Mochta's School. Crosscare is collecting food for those who are struggling to feed their families at present in the Dublin 15 area. Pupils are asked if possible to bring to school on the 21st a non-perishable food item, e.g. Tinned food, soups, pasta or sauce, rice pudding, cereals, sugar, washing powder or liquid, shower gel or soap, etc. Any food items donated will be deeply appreciated. Families come to the Food Bank each week and the donated food is given to them. Last year's drive was a massive success and we hope to repeat it this year.

### **CCC Open Afternoon & Evening**

Castleknock Community College will be hosting an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 for prospective 2018 First Year Applicants. Parents and students are invited from 3.00 – 5.00 pm. Parents only are invited to attend a presentation at 7.30 – 8.30pm.

### **Trip to Lourdes**

A local group including many parishioners are organising a trip to Lourdes this July. They are travelling from 6th to 10th July staying full board in Solitude Hotel. It promises to be a very enjoyable few days with a mixture of spirituality and fun.

For further details contact Joan Cahill at 0876262008.

### **Parking**

The Gardaí and local residents have again approached the school regarding the issue of **dangerous** and **illegal parking**. We appreciate that lack of parking space is a major problem for all parents. However, cars must be parked in a safe, legal and considerate manner.

Unfortunately, a number of parents continue to park and block access to/from driveways and park dangerously close to junctions and entrances to estates, particularly in Limelawn. This is both highly inconsiderate towards the residents of these estates and is, in fact, illegal.

The following are extracts from the *Rules of the Road*:

1. A vehicle may not park on **double yellow lines** in any circumstances.
2. A vehicle may not be parked within **5m** of a junction.
3. Vehicles may not be parked near: **a bend**, the brow of a hill, a humped back bridge, **a continuous white line**, where it would obstruct a sign, **at an entrance**, at a bus stop or **opposite another vehicle on a narrow road**.

The Board of Management will have no hesitation in supporting local residents who choose to report drivers who park illegally or trespass on their property. The Board will also support those parents who choose to report instances of dangerous parking that may put the lives of their children at risk.

There is ample parking available at Clonsilla Inn car park which is a short distance from the school. Cars must be parked **properly** in the car park. **Under no circumstances should a car obstruct one of their patrons** or interfere with access.

### **St.Mochtas FC Easter Camp**

St. Mochtas FC/BALON Easter Camp takes place from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April from 9.30 am to 1.30pm. Places are limited and registration closes on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Register online at [stmochtasfc.com](http://stmochtasfc.com). See attached flyer for more information.