

# Scéalta 24

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

6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### **Our Credit Union Quiz Team**

Huge congratulations to our Credit Union Quiz Team of Owen Hughes, Rachel Griffin, Conor McCann and Morgan Dunning who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Chapter Round of the Credit Union Schools Quiz on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in the Clayton Hotel, Dublin Airport. The team had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Against stiff competition from schools across North and West Dublin, the team completed ten initial rounds of questions and two incredibly challenging tie-breaker rounds. Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, the fantastic team have earned their place in the National Final in the RDS in April!

### **Our Intel Scientists**

With over 2,000 entries nationally, our Intel Scientists - Sam Fitzgerald, Caoimhe Quinn, Karl Foley and Ciara Cogan from Ms. Murphy's 6th Class – made it to the Top 20 finalists! We are extremely proud of these children who represented St. Mochta's National School in the final with their project 'Saltwater'. The project investigated various methods of desalinating water. Thanks to Mr. Brown who escorted the students to the finals which was held in the National University of Ireland Maynooth last Monday. We hope the children enjoyed the day.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place tomorrow Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and all children are invited to dress up as their favourite character or author on the day. Please don't go to any expense and if a child does not want to dress up, they can wear their uniform.

### **Book Week**

Many thanks to Ms. McNally and the PA for organising our Book Fair again this year. We are very grateful to all our volunteer parents for helping to make the fair happen. There are a number of books on order. If your child has paid for a book and has not received it, deliveries will be made throughout the week and books will be dropped to the relevant classes.

### **Cycle Safety for Children in 5<sup>th</sup> Class**

The Cycle Safety Training run by the Cycling Safety and Skills School for 5<sup>th</sup> Class pupils will start tomorrow Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and will run during school hours. Many thanks to all those who have made the payment already. A payment link for the amount of €16.00 will be emailed to those who have not yet had the opportunity to pay.

### **Athletics Team**

We wish all our athletes the very best of luck as they participate in the Dublin 15 Athletics Schools League in Porterstown next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The first race is at 11.00am. Thanks to Mr. Kenny for his work preparing our athletes.

### **Confirmation**

- Confirmation Candidates will attend St. Mochta's Church tomorrow during school hours in preparation of the Service of Light Ceremony.
- The Service of Light Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.00pm next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **SEAI Workshop**

Many thanks to one of our parents, Mr. Anthony Purcell, who gave a workshop to Ms. Higgin's 1<sup>st</sup> Class last Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. We hope the boys and girls enjoyed the talk and we are sure that they all learned a little more about energy and our environment.

### **Question of Funding Letter**

Thank you to the many families who have already made a voluntary contribution to the school. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, an email link will be sent home shortly. Many thanks.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Our School Fundraising Committee is looking for new members. If you have ideas or an interest in helping, please email [stmochtasfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stmochtasfundraising@gmail.com).

### **Health & Safety**

- Please, please only cross the road with our designated traffic wardens and ask your children to do the same.
- Please ask your children to refrain from climbing the walls around the school – both inside and outside.

### **Reminders**

- School will be closed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
- The PA have organised a clothing collection to take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Start clearing out now! Further details will follow shortly.
- Huge thanks to everybody for helping to fill our first Aldi Play Rugby Poster. We have ordered a second poster which should arrive shortly. Please continue to collect the Aldi Play Rugby stickers over the mid-term and hand them to your teacher after the break. The competition runs until 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.
- 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.

### **Community Notices**

- Castleknock Community College (CCC) is hosting an Open Afternoon and Evening for prospective 1<sup>st</sup> Year Applicants to the college in September 2020. This afternoon, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, parents/students are invited to visit classrooms and view facilities from 3pm to 5pm. There will be a presentation by the Principal and other senior staff to parents only from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.
- Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.