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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
15th March 2017

St. Patrick's Day

The school will be closed on Friday 17th March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. On Thursday the school will close at the normal time of 1.30pm for Infants and 2.30pm for all other classes.

Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Pádraig daoibh go léir!

School Build

The Build Action Group have been busy dropping leaflets to our nearest neighbours to inform them that the School Build will be progressing from April. The leaflet is available to view on the Facebook page and Twitter.

Follow on Facebook: St Mochtass School Build Action Group.

Follow on Twitter: @StMochtassNS_BAG

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are celebrating Seachtain Na Gaeilge this 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.

Dé Máirt	The infants had 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.)
Dé Céadaoin	Today there was a Ceolchoirm in the hall with traditional music, dance and song for all classes. Thank you to all the wonderful musicians who helped make the day so special.
Dé Déardaoin	There will be a Díolachán Cácaí (cake sale) organised by the boys and girls from 5 th class. Each class will get a chance to buy a cake and practice their Irish aswell. The proceeds from the cake sale will go towards providing new PE equipment for the school. We would suggest no more than €2.00 per child.

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

Oliver! for the Oscars!

We are delighted to announce that our production of Oliver! has been nominated in two categories of The Bord Gáis Energy Student Theatre Awards. We were nominated in the Best Overall School Musical and Darragh Malone was nominated as Best Male Performance in a Leading Role for his performance as Fagin.

Congratulations to all involved! A Ceremony will be held on May 17th. Details to follow!

Crosscare Food Appeal

Crosscare Blanchardstown Food Bank will hold a Food Drive next 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.

Garda Vetted Parents

With the school tour season fast approaching, we will be requesting parents to accompany the children. In order to be eligible parents must be Garda Vetted. If you haven't already done so, please call into the office to collect a form and return as soon as possible. Please be aware that even if you have already been Garda vetted with another organisation, you still need to apply for Garda vetting with our school. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Athletics

Congratulations to all our wonderful athletes who participated in the race in Porterstown Park yesterday. Thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for all their hard work.

Soccer

Congratulations to the boys soccer team who won their match against Francis Xavier yesterday. Thomas Liu scored a goal for St. Mochta's and at half time the score was 1:1. The team played really well together and Mark Dromey scored two more goals. Final score 3:1. Well done boys and thanks to Ms. Gorby and Mr. Mullarkey for organising the team.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Zoe Hill from Mr. Terry's class who won the in-school Spelling Bee last Friday. Zoe will now go on to represent the school at the Eason Spelling Bee County Final in the Red Cow Hotel at the end of March. We wish her the best of luck. Thank you and well done to all the children of 6th class who took part.

Biz World

Ms. Mackle's 5th class are taking part in a Biz World workshop next Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March. The students will learn about money management and enterprise in fun and creative ways. They will work in teams to learn and undertake the tasks involved in setting up a business and will get an opportunity to pitch their idea to a "Dragon". We hope the students enjoy the workshop and come away with invaluable life skills.

Confirmation Reception

This year Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 4th April. The Parents Association are requesting parents of 5th class children to volunteer to help with the reception in the Parish Centre after the Confirmation ceremony. If you think you can spare some time from 11.00am – 2.00pm on the day, please contact the PA at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie. Thank you for your continued support.

Birthday Invitations

We ask you to refrain from distributing birthday invitations at school on behalf of your child. It can be very upsetting for the children who do not receive an invite!

CCC Open Afternoon & Evening

Castleknock Community College will be hosting an Open Afternoon today Wednesday 15th 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.

Suranne Kelly

Congratulation to Suranne Kelly in 5th class, who is receiving awards for her modelling activities this weekend.. Well done Suranne!

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.

St.Mochtas FC Easter Camp

St. Mochtas FC/BALON Easter Camp takes place from 11th-13th April from 9.30 am to 1.30pm. Places are limited and registration closes on 4th April. Register online at stmochtasfc.com.

Westmanstown GAA Easter Camp

Westmanstown GAA Easter Camp takes place from Tuesday April 18th – Friday April 21st. Please contact the club Games Promotion Officer Declan Jennings at 085-8006101 for further information.