

**Scéalta 25**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**7<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Special Thank you!**

A huge thanks again to all the parents/guardians who answered our appeal to help open the school last Monday. It was really heart-warming to see such a response to dig the school out of the snow! Many thanks.

Thanks to our builders for clearing away all of the extra snow on our yards. We are delighted to get back outside each day!

**Book Week**

- Many thanks to Ms. Leddy 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.
- Thanks to Ms. Schmidt for organising Ms. Jackie Burke, children's author, to visit St. Mochta's yesterday. The boys and girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed storytelling with Jackie.

**Confirmation**

- All of our Confirmation Candidates are preparing to celebrate their Confirmation at St. Mochta's Church next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 11.00am.
- The Parents' Association will be available at the school on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 12 noon to distribute the confirmation robes – please collect your robes at the appointed times.
- A special information email to parents/guardians of Confirmation Candidates was sent yesterday.
- An invitation to attend the ceremony was also emailed to all parents/guardians of 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils not making their Confirmation.

**Appeal for Help with Catering for Confirmation**

***We are appealing for volunteers – especially from parents/guardians of pupils in 5<sup>th</sup> Class – to help with the catering at the Parish Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. This is an important occasion for the children and their parents to gather together after the ceremony. Everybody enjoys the time with their friends. However, this can only happen with the support of volunteers. Please help. Email Fiona, PA, at [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie) to let her know if you can help. The ceremony itself starts at 11.00am and will finish towards 1.00pm.***

### **County Photos**

- The photographer will visit our school next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March to take Confirmation photos.
- All photos ordered for the whole school recently should be delivered in the next week and will be distributed as soon as they arrive.

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

Due to the Red Weather alert last Friday, the start of the Cycle Safety Training was postponed. The first part of this training starts this Thursday in the Class Room. Further training takes place in the yards on the following weeks. A payment link for the amount of €15.00 has been emailed to all 5<sup>th</sup> Class parents/guardians. Thank you to all those who have paid so far. If you have not yet had the opportunity to pay, please do so as soon as possible.

### **Stay Safe Programme**

During January and February, the Stay Safe programme was taught at the school. An email will be sent to all parents/guardians toward the end of the week with further details.

### **Peter Pan**

The first performance of Peter Pan takes place in the Draíocht tonight. We take this opportunity to thank everybody involved. We wish all the children involved the very best of luck. Break a leg!

The Peter Pan Fundraising Group has been very fortunate to have a number of prizes donated to the school. They would like one of our pupils to have the opportunity to win these amazing prizes. This raffle is limited to the boys and girls of our school.

The prizes are as follows:-

- 1. Ipad**
- 2. Bike**
- 3. Peter Pan Cake**

*And many more prizes.....*

Tickets cost €2.00. Our Student Council will start collecting money this Friday and next Monday. The draw will take place next Wednesday and winners will be announced in next week's Scéalta. Good luck to all the boys and girls.

### **Community Notices**

#### **Westmanstown Gaels – Easter Camp**

The camp takes place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018. To register for the camp, please follow the link [www.westmanstowngaels.com](http://www.westmanstowngaels.com) and select kids camps or, alternatively, ring Declan Jennings on 085-8006101.

Castleknock Community College - First Year Applicants to CCC in 2019

An Open Afternoon and Evening for prospective First Year Applicants to CCC in September 2019 will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Further information will be sent home in a letter from CCC to all current 5<sup>th</sup> Class pupils.