

Scéalta 26

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

20th March 2019

The Irish Cancer Society Fundraiser

A big **THANK YOU** for the amazing support from our whole school community towards our fundraiser last Thursday. We had an amazing response and are proud to report that the sum of €2,000.00 was raised. Well done to everybody! This money will be forwarded to the Irish Cancer Society in the name of St. Mochta's National School. Thank you all for your contributions.

Traffic and Parking

- This continues to be a serious issue for our school. Mindful and respectful driving and parking practices lead to the safe arrival of our children to the school and their safety when leaving the school each day. To ensure that the children are safe, everyone must make an effort to help.

PLEASE, PLEASE BE SAFE AND RESPECTFUL BEFORE A CHILD GETS HURT

- 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 in nearby housing estates. This is both highly inconsiderate towards the residents of these estates and is, in fact, illegal. 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. Avoid parking in nearby housing estates and do not obstruct local residents' driveways. Think safety, courtesy and consideration at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.
- The Clonsilla Inn by kind permission has given us the use of their back car park during school term (afternoons only), so please use it.
- The **School Car Park is strictly for staff only.**
- We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Traffic Wardens who keep our children safe while crossing the roads around the school and encourage both parents and children to cross at the designated crossings only.

We thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Soccer Update

Hard luck to our boys soccer team who played really well in their match against Corduff last Thursday. On the balance of play, they deserved at least a draw. Bobby Donovan scored with a wonderful left footed free kick and the team were unfortunate not to convert any of the other chances they created. The team shows

Green Flag

As our school is working towards a new flag this year - the Global Citizenship Litter and Waste Flag – we are encouraging all children in our school to phase out, or minimise, unnecessary single-use plastics. Please support the school and help us achieve this flag. Thank you.

Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE)

During March and April 2018, under the heading 'Taking Care of My Body', the lessons related to RSE will be taught. An email will be sent tomorrow to all parents/guardians with further information.

Update on our Aldi Posters!

Huge thanks to everybody for helping to fill our third and fourth Aldi Play Rugby Posters. We now have our 5th Poster on display. Please continue to collect the Aldi Play Rugby stickers and hand them to your teacher. This competition runs until 7th April, 2019, so we have just over two weeks to go. Thank you for your support.

Fundraising Committee

To help with raising additional funds for our place to play, the committee is organising a sponsored run for students – **Mochta's to Moscow!** The run will take place during school hours 8th – 12th April 2019. More details will follow.

Messages from the PA

- The PA have organised a clothing collection to take place on the revised date of Saturday 6th April 2019. Start clearing out now! Further details will follow shortly.
- A letter went home with 5th class pupils last week to request volunteers to help with the Confirmation reception on Monday 1st April. Please see letter for more information or email parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie.

Community Notices

- Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th 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.
- Castleknock Celtic soccer club invites boys and girls to join their Children's Football Academy (ages 4-6 year olds); also to join their teams at Under-11s (born 2008) and Under-12s (born 2007) age groups. Contact Club Secretary Tony Jordan by text 083-4111721 for further information.