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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
21st March 2018

Easter Holidays

On Friday 23rd March, all classes will finish early as follows:-

Junior Infants to 2nd Classes	Finish at 11.40am	Collect directly from the Yard
3rd Classes to 6th Classes	Finish at 12 noon	Collect from outside the main building

If you have children in the junior and senior end of the school, please respect the finish times. Early collections cannot be accommodated on this day. This is in the interest of Health and Safety of all pupils.

We wish everybody a happy and safe Easter Holiday. School will be closed from 26th March 2018 to 6th April 2018 inclusive.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Tuesday - Irish Dancing

- Thanks so much to Rosaleen Goodman who taught Irish dance steps to the 8 classes from Junior and Senior Infants yesterday. The children had great fun learning the steps with their friends. If you are interested in Irish dance classes in the area, please contact Rosaleen on 087-2685325 for further details.

Wednesday – Ceolchoirm

- All classes enjoyed the Ceolchoirm sa Halla today. Traditional Irish music was played by our talented musicians – thanks to Rosemary Duff for organising the music and to Mr. McAdam, Ms. NíMhaicín for their participation. Many of our pupils put on a fantastic display of Irish dancing for the whole school and we would like to say a big Míle Buíochas to our dancers.

Thursday – other activities ‘as Gaeilge’

- Thanks to Mr. Mullarkey for organising all our Seachtain na Gaeilge activities. There will be quizzes and other activities ‘as Gaeilge’ tomorrow.

Sam Maguire Visit

All classes were delighted to welcome the Sam Maguire Cup to their classroom this morning. Mr. Boner and David Stephenson, Games Promotion Officer, Castleknock GAA, brought the Cup to each class and every child got the opportunity to touch the cup. Many thanks to David for organising this visit.

FAI Tournament

Well done to the girls and boys who represented St. Mochta's National School at an FAI Tournament last week. Both teams did very well and we are very proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mr. Terry and Mr. Mullarkey for the work with these teams and to the parents who accompanied the teams to the tournament. A particular congratulations to the boys team who reached the final on the day.

Spelling Bee

Our 6th Class Eason's Spelling Bee 🐝 took place on Friday 16th March. Our finalists were Cian Doyle, Amy Slater, Chisom Anamdi, Sophie Kelly, Ethan Kenny, Aoife Meighan, Alba Hanrahan Alvarez and Omnia Ahmed. It was a highly contested final and the atmosphere in the school hall was tense. After a dead heat, an ultimate winner was decided. Chisom Anamdi from Ms. Fitzgerald's class claimed 1st place and took the podium to be named, St. Mochta's Spelling Bee Champion 2018. Chisom will now go forward to the Dublin regional final which will take place in April. Congratulations to all of the 6th class participants, runners up and to the our winner, Chisom and we wish her the very best of luck in the next round. Thanks to all our 6th Class teachers for organising this.

Athletics

Our runners had another very successful day yesterday at the Fingal Athletics League in Porterstown Park. Brian Odeyale and Mia Coquart won their races for a second time in row, while Oisín Campbell Shaw dug very deep to pick up his first ever victory. Eva Crowe continued her invincible form when winning yet again in very commanding fashion. Ben O' Neill, Cillian Murray, Mia O' Connor and Stephen Kane all finished 2nd. All four were only a few metres away from snatching victories. The podium positions were rounded off by Katie Roe, Abimbola Akintunde, Mia Mulligan, Niamh Sadlier, Ava Casey and Luke Fagan who all finished 3rd in their races. All our runners contributed to our school's success though and if we can continue this form, it should see us come away with some silverware from the final meeting in Santry on 10th April.

Thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for their hard work in preparing the teams, and to the parents who helped out on the day.

Peter Pan

The winners of the Peter Pan Draw were as follows:

1st	IPad	Orson Fagan, Ms. Kelly's 2nd Class
2nd	Bike	Clodagh Begley, Ms. Toland's 2nd Class
3rd	Cake and Base Entertainment Voucher	Caoimhe McDermott, Mr. Kenny's 4th Class
4th	Dunboyne Castle Voucher	Alex Sheehan, Ms. DeBurca/Ms. Kealy's 3rd Class

Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to everybody for supporting the Peter Pan Draw.

Peter Pan Storage

Can you help us with storage of costumes and props. Would anybody have access to a space in a warehouse or garage? If so, Mr. Cryan would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the school reception at 01-8210499 and we can pass on your details.

Funding Letter – Voluntary Contribution

Thank you to all families who supported our Voluntary Contribution appeal so far. Another link will be emailed to parents/guardians this week.

Lost Property

The lost property area will be cleared out on Thursday 22nd March 2018. If you are missing any items, please visit the lost property to reclaim them. Any items left will be recycled over the Easter break.

Trocaire Boxes

Trócaire boxes will be collected after Easter.

Garda Vetted Parents

To enable us to participate in activities such as swimming, school tours, sporting events etc., it is essential that we have parents to help us. We invite you to become Garda Vetted through the school. Further details and forms are available through the school office. Please call in or call 01-8210499.

Community Notices

Westmanstown Gaels – Easter Camp

The camp takes place from 3rd April 2018 until 6th April. To register for the camp, please follow the link www.westmanstowngaels.com and select kids camps or, alternatively, ring Declan Jennings on 085-8006101.

St. Mochta's Football Club/Balon Easter

St. Mochta's FC is running an Easter Camp from 2nd April to 4th April from 9.30am to 1.30pm for boys and girls aged 5 to 15 years. To register on-line <https://goo.gl/GsyQ4S>

Irish Open Swimming Championships

The National Aquatic Centre has provided the school with tickets for the Irish Open Swimming Championships which takes place at the Aquatic Centre from 4th April to the 8th April 2018. Each ticket admits 2 adults and 2 children. On presenting your ticket at the NAC, you will receive a Swim Ireland goodie bag. Tickets are available from the shelves at Reception area. See www.swimireland.ie for further details.