

Scéalta 28
News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
11th April 2018

Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to our final term of school. This is going to be a very busy and exciting term with lots to look forward to. We are really looking forward to moving into our new school building at the end of June. It is very exciting to see our lovely new school since the hoarding has been removed. Look out for the lovely colours in the library area over the coming weeks. Exciting times ahead!

First Holy Communion Meeting

The 3rd Meeting of parents/guardians of children preparing for their First Holy Communion will take place in St. Mochta's Church on Monday 16th April next at 8.00pm.

Athletics

Our school athletics team participated in the Fingal Athletics Finals at Morton Stadium yesterday. After all their preparations, we are extremely proud of every boy and girl who represented St. Mochta's National School. There were 54 runners participating. The weather was not very kind on the day, but this did not affect our athletes. Results area as follows:-

- 3rd Class girls - Mia Coquart and Sarah Kane won their races, Lucy Collins came 2nd and Grace Murphy 3rd. 3rd Class boys - Alex Martin and Tadhg Coyle won their races. Kacper Szczurek was 2nd and Oisín Campbell Shaw was 3rd.
- 4th Class girls - Eva Crowe was 1st and Maia Mulligan was 3rd. 4th Class boys - Ben O'Neill came 1st.
- 5th Class girls - Jodie Milongo, Mia O'Connor and Isabelle Maher were 3rd in their races. 5th Class boys - Stephen Kane was 1st in his race. Sam Moloney and Brian Odeyale were 2nd. Dylan Maher was 3rd.
- Ava Casey came 1st for the 6th Class girls and Jamie Tucker was 3rd for the 6th Class boys.

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

Camogie Team

Congratulations to our Camogie Team who had their first match yesterday. The match was played against the Scoil Óilibhéir Team and resulted in a draw. Thanks to Ms. McNally and Ms. Fitzgerald for all their work in preparing the team.

Confirmation Photos

County Photos delivered the Confirmation Proofs which were distributed to 6th Classes today. Should you wish to purchase photos, please complete the order form and return the form,

together with the exact amount, in the envelope provided. County Photos will be collecting order forms on Thursday 19th April, so please return your order by this date.

Funding Letter – Voluntary Contribution

This letter was emailed to all families before the Easter Break. Thank you to all families who supported our Voluntary Contribution appeal so far. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, another link will be emailed to parents/guardians this week.

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire boxes will be collected from the school next week. Please return your boxes to the school as soon as possible. On behalf of Trócaire, thank you for supporting this Lenten Campaign.

Child Protection

We remind you of the following:

- For the safety of the children in the school building, the gates will be locked from 8.55am each morning. Please ensure that your child is in before that time – if you arrive at the school after this time, please sign them on the **Late Arrivals Sheet** in Reception and your child can then proceed to their classroom.
- Any adults admitted to the building who are not members of staff will be required to sign-in and wear a lanyard with '**Visitor**' clearly labelled on it.
- If you are collecting your child for an appointment, please continue to sign the child out with the time you are taking them.
- Thank you to all of our parents who give so generously of their time to support school activities. We really appreciate it. To enable us to continue participating in activities such as swimming, school tours, sporting events, etc., it is essential that we have parents to help us. We are required to Garda Vet all of our volunteers and invite you to become Garda Vetted through the school. Further details and forms are available from the office. Please call in or call 01-8210499.

School Reminders

- Opening Time – the school gates open at 8.30am in the morning. Please note that school personnel are not available to supervise before this time. Please do not leave your children unattended before 8.30am.
- Leaving School Early – Should you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please inform the teacher in advance by writing a note in the school journal or sending in a note. All pupils leaving the school premises before the end of the school day must be signed out at Reception by a parent/guardian.
- Mobile Phones – please be advised that the use of mobile phones in school is not allowed. We do understand that some children may need to carry phones and would like to remind you that they must be switched off and kept in their schoolbags at all times. Children who bring mobile phones into school do so at their own risk.

- Contact Details – Should any of your personal contact information change, it is important that you inform the office as soon as possible. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.
- Label all Clothing – At the end of each term, all lost property, including clothing, is brought to the Recycling Centre. This can be avoided if all clothing is labelled correctly – we encourage you to do this and it may avoid unnecessary extra costs.

Community Notices

Girls Rugby

Westmanstown Girls Rugby are having an open day in Westmanstown/Garda RFC. All girls between the ages of 5 and 18 years are invited to go to the club and take part in a training session which will take place on the morning of Saturday 14th April, registration will be from 11 am with the session running from 11.30am to 12.30pm. There is no experience necessary to take part; the session is designed to suit everyone whether they have ever held a rugby ball before or not.

After the training session, the girls under 18s Sevens Interprovincial matches will take place in the club, these matches are always a great display of rugby. There will be entertainment on the day too with tuck shop, bake sale, face painting, and raffle and much more.