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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
5th April 2017

Easter Holidays

Junior and Senior Infants will finish school at 11.50am and all other classes will finish at 12 noon on Friday 7th April. The school will re-open on Monday 24th April. We wish you a very Happy Easter!

Building Update

As you know by now, the construction of our new school will start on 10th April 2017. This means, we will see some physical changes to the school on our return after the Easter Break. Further information in our ***Building Bulletin*** will be emailed to you tomorrow to help prepare you and your child for their return to school.

In the meantime, the Board of Management would like to establish a Build Sub Committee and we are asking members of the parent body to join this committee. The group will meet regularly throughout the construction of our new school. Civil Engineers, Quantity Surveyors or any parents with a skillset are welcome. If you have a particular skill, which may be relevant and might benefit the school going forward, we would welcome your assistance. If you are interested, please email the school at st_mochtas@eircom.net

School Website: www.stmochtas.ie
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Confirmation Ceremony

Huge congratulations and well done to our 6th Class pupils who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation yesterday. The ceremony was beautiful and the children were a credit to the school. Special thanks to Mr. Brennan, Mr. Terry, Ms. Cummins Mr. McAdam and Ms. Fitzgerald for all their hard work in preparing the classes. Well done to our choir, Mr. Cryan and musicians Rosemary Duff, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Stewart and Ms. Ryan for the wonderful music and singing. We hope everyone enjoyed the day.

Parents Association

The Parents Association would like to thank all the parents who volunteered yesterday at the Parish Centre. Without your help the day wouldn't have been the success it was. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Our attention is now focused on making the Communion celebrations as special. We will be looking for volunteers, especially from the parents of 1st class children to help with the Reception in the Parish Centre on 6th and 20th May. A note will be sent home after the Easter break. We are most grateful for any help you can give.

Thank You
The Parents Association

School Sports

- Well done to the boys Soccer team who played brilliantly at a 5-side tournament last Friday. They had 2 great wins and a hard fought draw and were very unlucky not to progress to the semi-final. Thanks to Mr. Mullarkey and Ms. Gorby for training the team.
- Cricket
The very best of luck to St.Mochta's cricket team who take part in the Leprechaun Cup on Tuesday 25th April.

Athletics

Well done to all our runners who took part in the final race meet of the Fingal Athletics League in Morton Stadium, Santry yesterday. Despite facing competition from not just the schools in Dublin 15, but all of North County, we had our most successful day of the year and finished with eight victories.

Eva Crowe dominated her race once more claiming her fourth successive win and finished the year with a very impressive four victories out of four races.

Ben O' Neill saved his best performance of the season until the last race of the season, finally claiming a victory he came so tantalisingly close to in Porterstown Park.

Our hugely talented, dedicated and hardworking 4th Class boys' team came away with five individual victories. Sam Moloney, Brian Odeyale, Max Koniorczyk, Dylan Maher and Stephen Kane won their respective races. Special mention must go to Max, who after being tripped up when leading his race, dusted himself off and undaunted went on to win on his second attempt. Mike Boland deserves great credit as well; who in a very brave performance dug deep to finish 2nd.

In the most exciting race of the day, Isabelle Reilly showed guts and determination to snatch the lead only a few metres from the finish line, coming home only inches ahead of 2nd place. Another fantastic performance from one of our 4th Class athletes came from Mia O' Connor who was 3rd in her race.

Adding to these phenomenal performances were two 5th Class girls, Eghosa Nugba and Tara Norton, who both finished 3rd in the categories.

Special thanks to Mr. Kenny for all his hard work in preparing the teams and who every week since September has given up one of his lunch breaks to ensure our children have had a chance to partake in sport on a regular basis.

Girls Gaelic Football

We welcome girls from 4th, 5th & 6th classes to football training every Tuesday at lunchtime. Please ensure your child brings boots and a gum shield for training. Thank you to Ms. Schmidt for organising and Declan Jennings from Westmanstown GAA for training the girls.

Swimming Lessons

The students in 3rd & 4th classes will begin swimming lessons on 11th May. Further details will be emailed to all parents after the Easter break.

Homework Club

There are limited places available in Homework Club which runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.30 – 4pm. Please contact Ms.Aherne or Ms Hayden directly for more information.

2nd Class Communion Project

Our 2nd classes are busy preparing for their Communion and are working on a very important project. They are kindly asking anyone who may have magazines at home, to have a look through them and pull out any pages that contain the colours blue, yellow or red. If these could be sent in to Ms.Schmidt or any other 2nd class teacher, it would be much appreciated.

Doodle4Google

The Doodle4Google final took place on Monday 3rd April. Congratulations to Sophie Hunt from Ms.Kane's Senior Infant class who represented our school so well. We are so proud of Sophie and we hope she and her family had a fantastic day.

Lost Property

Please note there is a large quantity of coats, jumpers and tracksuit tops in our lost property area. If your child is missing any item of clothing, please check lost property through the red doors to the right of Reception. Any items not collected will be given to charity this week.

School Shows - Storage Props & Costumes

We need a place to store our costumes and props urgently. They do not need to be in the same place. If anyone knows of storage space going which is free or reasonably priced, please contact the school.

Congratulations to our pupils past and present who had great success in the Féile competition last weekend. Well done to both Castleknock and Westmanstown GAA teams who both won in their respective divisions.

Easter Camps

- Please note that due to construction work starting on site, there will be no Easter Camp in the school this year.
- Castleknock GAA Easter Camp takes place from 10th-13th April at Tír Na nÓg. (Beside Castleknock Community College) from 10 am to 2pm. For further details contact Lisa Kiernan 086-1022296 or lisakiernan1@gmail.com.
- 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.