

# Scéalta 28

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

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

### Confirmation

- Congratulations to all our Candidates who celebrated their Confirmation last Monday. It was a lovely ceremony and we are very proud of all our boys and girls.
- Thank you to our teachers, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Brown, Mr. McAdam and Ms. Wall who prepared the children so well for this sacrament.
- A special thank you also to Mary Greene from our Parish for all her work in helping with the preparations. Thanks to Bishop Field, Fr. Ward and Deacon Tim for making the ceremony so special for each candidate.
- Thanks to our school choir for the lovely music and singing which added to the special ceremony. Thanks to Mr. Cryan, Mr. Terry, Ms. McCarthy and Rosemary for their work preparing the Choir.
- A huge Thank You as ever, to our wonderful PA and volunteer parents who catered for all families and friends who attended the ceremony. This ensured that all our candidates have the opportunity to mix with their friends after the ceremony.
- County Photos have taken photos of all our boys and girls yesterday. Order forms will be circulated as soon as we receive them.

### First Holy Communion

The next Parent Meeting for children preparing for their First Holy Communion will take place at 8.00pm at St. Mochta's Church next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

### Success for our School Choir

Huge congratulations to our School Choir who participated in the 2019 Waltons Music for School Competition and were selected from the many schools around the country who submitted performances to be in the top 6 finalists! This is the first time that St. Mochta's National School have entered this competition and to reach this level is an amazing achievement. The Choir will now take part in the finals which takes place in the National Concert Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May next. Please click on the link below for further information and details. Many thanks to Mr. Cryan, Mr. McAdam, Ms. McCarney Ms. Stewart and Ms. Griffin for all their work preparing the choir for their entry to this competition.

<https://www.newschool.ie/music-for-schools-competition/2019-competition/#1553965313252-cb802dcd-3ddc>

### Visit to the Dáil

In recognition of the centenary celebrations of the First Dáil, Mr. Boner's 5<sup>th</sup> class visited the Dáil today. We hope they had an enjoyable trip. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising the visit

and to the parents who attended with the class. Further information on the Dáil can be found by clicking on the following link: <https://www.dail100.ie/en>

### **Credit Union Quiz**

We wish our Credit Union Quiz Team the very best of luck as they participate in the final at the RDS on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The team has been working very hard and no matter what the outcome, we are so proud of their efforts and enthusiasm. Good luck to you all from everybody at the school. Thanks to Ms. McGloin and Mr. McAdam for their work in preparing the team.

### **Sports Updates**

- Congratulations to Dáire Macken who represented Ireland in the very first Junior CP Football Tournament which was held in Dublin over the weekend. He played against teams from Scotland, England Northern Ireland and the USA. We hope to see him in the Green Jersey again soon. Well done Dáire!
- Congratulations to our Camogie Team who had a great win last Thursday against Scoil Oilibheir. Today, they play St. Benedicts and we wish the very best of luck.
- Well done to the Girls Soccer Team who took part in the FAI Schools 5-a-side competition in Abbotstown yesterday. The girls performed fantastically, showing great skill and teamwork. After a very tough opening game the girls went on to win two out of their four group games scoring some amazing goals along the way. Considering our team was made up of girls from only 5th class, due to the Confirmation day, competing against schools with girls picked from 5th and 6th it shows the talent that the team has and how well they performed. The future is looking bright! The team included Viola Garganego, Maia Mulligan, Lucy McNamara, Eva Crowe, Bola Akintunde, Anais Buckley, Róisín Foran and Caoimhe McDermott. Well done girls and thank you to Mr. Terry for coaching the team and Ms. Cummins for helping out on the day.
- The boys Soccer Team are taking part in a 5-a-side competition today in Abbotstown and there will be further details on this next week.

### **Update on our Aldi Posters!**

Thank you so much for your amazing support – we have just returned our 6<sup>th</sup> and final poster! Fingers crosser our school will be selected!

### **Mochta's to Moscow!**

We hope all our boys and girls are preparing to run from Mochta's to Moscow next week. Sponsorship cards were distributed last week and can be returned to your class teacher. Every contribution to the run is welcome. All cards returned by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, will be placed in a draw and there are lots of exciting seller prizes. Many thanks to our Fundraising Committee for organising this event. Thanks in advance for your support.

### **Build Update**

We are delighted to announce that the next phase of our new building will be ready to move into over the Easter Break. On the children's return to school, all our girls and boys will be in their new classes! This is very exciting and it will be wonderful to have everybody under the same roof. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase (including the yard and ball courts) is next. Unfortunately, this will mean a significant reduction in yard space and no access to the field until the end of June – thankfully, it is for a very short period of time in the scheme of things. Thank you for your continued understanding and support during construction. Further details on what will happen over the coming weeks will be emailed to you shortly from our Board of Management.

### **Messages from the PA**

The PA have organised a clothing collection to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 10am to 1.00pm. The bags have not yet arrived at the school, but please feel free to use any large plastic bags.

### **Early Closure for the Easter Holidays**

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, all classes will finish early as follows:-

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

*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.*

### **HSE Vaccinations – Junior Infants**

Please check your child's school bag today. There should be a letter from the HSE confirming that vaccinations will take place at the school on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

### **Community Notices**

- Edmund Rice College is holding a quiz night on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in St Brigid's GAA club**. The night will be all about fun, and while there will be prizes for the winning team, you definitely don't have to be Einstein to win. There will also be a raffle so you have lots of chances to leave and say you won at the quiz night! Entry is €10 per person (or €40 for a team of four).
- Westmanstown GAA will hold an Easter Camp – Hurling, Football, Camogie – from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 2.30pm each day. Cost is €50 per child. Register and pay on line using the following link <https://payments.gardawestmanstowngaels.com/>
- Castleknock Community College will hold their annual Plant Sale on Saturday and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 5pm. Pre orders available by phoning 085-7540888. Debit and Credit Card facilities available at the weekend of the sale!