

Scéalta 29

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

10th April 2019

Early Closure for the Easter Holidays

This Friday, all classes will finish early as follows:-

Junior Infants to 2 nd Classes	Finish at 11.40am	Collect directly from the Yard
3 rd Classes to 6 th 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.

Important message for parents/guardians of children from 1st to 4th Classes

As you are already aware, we are looking forward to all children from 1st to 4th Classes arriving back after the Easter break to their new classroom. Movement of all furniture, etc., and set up of the new classroom will take place during the second week of the break.

With this in mind, and in the interest of Health and Safety, the Board of Management has made a decision to **delay the return of all children from 1st to 4th Classes until Tuesday 30th April 2019.**

We apologise for any inconvenience caused but this decision is made in the best interest of our pupils.

Mochta's to Moscow!

We hope all our boys and girls are enjoying their run from Mochta's to Moscow! Sponsorship cards are due in this week and should be returned to your class teacher. Every contribution is welcome. Thank you to our Fundraising Committee for organising this event. We will update you after the Easter break.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our Credit Union Quiz team of Owen Hughes, Rachel Griffin, Conor McCann and Morgan Dunning who had a fantastic day in the RDS on Sunday at the All-Ireland Final. The team put in an impressive performance against 46 other Under 11 teams from across Ireland. With an early start, the team enjoyed a morning of music and chats complete with a dance-off before setting into what were a challenging 10 rounds of questions. With questions ranging from: What is the capital of Ethiopia? to What is the name of the desk used by Presidents of the United States? to identifying a song played in reverse in an audio round – the team scored brilliantly. Our lucky team received watches from our local Community Credit Union for their amazing representation of both

our school and area which added to their enjoyment of a memorable day. We are all very proud of them and how well they represented St. Mochta's N.S. – well done to the Powerful 4!

New2day!

A huge congratulations and well done to Ms. Kennedy's Junior Infant Class and Ms. Naughton's Fifth Class on their News2day appearance. It was a very exciting day for all involved! If you missed the broadcast, you can view it on *RTE Player*, Search for *news2day*, and it was shown on *8th April*.

Localise Volunteering for All Award

Ms. Naughton's Fifth Class have worked extremely hard to coordinate St. Mochta's bid to be the first primary school in Ireland to achieve the Localise Volunteering for All Award. We are so proud of their efforts and we were delighted to receive the award from Comdt. Caroline Burke (Aide de Camp to An Taoiseach) on Tuesday morning. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this award.

Voluntary Contribution

Many thanks to the many families who have made a voluntary contribution so far. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so and email link will go home this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank You from the Irish Cancer Society

The school received a lovely letter from the Irish Cancer Society thanking us for supporting their Daffodil Day 2019. You might remember that we collected €2,000 last March. We are delighted to be able to support this worthy cause. Thank you again for your contribution.

Sports Updates

- The boys 5 a side team played heroically at last week's FAI tournament at the National Aquatic Centre. The team won all their group matches and in the semi final they drew 2-2 with Pope John Paul's school from Malahide and were unfortunate to be knocked out 3-2 on penalties to the eventual winners. The team played with great skill and commitment throughout the event. The squad who were such a credit to our school were Joe Sullivan, Bobby Donovan, Ciarán Connolly, Jamie Byrne, Dylan Maher, Damien Gordei, Sam Moloney and Stephen Kane. Well done boys! Mr. Mullarkey and Mr. Morgan were very proud of the team.
- Athletics – we hope our Athletics Team have a great day in Santry today and look forward to an update in the next Scéalta.

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 3rd 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.

Messages from the PA

- Thank you to everyone who supported our PA's clothing collection last Saturday and thanks to the PA for organising this fundraiser.
- There will be a talk for parents in the school who would like information on Transition to post Primary on Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm. This talk will be given by the National Parents Council and maybe of interest to parents/guardians of children from 4th to 6th class.

Dates for your Diary

7 th May 2019	Waltons Music for Schools Competition (National Concert Hall) <i>Further details to follow.</i>
9 th & 10 th May 2019	Swimming starts for children in 3 rd and 4 th Classes
14 th May 2019	School Tour for 5 th Class
14 th to 16 th May 2019	Drumcondra Testing for children from 1 st to 6 th Classes
15 th to 16 th May 2019	Vaccinations for Junior Infants
18 th May 2019	First Holy Communion Day
23 rd May 2019	There will be no school on Thursday 23rd . The Department of Education and Skills has approved a closure day for for training on the New Language Curriculum.
24 th May 2019	There will be no school on Friday 24th . St. Mochta's National School will be used as a Polling Station in the upcoming Local Elections.

Community Notices

- Autism School Dublin 15 – the 2nd Public Meeting will take place on Monday 29th April at 8.00pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown. This meeting will provide an update on the campaign for an Autism School in the area. All those interested are welcome to attend.
- Edmund Rice College is holding a quiz night on tomorrow **Thursday 11th 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).
- Luttrellstown Community College (LCC) is hosting an information evening on Thursday 11th April at 7.00pm for all 5th Class students. This evening is for potential 1st Years for the 2020 intake.
- Hansfield Educate Together is holding an Information Evening for 2020/21 applicants. This maybe of interest to parents/guardians of children in 5th and 6th Classes. It takes place on Thursday 2nd May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

- Westmanstown GAA will hold an Easter Camp – Hurling, Football, Camogie – from 23rd to 26th 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 11th and 12th May from 10am to 5pm. Pre orders available by phoning 085-7540888. Debit and Credit Card facilities available at the weekend of the sale!
- Message from the Parish – In support of St. Mochta's Parish and St. Vincent De Paul, the Percy French Troubadours will play at the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 27th April 2019 at 8.00pm. Tickets cost 15 each and are available from the Sacristy or Parish Office. All welcome.