

Scéalta 29 A

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

12th April 2019

It's been a very busy week at the school and we are sending this update in advance of the Easter break.

Build Update

We are all looking forward to moving into the 2nd Phase of our new build. A lot of work will be done over the Easter break. Information regarding entry and exit procedures will be emailed to all families before our return.

In the meantime, Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 5th Classes and 6th Classes will return to school on Monday 29th April 2019.

However, 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.

Garda Vetting

Your help with organising activities outside the school boundary is so vital and of such a great support to the school always. To be able to do this and for you to be able to continue to help us we will need parents to become Garda Vetted. This request is in line with new garda vetting legislation for schools. Please call into reception after the Easter break to collect an NVB1 Form. On completion of this form, please return it to the school reception, together with 2 pieces of ID.

The school will then get in direct contact with the Archdiocese of Dublin who will help us process your application. Further details on completing the NVB1 Form are available by following the link <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/garda-vetting-policy/>

Many thanks for your support.

Mochta's to Moscow!

Congratulations to all our boys and girls who participated in our run from Mochta's to Moscow. We made it in record time and raised a record amount of money! **Over €19,000 has been collected so far**, with the money still coming in. This is amazing and will greatly help towards the cost of our new school yard – well done to each and every boy and girl who helped to make this happen! A special thanks to our Fundraising Committee for organising, yet again, another successful fundraiser!

Sports Updates

- We wish two of our 6th Class students – Keeley Syms and Grace Ormsby the very best of luck as they represent Ireland in the World Cheerleading and Dance Competition in Orlando, Florida, over the Easter break. This is an amazing achievement. Well done on getting this far girls! Good luck in the competition.

Finally, last but not least and update on our Athletes!

On the most successful day ever for our cross country teams, our runners finished the 2018/19 season with some tremendous performances in Santry Stadium last Wednesday.

Three 3rd Class girls, Andrea Reilly, Louisa Richardson and Antonina Cygan, got us off to the best possible start by storming to three decisive wins in the opening three races. Signs are bright for the future of running in the school with such a talented young trio amongst our number.

In a very dominant performance, Mia Coquart added another win for the school. Then, Eva Crowe, who in twelve races for the school has yet to lose, once again crossed the finishing line in first. Saving his best until his final race for the school, Damien Gordei from 6th Class, with a debut win, secured our sixth and final gold.

As well as these victories, another fifteen podium places were secured by our talented runners. 2nd place finishers were Robert Kane, Ethan Maher, Louis Dowling, Alex Martin, Oisín Campbell Shaw, Ben O' Neill, Stephen Kane and lastly Isabelle Reilly, who in the closest finish of the day was mere centimetres away from first. Wrapping up the podium spots were 3rd place finishers Sarah Kane, Glen Barker, Maia Mulligan, Saoirse Phelan, Jodie Milongo, Dylan Maher and Sam Moloney.

In addition to these individual glories, there was also a double team success. We left Santry with two trophies and now the school's name will be engraved on these prestigious plaques for posterity. The first trophy was for best overall school in Dublin 15, which was already secure from this season's three meets in Porterstown Park. In addition to this, we received the ultimate accolade of being crowned best overall school in the whole of Fingal County Council. Competing against fifty-two other schools from across the county, there really is no higher achievement attainable and it is testament to the dedication and work ethic shown by the runners not only this year, but since the school first started competing in the Fingal Athletics League back in 2013.

Every single child on the teams contributed to these wins and huge credit must go to all of them. Although it is usually only the podium finishers who get their names in Scéalta, by listing the teams in full, it is important that we recognise everyone's contribution now.

The teams for the 2018/19 season were as follows;

- 3rd Class Girls; Ailbhe O' Sullivan, Andrea Reilly, Antonina Cygan, Emma Roe, Grace King, Louisa Richardson, Milly Mulreddy and Sophie O' Connor
- 3rd Class Boys; Arxhei Ibray, Daniel Hernandez, Dylan Cunningham, Ethan Maher, Josh Waters, Luke O' Connor, Nathan Donovan, Robert Kane, Ronan McGuirk and Saul Casey,
- 4th Class Girls; Alisa Merkylova, Aoibhe O' Connor, Cara Faherty, Chloe Toland, Grace Murphy, Kessi Afe, Lucy Collins, Mia Coquart and Sarah Kane

- 4th Class Boys; Alex Martin, Alexander Dziadoisz, Tadhg Coyle, Cillian Flood, Glen Barker, Joshua O' Connor, Louis Dowling and Oisín Cambell Shaw
- 5th Class Girls; Abimbola Akintunde, Eva Crowe, Katie Roe, Maia Mulligan, Rachel Sweeney, Saoirse Phelan and Sarah Costello
- 5th Class Boys; Ben O' Neill, Brendan Mullins, Cillian Murray, David Cassidy, Junior Mrisho, Rian McMahon and Ronan Miller
- 6th Class Girls; Isabelle Reilly, Jodie Milongo, Mia O' Connor, Noellia Deac and Sophie Bourg
- 6th Class Boys; Brian Odeyale, Damien Gordei, Dylan Maher, Joe Barker, Joe Sullivan, Sam Moloney and Stephen Kane

We hope the children who will be still be with us next year retain their enthusiasm for running and ensure we have another trophy laden year in 2020. To the 6th Class runners, thank you for your commitment to the cause and the pride you showed in representing the school over the years. As you head into your teenage years, we wish you the best in your future sporting endeavours and hope that in whatever field you choose, or at whatever level you compete, participation in sport becomes a lifelong enterprise for you.

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. Kenny for his enthusiasm, energy and commitment in ensuring that all our athletes are so well prepared for all their events. Thanks to Mr. Brennan for his work with the teams and to all the parents who give so generously of their time when needed.

Enjoy the Easter Break!