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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 12th September 2018

'Strictly St. Mochta's'

This exciting fundraiser is up and running. Training for our dancers starts tonight! We are thrilled to have so many keen and willing participants and thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment and wish them all the very best of luck as their 'Strictly' experience begins.

The '**BIG REVEAL**' of all the couples will take place this **FRIDAY 14th SEPT in the CLONSILLA INN at 8.30pm**. Everyone is welcome- family and friends (adults only).

A reminder that all monies raised from this fundraiser will be used towards our new school, e.g. play space for all our children. We ask all parents, guardians, family and friends to support this event. Put **Friday 16th November 2018** in your diary now! The event will take place in Westmanstown and further details on tickets will follow shortly.

Junior Infant Registration 2019

Junior Infant Applications will be available to collect from the office on Monday 17th September next. **Registration will take place on 15th, 16th and 17th October, 2018**. No postal applications will be accepted.

PE Timetable

Apologies for the delay in letting you know which day your child has PE. Your child's class teacher will let the class know which day is the PE Day shortly.

Sports Updates

- Our Boys Football Team had their first game last Wednesday against St. Patrick's NS. Unfortunately, it was not their day, but the team showed great promise and we look forward to future games. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising the team. We wish them the very best of luck tomorrow as they play their next game against Bayside National School. Good luck boys!
- We wish the Girls Football Team the very best of luck as they play their first match against Divine Mercy, Lucan, this afternoon at Somerton. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Egan and Ms. Reilly for their work with the team. Good luck girls! Tomorrow, the team play their next match against Scoil Oilibheir and we wish them the very best for this game also. Many thanks to the parents who are helping out with lifts.

Traffic Wardens

Please respect our Traffic Wardens who do a very important job everyday helping to keep your children safe as they cross the busy roads. Please do not ignore them as they do their job whether you are walking or driving to school. If you are driving your child to school, please ensure that you are safely parked before allowing your child to leave the car, as it is extremely dangerous to allow them to leave while you are in traffic. If the Traffic Wardens ask you to stop and wait, please do so and we would encourage everyone to speak to their children about road safety and the important job that the Traffic Wardens do ensuring our safety to and from school every day.

Arriving to School on Time

Please allow enough time for your child to arrive safely to school by 8.50am. Once the bell goes at this time, the Pupil Entrance Door will be locked. If your child arrives to school after 8.50am, they will need to wait in the school reception. Once all pupils have been brought to their classes from their lines, staff will be available to bring late children to class. This may take some time and we ask you to please be patient while you wait with your child.

Book Rental/Arts and Crafts Fees

Many thanks to all the families who have paid the Book Rental and Art & Craft & Pupil Insurance fees to-date. If you still need to pay these fees, a new link for outstanding amounts will be forwarded to you later today. For information on Pupil Insurance, please click on the following link

Kindly note that all **rental books will only be distributed to pupils who have paid** the Book Rental fee. We are awaiting delivery of new rental books as some of the existing books need to be replaced. Apologies if you have already paid your book rental fee and your child is awaiting their book. We hope to have the delivery of books shortly and would like to thank you for your patience.

The Art & Craft fee is essential to ensure your child has sufficient resources in class – photocopying, printing, computers and art & craft materials. We are fully dependent on the fee to provide the best possible education for your child.

School Dental Programme – 2nd, 4th & 6th Classes

Contact Forms for the School Dental Programme were sent home with all pupils in 2nd, 4th & 6th classes. These forms are being collected by the HSE tomorrow morning. Please ensure your form is completed and returned by then. If a form is not returned, the School Dental Service will have no way of contacting you to arrange an examination appointment and your child could miss out on the School Dental Programme.

St. John Ambulance – Ongar Division

A representative from St. John Ambulance will visit 6th Classes tomorrow to inform children of the work St. John Ambulance does. They are looking for new recruits also and their next course will commence on 18th September, 2018. Children in 6th Classes will have further information after their visit tomorrow.

Data Protection Policy and Privacy Note

Please note that the St. Mochta's National School's Data Protection Policy and Data Protection Privacy Notice to Parents/Guardians are available to view on the school website.

Message from the PA

The first PA committee meeting will take place next Tuesday 18th Sept @ 8pm. If you wish to join the committee, or have any issues you wish us to discuss please email

parentsassociation@stmochtass.ie

Young Entrepreneurs Club – Blanchardstown Library

This after-school club will start at Blanchardstown Library on Thursday 4th October 2018 and is aimed at children in 5th and 6th Classes. The club is free and all materials are provided. If you are interested in your child participating in the programme, there will be an information session for participants accompanied by parents/guardians at Blanchardstown Library on Saturday 15th September from 3pm to 4pm. To reserve a place at the information session, please email barry.ocarroll@fingal.ie

Community Messages

- **This year's St. Mochta's Parish Picnic Funday will be held on Saturday 29th September so gather friends and family for some great summers day fun.** Thanks to the generosity of Luttrellstown Castle & Golf Club, St. Mochta's Family Funday will be held once again in the grounds of the Castle which proved so successful last year. It is a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. So mark the date in your diary now. The day starts at 12 noon and runs till 7 pm. Admission €10 per family/car. Tickets are available from the Parish Pastoral Centre which covers admittance, raffle and live entertainment all day.
Some of the events include: Live Entertainment All Day, Marketplace – new, old, fun and fresh – everything goes! Vintage Car Rally, Old Style Carnival & Amusements, Archery, Pony Rides, BBQ & Bar, Face Painting - Bouncy Castles - Toddler Play Area, Bonny Baby Competition, Local GAA, Soccer and Rugby Clubs running Sports workshops
- A message from Brendan Harrington, Principal, Edmund Rice School. This is a new co-educational Catholic school that opened in 2017. The school currently caters for students from Castleknock, Carpenterstown and surrounding areas. Our temporary accommodation is in Mill Road, Blanchardstown Village. The school is holding an Open Evening on Monday 17th September from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please come along and meet the students and staff.
- St. Vincent's Castleknock College will hold an open night on Thursday 27th September. All boys in 5th Class only are welcome to attend with a maximum of 2 guests to accompany them. Those who wish to attend must register their interest no later than Monday 24th September by following this link [St Vincents Castleknock College Open Night](#)
- Verona Football Club – are looking for new players to add to their Under 11 Squad (born 2007). Training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm with matches on Saturdays. For further information, contact Paul 087-125-8151.
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