

**Scéalta 3**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Junior Infants 2018**

Application forms for Junior Infants starting in September 2018 will be available from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Registration will take place on **16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. Please call into the office to pick up a form. No postal applications will be accepted.

**Build Update**

The builders will be pouring concrete again this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. This means **deliveries of concrete will be made throughout the school day to the site entrance on the Clonsilla Road**. We remind you to be extra vigilant on Friday when bringing and collecting children from school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**ROAD SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL**

We remind all parents/guardians dropping children to and from school to be respectful of all road users, pedestrians and school wardens. There have been a number of complaints about dangerous and illegal parking around the school and local neighbourhoods. We would like to reiterate that the Board of Management will have no hesitation in supporting anyone who makes a complaint to the Gardaí. Please be respectful to other parents and members of our community when it comes to drop off/collection times. The safety of our children is paramount. Everybody is busy, but please allow enough time to arrive at the school safely and on time. .

**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 lollipop ladies/men 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.

**Cycle Safety**

Please take extra care when cycling to and from school. Be aware of the rules of the road and wear a helmet at all times.

**Book Rental/Art, Craft & Pupil Insurance Fees**

Thanks again to all families who have paid these fees. Kindly note that all rental books will only be distributed to pupils who have paid the book rental fee. A link for outstanding amounts will be forwarded by email towards the end of the week.

**MMR Vaccinations**

The HSE vaccination team will be visiting the school in the coming months to offer the MMR vaccine to all Junior Infant classes. A letter and information booklet has gone home with your child this week. A consent form is also included, could you please complete the form and return to us by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Sport Updates**

- Well done to everyone who participated in the cross country trials over the last two days.

- We wish the boys and girls all the best in their upcoming GAA training sessions.
- The girls GAA Team play against Mount Sackville in St. Brigid's GAA Club, this afternoon at 3.30pm. Best of luck!

### **Assemblies**

Welcome Back Assemblies were held for Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes today to mark the start of the new school year. The assemblies are the beginning of their journey for this academic year.

### **Fís Film Festival**

Congratulations to the children from Mr. Terry's 6<sup>th</sup> class last year who have been shortlisted as a finalist for the National Fís Film Festival in the Helix Theatre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Their film "Thar an nGeata" is a 5 minute short film - written, directed, produced and starring all the children from the class.

You can view the film at the <https://vimeo.com/223206476>. We look forward to walking the red carpet at the Helix!

### **Table Quiz – Triathlon Style to support Mr. Kenny**

As you may already know, Mr. Kenny has qualified to represent Ireland in the upcoming Ironman World Triathlon Championships in Hawaii. We are very proud of Mr. Kenny's achievement and would like to support him as he prepares for this event. This is a very special time for Mr. Kenny and, on behalf of his school colleagues and the community, we would like to extend our best wishes to him on this momentous achievement and as he prepares for the Ironman.

A table quiz is being organised by Mr. Brennan to support Mr. Kenny. The table quiz will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Carpenter Pub. If you would like to support his endeavours, please come along.

### **NYP**

Current 6<sup>th</sup> class students took part in the Right Click programme with the NYP last year which addressed such issues as cyberbullying, gaming and stranger danger online. This year the NYP would like to offer support and advice on these issues to parents. The first meeting will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9.45am in the NYP Shelerin Road, Clonsilla Rd. For further information, contact Mary Morris on 087-1690050.

### **Castleknock GAA**

Castleknock Football and Hurling Club are delighted to announce that AnTaoiseach Leo Varadkar will be performing the turning of the sod ceremony on the new clubhouse in Somerton this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. This is in addition to the family fun day which will run from 12pm. The club would love to have a big turnout for this historic day.