

# Scéalta 30

## News & Information for

St. Mochta's National School Community

29<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### Special Visitors to St Mochta's

We welcomed Minister for Education Jan O Sullivan and Tánaiste Joan Burton to our school today. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to show them our school. Members of our student council met both Ministers on arrival. Our Junior and Senior Infants prepared a special song for the Ministers to the theme of 'Bob the Builder'. Our choir performed a song to the tune of 'Help!'. The Ministers really enjoyed both performances. The children asked the Ministers to help us build our new school. The Ministers promised to work very hard to help us. We brought the Ministers on a tour of our school to show them how much we need a new school building. They were delighted to see our plans for our new school building. Well done to all the children and staff involved today. As a special 'thank you', Minister O' Sullivan has given our children a night off homework.

### Help required for Holy Communion Reception

Each year we kindly ask the parents of 1<sup>st</sup> class children to help out at the 2nd class Communion reception to decorate, serve tea & coffee etc. We need about 12 people to help out at each reception: 9.30am – 12.30pm. We need volunteers at both Masses to ensure car parking at the Church car park runs smoothly on the day. We need two people to look after the Church car park for each mass 9.30am – 10am.

A letter went home on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> with all the 1st class children asking parents to let us know when they can be available to help out. Please return the letter to your child's teacher by Fri 1<sup>st</sup> May letting us know when you can help. Thank You in advance for your support, St. Mochta's Parents' Association.

### Sporting News

#### Santry Cross Country

Congratulations to our cross country runners who had a very successful day in Morton Stadium in Santry yesterday. In tremendous races both Darius Lipsiuc from 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and Ben Collins from 4<sup>th</sup> won their races by 'miles'. Other fantastic displays came from 5<sup>th</sup> Class students Weronika Dudko and Scott Fagan, who both came second. Ben Rice from 6<sup>th</sup> Class and 4<sup>th</sup> Class students Eryk Fecowicz and Zoe Coquart also ran exceptionally well and all finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their races.

Our school topped the league for best overall school in Dublin 15, and came away from Santry with a trophy. Thanks to Mr Kenny for all his work with the children.

#### Girls GAA

We wish the girls the very best of luck in their match in Castleknock today GAA Club this afternoon against Holy Trinity National School. If the girls win this match they will qualify to play the semi-final League competition on Thursday.

#### Cricket

Congratulations to the St Mochta's cricket team that beat Scoil Thomais last Tuesday. It was a very tight game with St Mochta's only winning by 3 runs. The team go on to play St Patrick's tomorrow. We wish them the best of luck. We thank Mr Boner for all his hard work with the team.

#### Increase in Traffic Complaints

There has been an increase in complaints made by local residents to our school office about the carelessness and disrespect some parents/guardians who are collecting children are showing our neighbours in Limelawn. Car driveways are being blocked and driveways are being used as a turning spots and in one cases as a parking spot. We kindly remind you to park out of consideration for our neighbours or, alternatively, please use the Clonsilla Inn car park at drop off and collection times. All incidents are being reported to the Gardai. Many thanks.



### Items for your Attention!

#### May Bank Holiday

We wish all our families an enjoyable few days. Please note that school will close at the usual time on Friday and re-opens on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at the usual time of 8.50am.

#### Relationship and Sexuality Education

This is being taught in all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes from tomorrow as per our RSE Policy (available to view on school website).

#### Junior Infants – September 2015

An information meeting for parents of junior infants starting in September 2015 will be held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the hall.

#### Rosemary's Art Class

There are a limited number of places for afterschool art class for children in Junior and Senior infants. Please contact the school reception [st\\_mochtas@eircom.net](mailto:st_mochtas@eircom.net) by email if you are interested in sending your child.

#### Lego Challenge Afterschool

Children will get the opportunity learn new Science, Engineering or Maths concepts while building a working Lego model with batteries and motors each week.

There are limited places available CALL 0877198128 to book. For more details on Lego Challenge check [www.youngengineers.ie](http://www.youngengineers.ie)

#### Moving House or changing schools

If you are moving house and your child will not be returning to us in the new school year, **it is vital that you make contact the Main Office as soon as possible.** We have a number of children on waiting lists for all classes and we would like to be able to contact these parents as soon as possible.