

Scéalta 30

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

1st May 2019

Build Update

- You will have received separate emails giving information on phase 2 of the build. We do apologise to all families for any inconvenience caused. However, we are looking forward to gaining access to the new phase at the end of this week.
- From next week, lines will change for lining-up in the mornings. Staff will be available to assist children find their lines next week. In the meantime, we will update you on minor changes to collection points for children in 3rd and 4th classes shortly.
- We remind you that children in classes from **1st to 4th classes will have no school on Tuesday 7th May** enabling their class teachers to set-up the classroom for school on Wednesday.
- Children from 1st to 4th classes **will not be taking home** their rental books for the weekend.
- A reminder that in the interest of health and safety, boys and girls in 1st and 2nd classes will continue to finish school at 2.20pm for the rest of this academic year. Thank you for your co-operation.
- We apologise for any inconvenience caused but all decisions are made in the best interest of our pupils.

Welcome to our new secretary

We extend a warm welcome to our new school secretary, Anne Cantwell. Anne started with us before the Easter break and we wish her the very best in her new role in our school.

Mochta's to Moscow!

Well done again to everybody who contributed to this very successful fundraiser. If you have any money outstanding, please return it to the office as soon as possible for the final count. In the meantime, huge thanks to Romayo's for providing bottles of water and to Lidl for providing fruit (and seed boxes) for all the boys and girls. Please support these local shops.

Trócaire Boxes

Please return all Trócaire Boxes to the class teacher/office as soon as possible. On behalf of Trócaire, thank you for the support of their Lenten Campaign.

Calendar of Days

For your information, please find attached a copy of the Calendar for the next Academic Year 2019/2020.

6th Class - Confirmation Photos

The photos were distributed to all confirmation candidates. Should you wish to order photos, please complete the order form and return the exact amount to your class teacher by 8th May 2019.

Swimming – 3rd and 4th Classes

An epayment link for €26 emailed sent to you. Thank you to those who have paid already. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please pay as soon as possible. Swimming is part of the curriculum.

Dates for your Diary

7 th May 2019	Waltons Music for Schools Competition (National Concert Hall) – We wish our Choir the very best as they participate in the finals on Tuesday. We hope you enjoy the experience. The very best of luck!
7 th May 2019	No school for children from 1st to 4th Classes
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
20 th May 2019	School Photographer will take photos of First Communion children and all 2 nd class children will finish school at 12.00 noon
23 rd May 2019	There will be no school on Thursday 23rd . The Department of Education and Skills has approved a closure day 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.

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 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.

Parking in area around the school

We continue to receive complaints from our neighbours about disrespectful parking. Please, please park in a safe manner causing no obstructions to driveways.

Bringing bikes/scooters to school

If you cycle or scoot to school, please ensure you have a good, strong, secure lock. Unfortunately, a bike was taken from the school grounds yesterday.

Sports Updates

St. Mochta's 5 : St Francis Xavier 0. This game took place before the Easter break.

This was a really excellent performance from the boy's soccer team. Dylan Maher used his pace and skill to score twice in the first half and give us a 2-0 lead. In the second half he completed a brilliant hat-trick and Stephen Kane and Ben O'Neill skillfully added a goal each. Joe Sullivan in goal was superb as was the defense. The midfield led by captain Damien Gordei worked tirelessly throughout. If the team win their final group game vs Scoil Mhuire Lucan, they will progress to the League Semi final. Well done boys!

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.

Messages from the PA

- 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.

Community Notices

- 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!
- Irish Heart Foundation – there will be free CPR training held in Castleknock Community College on Thursday 9th May at 12.30pm, 2.00pm or 3.30pm. You can reserve a place by calling 8200968.