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

8th May 2019

Walton Music for Schools Competition

A huge well done to all the boys and girls in our choir who performed at the National Concert Hall yesterday. We are very proud of you all. It is the first time that our school has entered this competition and to reach the final is very special but to come 1st is an amazing achievement. Thanks to Mr. Cryan, Mr. McAdam, Ms. McCarney, Ms. Griffin and Ms. Stewart who prepared the choir so well for this very exciting experience. Please click on the link below to view the final. St. Mochta's NS was the first school to perform. Enjoy!

<https://www.rte.ie/culture/2019/0507/1047925-watch-the-music-for-schools-final/>

Build Update

Today is the first day that we are finally under one roof. Many thanks to everybody for their full co-operation while we all adjust to our new surroundings.

You may remember that a special email was sent home before Easter in relation to supervisors required to help manage the Set Down Area. We will be in a position to open this area as soon as we have enough volunteers to help. If you can help, please email volunteer@stmochtas.ie.

Health and Safety

When driving your child to school, you are asked to please ensure you are safely parked before your child gets out of the car. ***Please do not just stop your car on the main road and ask your child to jump out!*** This behaviour is dangerous and causes accidents.

Mochtas to Moscow

The final count for our Mochta's to Moscow fundraiser will be at the end of this week. Please send in any money collected to help contribute to the final figure. Many thanks to everyone for their support.

Trócaire Boxes

Trócaire have been in touch to arrange a date to collect their 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.

6th Class - Confirmation Photos

The photos were distributed to all confirmation candidates last week. Should you wish to order photos, please complete the order form and return the exact amount to your class teacher by Thursday, 9th May 2019. County photos will be collecting all orders tomorrow.

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

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 17 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 <u>no school on Thursday 23rd</u> . 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 <u>no school on Friday 24th</u> . St. Mochta's National School will be used as a Polling Station in the upcoming Local Elections.
5 th June 2019	All Junior and Senior Infant Classes will finish at 12 noon facilitating a visit from our incoming Junior Infants, September 2019.

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.

Contact Details

Please ensure the school is always updated with changes to mobile numbers for parents/guardians & emergency contacts and email addresses. These are the school's methods of communication. Contact school reception (01-8210499) with any changes.

Túsła Letter - Information for Parents & Guardians in relation to School Age Childcare

Please find attached a letter from Túsła informing parents that services that provide after school childcare must be registered with Túsła. Childminders may be exempt from registration depending on the numbers of children they are minding.

Parish Picnic

ST MOCHTA'S PARISH FUN DAY: This year's Parish Fun Day will be held **on Bank Holiday Monday, 3rd June from 1pm to 7pm**. It will be held once again in the grounds of **Luttrellstown Castle** which proved so successful over the last 11 years. It is always a great family fun day and all are welcome to attend. So mark the date in your diary now. (Over 4,000 attended last year. There is plenty of car parking spaces on the grounds.)

We want your grand items for our stalls:

- Unwanted gifts; prizes or unused gift vouchers
- Your Old Chipped Plates or Dishes
- Handbags, Belts, Jewellery (new or used)
- Bottles alcoholic and non-alcoholic
- Art/Pictures framed and/or frames,
- Ornaments, silver, crystal of any type.
- Books, CD's, DVD's Or Games (all types)
- Bread & Cakes freshly baked
(Sunday after mass or Monday morning)
- Toys in good condition with all their parts!
- Donate a prize for our raffle – it would be most welcome.
- Any end of line products that you may be able to get through your business / contacts.
- Pet Accessories in good condition
- Sponsored prizes from local businesses.
(accredited on the day in the Information Sheet)
- No Clothes or shoes please.

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.
- Dublin Parks Tennis offers coaching for boys and girls at the tennis courts in Riverwood Estate and Hartstown Community School on Saturday 11th May and at Laurel Lodge Community Centre on Wednesday 8th May. This is for children from 5 to 12 years old. Further information can be found on www.parkstennis.com or by emailing parkstennis@eircom.net.