

Scéalta 32

News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
13th May 2015

Whole School Evaluation - WSE

We have received a letter from the Inspectorate informing us that we will be having a Whole School Evaluation (WSE). This is standard practice and all schools are evaluated every couple of years. Our Evaluation will start on Wednesday 3rd June and will run until Tuesday 9th June. A team of three inspectors will work here to evaluate teaching, learning and management in the school. Parents from eight randomly selected classes will also be asked to fill out a questionnaire. These questionnaires will be delivered through the school in sealed envelopes. You will be asked to fill them out and return them to the class teacher in the sealed envelope. These will then be passed to the reporting inspector. All responses are anonymous and are not seen by staff.

The children in 4th and 6th Classes will also be asked to fill out questionnaires. These will be administered by the inspectors on the morning of 3rd June. Pre-Evaluation meetings will be held here in the school on Wednesday 20th May. Our inspectors will meet with representatives of the Parents' Association, the Board of Management and with the teaching staff.

There is nothing to worry about. Everybody is working very hard and we will aim to show how much work is being done and what a great school we have. The inspectors will want to celebrate the work of the school. If you would like any further information on this process, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Farrell. Thank you.

School Self Evaluation Questionnaires

We would be most grateful if you could complete our questionnaires on Literacy and Numeracy as detailed in last week's Scéalta. Please click on the attached link- <http://goo.gl/forms/h1tN2ziu1E> If you have more than one child in the school please complete a separate questionnaire for each child. It should take no longer than 5 minutes. Thank you in advance for your support and thank you to everyone who has completed the questionnaire to date.

Holy Communion

We extend our best wishes to all of our children in Ms. Morley and Ms. Walsh's second classes and their families for a lovely day on Saturday as they celebrate their First Holy Communion Day. We pray that this special sacrament will be a memorable day for everyone. Special thanks to our teachers and SNAs for all their work preparing the children.

Míle Buíochas

A special word of thanks to the Communion and Confirmation Class group teachers, Fr. John, Mary Greene-Byrne, the school choir together with Mr. Cryan, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Terry, Ms. Griffin, Rosemary, the PA and their volunteers for the great work they put in to these special occasions.

School Book & Stationery Ordering

Order forms for purchasing your child's next year's school books from Michael Doherty School Supplies will go home with all children next week. For every order they receive, our school will receive a commission to put toward equipment. For your child's books to be delivered by the end of June, all orders with full and correct payment must be returned to the school by Friday 29th May. Thank you for your continued support.



Items for your Attention!

Urgent Volunteers Required

Parents of children in 1st Class – volunteers are needed to host the reception after the First Communion Ceremony this Saturday 16th May in the Parish Centre. If you can lend a hand this Saturday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm, your help would be greatly appreciated. At the moment we do not have enough volunteers for this function to go ahead! Contact the parents association parentsassociatino@stmochtas.ie or the school reception.

6th Class Confirmation

A special letter will be emailed to all parents of these classes today with full details for their Confirmation Day.

Junior Infants – September 2015

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

3rd & 4th Class Swimming

The students in 3rd & 4th classes will begin swimming lessons this week. 3rd classes will be swimming each Thursday and 4th classes will be each Friday.

Date for your diary! School Closure

Due to the Referendum our school will be closed on Friday, 22nd May 2015.

3rd Class School Tour

Our 3rd Class children will be going on tour next Monday 18th. We wish them an enjoyable day. Please make sure your child is on time for school on this day. Lateness causes delays and disruption to the tour. Many thanks.