

**Scéalta 33**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

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**School Closure**

**Please note that as St. Mochta's National School will be used as a polling station for the Referendum on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, there will be no school on Friday.**

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**School Book Orders for the Academic Year 2018/2019**

Details regarding school books, etc. for the next academic year were emailed to you recently. They are also available for viewing on [www.stmochtas.ie](http://www.stmochtas.ie).

If you have chosen to order your books through Michael Doherty School Supplies, your order will be available for collection from the school in June 2018. Further details will be forwarded to you when available. In the meantime, any queries can be referred to Sarah at Michael Doherty's at 463-6680. Many thanks to our Parents Association for co-ordinating this work on your behalf.

**Payment Links:**

Links for payment of tours, swimming, book rental, art & crafts and pupil insurance have been emailed to all families. If you did not receive a link, please feel free to contact the school at 01-8210499 and we can update your email contact details.

Kindly note that fees for book rental, art & craft and pupil insurance do not have to be paid until the beginning of the academic year 2018/2019.

**General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

As you may be aware, the GDPR comes into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. St. Mochta's National School gathers and processes your child's personal data for the purposes of administering the education of your child. Information will be held by the school in manual and electronic format. To facilitate administration, we input your child's data into the school's Management Information System, Aladdin. Their electronic system for collecting data and payments is a secure system, fully compliant with General Data Protection Regulations.

Disclosure of any personal data to statutory bodies such as the Department of Education and Skills, or its agencies, will take place only in accordance with legislation or regulatory requirements. Explicit consent will be sought from Parents/Guardians, or students aged 18 or over, if the school wishes to disclose this information to a third party for any other reason.

Parents/Guardians of students have a right to access the personal data held on them by the school and to correct it if necessary.

St. Mochta's National School will continue to provide you with school information by email and text as you have been receiving information up to now. Should you wish to update your contact details, please contact the school office. If you have any queries or require clarification, please ring the office at 01-8210499.

### **Drumcondra Testing**

Drumcondra Testing for children from 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes continues this week.

### **New Junior Infants – September 2018**

Our new boys and girls who will start in Junior Infants in September 2018 visited our school last Friday. We hope they had an enjoyable first experience at St. Mochta's National School and we look forward to welcoming them back to our school for the next academic year.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Classes – First Communion**

We would like to wish all our 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion the very best of luck in the final days leading to their special day on Saturday. We wish you and all your families an enjoyable day. Children are invited to the school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 for photographs and all **2<sup>nd</sup> Class children will finish at 12.30pm** on that day.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class Swimming Lessons**

If you would like to help with the swimming classes in any way, you must be Garda Vetted through the school. Invitations to become vetted are available for collection from the office.

### **Sports Updates**

- Camogie - We wish our Camogie Team all the best as they play in their semi-final today. A special thanks to Ms. McNally and Ms. Fitzgerald for all their work in preparing the team.
- Soccer- well done to the St.Mochta's soccer team who have reached the final of the West Dublin League. The boys had a very convincing semi final win over Scoil Mhuire but know that a much tougher test will face them in the final. It's the first time the soccer team has reached a final and all the squad deserve a lot of credit for their efforts. The date, venue and opposition for the final have yet to be decided but there is great excitement in the camp as we wait to find out. Many thanks to Mr. Mullarkey and Mr. Terry for all of their work in helping prepare the team for their games.
- Hurling - Congratulations to our boys senior hurling team on their impressive victory last Thursday against Gaeilscoil Bailebhrigín in the 1/4 finals of the Cumann na mBunscol competition. We have now qualified for the semi finals on Thursday the 31st of May. We are due to play D7 Educate Together in Johnstown at 2pm. A great sense of commitment and togetherness has been evident all year within the squad. Like the soccer panel, there is great credit due to the lads who have been involved all year and hopefully we can show this spirit and togetherness next Thursday on the field of play.

- **Swimming – A Golden Day for St. Mochta’s NS at the Leinster Schools Swimming Gala!**  
Over 500 swimmers descended upon the Watershed in Kilkenny for the Leinster Schools Swimming Gala last Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Rachael Boucher, Sarah Martin, Siobhan McCann and Caoimhe Burge all swam individual events with Rachael coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m backstroke. The girls relay team won the 200m Medley in the morning session. They then followed up their win by doing the double with a nail-biting finish to win the 200m Freestyle relay. Alex Martin won 3 golds in his individual 50m Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. Alex is now seeking 3 teammates to form a relay team for next year! Congratulations to our students who represented St. Mochta’s National School so well. We are all extremely proud of your efforts.

### **Graduation Date – 6<sup>th</sup> Class**

For your diary, kindly note that the Graduation Ceremony will take place on the evening of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Further details will follow shortly.

### **Parking outside the school**

As you are aware there is limited parking outside the school. We have received a number of complaints from residents around the school where parents/guardians are parking in their driveway without permission. This is completely unacceptable. In the interest of the health and safety of our whole school community and neighbours, please park in a safe and responsible manner.

### **Peter Pan DVD**

You will be delighted to know that the Peter Pan DVD is now available to purchase. The cost of the DVD is €15. All orders must be placed by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May. To order your copy, please send the money in an envelope with your child’s name, class teacher and how many DVDs you would like to order.

### **Are you moving house/area over the coming months?**

St. Mochta’s National School has a substantial waiting list for all class levels. If you have a child in any class from Junior Infants to 5<sup>th</sup> Class and you know your family will be moving out of the area (particularly over the summer) and have to leave our school, please inform the office by email [st\\_mochtas@eircom.net](mailto:st_mochtas@eircom.net) or by ringing 01-8210499.

### **Messages from the PA**

- **1st Communion receptions**  
If you can please help with the First Communion Receptions this Saturday, email the PA [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie). This is a very special day for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils and the reception is an important part of the day where the children have the opportunity to mix with their friends after the ceremony.
- **Liberty Clothing collection** - next clothing collection will be on **Saturday 9th June**. Bags will be handed out in due course.

○ **Summer Social- Friday 22nd June**

After the huge success of last year's inaugural Summer Social, this years '**end of year**' event for all mummies/daddies/guardians/minders/mates, will take place on **Friday 22nd June 2018**, 7.30pm @ **The Crowne Plaza**, Blanchardstown. This will be a ticketed event. Further details to follow.

**Community Notices**

- A message from Declan Jennings - Westmanstown Gaels GAA Cúl Camp will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018. To register on-line, please follow this link <https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/>
- Sponsored by Sportswear Suppliers JAKO, Castleknock Celtic FC are holding their MINI-WORLD CUP in Porterstown Park from Tues 5th to Sat 9th June. For all boys & girls born 2010-2005 incl. Family event each evening and special Funday on Finals Day on Saturday. Registration at our Clubhouse Friday, 25th May 6.30-7.30pm. Text 083-4111721 or 086-1723755 for info. Application forms at [www.castleknockceltic.com](http://www.castleknockceltic.com) or at Clubhouse.