

**Scéalta 5**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**27<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Build Update**

We hope you are enjoying viewing the progress of our new school build.

Arrangements are currently in place to ensure that no deliveries are made to the building site during the school drop off and collection times. However, **Friday will be another exception. Deliveries of concrete will be made throughout the school day to the site entrance on the Clonsilla Road.** Please be extra vigilant on Friday when bringing and collecting children from school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this very important matter.

Please click on the links below to see the most up-to-date photographs of the build.

[www.facebook.com/St-Mochtas-School-Build-Action-Group-1660976074192458/](http://www.facebook.com/St-Mochtas-School-Build-Action-Group-1660976074192458/)  
[twitter.com/stmochtasns\\_bag?lang=en](https://twitter.com/stmochtasns_bag?lang=en)

**Do you have interior design expertise?**

The Board of Management is looking for any parents/guardians with interior design knowledge. If you have skills or expertise in this area and would be willing to give some time to assist the Board with the interior design of the new school, please email [st\\_mochtas@eircom.net](mailto:st_mochtas@eircom.net). Many thanks to those who have responded already.

**Traffic/Parking**

This continues to be a serious issue for our school. Mindful and respectful driving and parking practices lead to the safe arrival of our children to the school and their safety when leaving the school each day. To ensure that the children are safe, everyone must make an effort to help.

**PLEASE, PLEASE BE SAFE AND RESPECTFUL BEFORE A CHILD GETS HURT.**

**Junior Infants 2018**

Application forms for Junior Infants starting in September 2018 are available now for collection. Registration will take place on **16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. Please call into the office to pick up a form. No postal applications will be accepted.

**Current Junior Infants**

A Junior Infant Curriculum Meeting will take place for all parents of our current junior infants. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend this meeting in the PE Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 at 9.00am. For your information, the meeting will conclude at approximately 10.00am. The Parents Association will host a tea/coffee reception afterwards.

**Curriculum Letters**

Each class group of teachers have compiled letters on the curriculum your child will be learning during this academic year. These letters will be emailed to you later this week.

**Book Rental/Art, Craft & Pupil Insurance Fees**

Payments for Art, Craft & Pupil Insurance must be made by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. A final listing for insurance will be provided to the insurance company at that stage. Please pay any outstanding book rental fees also. A link for outstanding amounts will be forwarded by email towards the end of the week.

### **Garda Vetting**

Under Child Protection Guidelines, volunteers in a school require Garda Vetting. We would like to invite all our parents/guardians who would like to volunteer for various activities throughout the school year to become Garda Vetted. Garda Vetting Forms are available from school reception. If you have any queries please speak directly with Ms. Farrell. We thank you in advance for your support with this very important matter.

### **Sport Updates**

- Congratulations to the boys GAA Team on their win against Scoil Eoin Bosco at Oliver Plunkets GAA Club last week. We wish the team the very best of luck as they play St. Patrick's NS in Somerton tomorrow afternoon. .
- The girls GAA game today has been postponed to next Wednesday.
- Good luck to all the athletes representing our school in races at Newbridge House tomorrow.

Special thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Reilly, Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. Boner, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Kenny for all of their work with the teams.

### **Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2018**

Registration for families who wish their children to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be taking place in St Mochta's Pastoral Centre for St. Mochta's, St Patrick's NS and Scoil Choilm.

#### ***First Holy Communion:***

Registration Monday or Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, 2017 between 5.30 and 7pm.

#### ***Confirmation:-***

Registration will take place on Monday or Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October, between 5.30 and 7pm.

#### ***Please note:***

1. **If your child was baptised in St Mochta's Church**, you will be required to fill out full details of the Baptism on the Registration Form. If you have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate at hand please bring it along with you to Registration.
2. **For children baptised outside of St Mochta's Church**, a Baptismal Certificate **must be presented with the registration form** before your child can be enrolled on the First Holy Communion Preparation Programme. Baptismal Certificates will be returned at the Registration evening.

**Registration without Baptismal Certificates or Late registrations will NOT be accepted.**

If you require further information or wish to discuss any aspect of receiving the Sacraments please **contact Fr Paul Ward or Mary Greene at the Pastoral Centre on (01) 8213218.**

### **Parent Association Messages**

#### **Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October:** The Parents Association **AGM** will be held in the school hall on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. We invite and welcome all parents to attend this meeting (which should last around 20 minutes) and look forward to seeing you there.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** There will be a clothing collection on **Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Clothing bags will be distributed to all pupils in early October and filled bags can be dropped to the school between 11-2pm on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** - there will be a talk on 'Supporting Parents to Support their Children's Mental Health and Well-being'. All parents are welcome to attend this talk which will be held in the school hall.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** will be the date for our 'annual festive fair'. 'Team Raffle' are busy collecting prizes and sponsors for our Monster Raffle and welcome any donations from parents/ businesses. If you are in a position to donate/ support in any way please email Fiona at [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie)

### **Seminars for Parents**

#### **• Parenting for Success at School**

Joseph Driessen is a leading New Zealand and international educationalist and has 25 years experience in senior management in New Zealand schools. He will cover such topics as fostering hard work and perseverance, .....

Venue: **Dublin West Education Centre, Old Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24**  
Date: **4<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
Time: **7.00pm – 9.00pm**

#### **• Introducing Aistear to Parents of Primary School Children**

This workshop will explore how parents can value play in the classroom and offer practical ideas on how parents can support their children's learning through play at home.

Venue: **Dublin West Education Centre, Old Blessington Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24**  
Date: **30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
Time: **7.00pm – 9.00pm**

***Parents interested in the above should email [skerr@dwec.ie](mailto:skerr@dwec.ie) to register for the seminar***

### **Table Quiz – Triathlon Style to support Mr. Kenny**

As you already know, Mr. Kenny has qualified to represent Ireland in the upcoming Ironman World Triathlon Championships in Hawaii. We are very proud of Mr. Kenny's achievement and would like to support him as he prepares for this event. This is a very special time for Mr. Kenny and, on behalf of his school colleagues and the community, we would like to extend our best wishes to him on this momentous achievement and as he prepares for the Ironman. A table quiz is being organised by Mr. Brennan to support Mr. Kenny.

The table quiz will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Carpenter Pub. If you would like to support his endeavours, please come along. Teams will consist of four people at a cost of €10 per person. If you do not have a full team, please still come along and teams can be made on the night. Everybody is welcome – feel free to invite family, friends and neighbours.

### **Saint Vincent's Castleknock College**

An Open Night will be held at the College on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. All boys in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes are welcome to attend with their families. The Open Night commences at 7.00pm and families will have an opportunity to tour the school facilities and chat with students and staff. The evening is scheduled to end at approximately 9.00pm.