

**Scéalta 6**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Build Update**

We are delighted to see the high walls of our new PE Hall over the hoarding. The walls of the ground floor are almost complete. It is very exciting to see the great progress. **Deliveries of concrete will be made throughout the school day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to the site entrance on the Clonsilla Road.** This is to facilitate the completion of the ground floor slab. 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.

**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 Meetings & Letters**

- Many thanks to the parents of our current Junior Infants who attended the Curriculum Meeting last Monday morning. We hope you found the information useful. Thanks to the teachers involved for their preparation and presentations.
- Each class group of teachers have compiled letters on the curriculum your child will be learning during this academic year. These letters were emailed to you last Friday.

**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 St. Patrick's NS, Carpenterstown in Somerton - Castleknock GAA Club last week. We wish the team the very best of luck as they play Sacred Heart BNS in Somerton tomorrow afternoon. .
- The girls GAA game today takes place in Scoil Caitríona Grounds, Glasnevin. The team will play Scoil Mobhi and we wish the girls the very best of luck with their game.
- Good luck to all the athletes representing our school in the Pentathlon event at Newbridge House tomorrow.
- Fingal Athletic Leagues commence next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in Porterstown Park. Please email the school if you are in a position to help Mr. Brennan with supervision at this event. It takes place from 10.30am to 1.00pm.

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

### **A message from Mr. Kenny in Hawaii**

I would like to thank all the parents who attended my fundraising table quiz on Friday night. I was blown away by your generosity and humbled by your well wishes. It was a great send-off and has genuinely lifted my spirits ahead of the race and however the race goes for me, the night and the appreciation shown towards me are things I will never forget.

Thanks also to the PA for all their work behind the scenes. You played a massive part in the success of the quiz and for that I am hugely thankful.

### **Art & Craft Classes – Junior and Senior Infants**

Rosemary Duff, one of our SNAs, is organising classes for junior and senior infants. These classes will take place on Tuesdays from 2.40pm to 3.45pm. The cost of the four week term is €40. If you would like to register your child for the classes, please contact Rosemary directly at [rosieduff50@gmail.com](mailto:rosieduff50@gmail.com) or 087-6288134.

### **Edmund Rice College**

This college is a new co-educational Catholic Secondary School that recently opened to serve the Carpenterstown and Castleknock areas. They are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in St. Patrick's National School, Diswellstown Road. Come along and hear about their new and innovative school and meet the Principal, Brendand Harrington, together with the staff and students.

### **Parent Association Messages**

Dates for your diary:

<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	The Parents Association <b>AGM</b> 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.
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	There will be a clothing collection on <b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> . Clothing bags were sent home to all Junior Infant – 2 <sup>nd</sup> class pupils (so should be in their bags). Clothing bags for 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> classes will be distributed hopefully by Friday. Filled bags can be dropped to the school between 11-2pm on Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> October (extra bags available at the school, but ANY bag can be used).
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm</b>	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.
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	will be the date for our 'annual festive fair'. 'Team Raffle' are busy collecting prizes and sponsors for our <u>Monster Raffle</u> and welcome any donations from parents/ businesses. If you are in a position to donate/ support in any way please email Fiona at <a href="mailto:parentsassociation@stmocht.ie">parentsassociation@stmocht.ie</a>