

# Scéalta 6

News & Information for  
St. Mochta's National School Community  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

## School Closure – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Please note the school will be closed to facilitate a training day for teachers on the New Primary Language Curriculum for Primary Schools.

## Junior Infant Registration 2017

Registration will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 10.00am to 12 noon. An evening registration will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Application forms are available for collection only from the school reception.

## PA AGM

The Parent's Association hold their AGM next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the school hall. We welcome all parents to attend. If you would like to become a member of the PA Committee, please come along on the night, so that you can officially join the team! Please find a copy of the Agenda attached to this email.

## Health & Safety

We ask all cyclists (pupils, parents and siblings) who cycle to and from school daily to make sure that they dismount from their bike and walk to the bike lock up areas. For safety reasons, please refrain from cycling through the car park or on pathways around the school. It is important that all cyclists wear helmets.

## Important Notice - Wet Mornings

We have updated our procedures with regard to Wet mornings.

- All children from Junior Infants to 4<sup>th</sup> Class should enter the school through Gate 1 (as you look at the school, this gate will be on your left hand side).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Classes should walk through St. Mary's Corridor and directly into their classes.
- Junior, Senior, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes should walk through St. Mary's Corridor and line up in the School PE Hall.

### Kindly note:

- On wet mornings, Gate 2 will remain closed.
- Once you (parents/guardians) have brought your child to the hall, **please leave immediately** through the main Reception doors as it is a Health & Safety issue to have too many people gathered in the hall.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this new system.

## 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 today.

## School Choir

Our school choir will present Christmas Favourites -a concert, in December. Dates and information to follow. We will be looking for new members in the New Year.

## Junior Infants Vaccination

Our Infant children will receive their vaccinations on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016. There is no need for parents to accompany your child. Many thanks.

## Rainbows

A peer support group for children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who have experienced a bereavement or separation will commence Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October in St. Mochta's Pastoral Centre at 3.30pm. Rainbows is a **secular (non-religious)** programme. If you believe your child or children would benefit from this programme, please contact [rainbowsstmochtas@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowsstmochtas@gmail.com). More info available on [www.rainbowsireland.com](http://www.rainbowsireland.com)

### **Sporting Update**

We wish our girls GAA team the best of luck as they play away today to Scoil Maelruain, Kiltipper on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October and to our boys team who play a quarter final against St. Brigid's Boys National School tomorrow Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Good luck all!

### **Garda Vetting**

Under Child Protection Guidelines, volunteers in a school require Garda Vetting. We would like to invite all our volunteers 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.

### **After-School Scratch Programme Club**

Ms. Kelly will be facilitating a Scratch programming after-school club in the computer room from 2.30pm to 3.45pm on Tuesdays. The club is available to 6<sup>th</sup> class students and is free of charge. Spaces will have to be limited due to the number of computers available. Interested students should give their name to their class teacher by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.

Scratch is an excellent way to introduce computer programming to children. It allows them to create games, animations and interactive stories and teaches problem-solving, creativity and communication skills.

### **Coolmine Community School**

Coolmine Community School is holding an Open Evening for incoming students for September 2017 on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. It is important that parents attend this evening to receive further instructions on applying for 1<sup>st</sup> year. Registration for St. Mochta's National School will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> between 4.00pm and 5.00pm.