

# Scéalta 7

## News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Build Update

It's very exciting to see the development of the next phase of our new build. We can now see the pre-cast walls being put together and the stairs is being put in this week.

As you know, 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, **tomorrow Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> will be an exception. Deliveries of concrete will be made throughout the school day to the site entrance on the Porterstown Road.**

Please be extra vigilant on Thursday when bringing and collecting children from school. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this very important matter.

### St. Mochta's Fundraising Campaign/Tours of New School

The official launch of the '**St. Mochta's Fundraising Campaign**' will take place from 8.00pm to 9.00pm tomorrow, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This launch includes:-

- a presentation on why we need to fundraise for an adequate playground for our children.
- an introduction to **Strictly St. Mochta's**. Tickets for the event will go on sale at this meeting. They cost €20.00 each and a maximum of 4 tickets per person can be bought. The event takes place on Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> at Westmanstown Conference and Event Centre.
- the opportunity to see our fabulous new school with the option of a short tour. Our Student Council will be providing guided tours of our beautiful new building. **This evening is for adults only.** Looking forward to welcoming you to our lovely new building on the night.

Check out the following Facebook and Twitter links for updates on Strictly St. Mochta's:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmochtasschoolfundraising/>

<https://mobile.twitter.com/OurPlaceToPlay>

***Don't forget to like the page and retweet – please and thanks!***

### Parent Association AGM

The AGM for the Parents Association will also take place tomorrow, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 7.30pm to 8.00pm. All parents/guardians of pupils in St. Mochta's National School are members of the PA and you are invited to attend.

### Junior Infant Registration 2019

Junior Infant Applications are now available to collect from the office. **Registration will take place next week on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2018** from 10am to 12 noon each day. Evening registration will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. No postal applications will be accepted. Any applications received after these dates will be considered late.

### **Sacramental Updates**

A meeting for the parents of First Holy Communion Candidates will take place in the Parish Centre on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.00pm

### **Office Closing Early**

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, the school office will be closed from 2.30pm due to staff training.

### **Upcoming School Closures**

- As our school will be used as a Polling Station in the upcoming Referendum and Presidential Elections, St. Mochta's National School will be closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.
- Following this, the school will be closed for mid-term break from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018 inclusive.

### **Sports Updates**

- Best of luck to our Girls Football Team who play their semi-final of Cumann na mBunscol competition. The match will take place in Ballymun Kickhams GAA Club this afternoon at 3.00pm. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Egan and Ms. Reilly for their continued work with the team.
- Hard luck to our Boys Football Team who lost their game last Thursday. They played with great team spirit but it was not their day. Thanks to Mr. Boner for organising the team.
- The next Athletic League race meeting will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October starting at 11.00 am.

### **Hugo McCoy encourages Marathon Runner!**

We had a special visit from Garda Ollie O'Sullivan to Ms. Higgin's 1<sup>st</sup> Class yesterday. Garda O'Sullivan, together with his fellow runner from the Fire Brigade, Alex O'Shea, recently ran 32 marathons in 32 counties in 16 days. What an achievement! While running their marathon in Dublin, a boy from Ms. Higgin,s First Class, Hugo McCoy, ran 5 km in the Phoenix Park with Garda Ollie. At that stage of his run, Ollie was feeling very tired and exhausted, but thankfully, Hugo inspired him to continue and encouraged him along the way. Well done Hugo! Yesterday, Ollie came in to express his gratitude and acknowledge Hugo for helping him. The boys and girls from Ms. Higgin's Class presented Ollie with thank you cards and pens for himself and Alex.

### **Community Messages**

- **Porterstown Park Run** - Porterstown parkrun in Castleknock is celebrating its third anniversary on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am and all families living in the locality are invited to take part in the celebrations. They have planned an extra special parkrun for their third anniversary including a warm up, a big cake and tea/coffee afterwards for all those there on the morning. Everyone of all abilities and all ages are welcome to take part in parkrun, from parents walking or jogging with their kids and /or pushing buggies to dogs on a lead, parkrun is about getting up, getting out and getting active.