

# Scéalta 8

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

## School Build Update

The final application for Design Team fees was sent into the Department of Education last week and was approved. We have now received formal approval to proceed to tender. The Design Team are working on the tender documents as we speak and we are hopeful that the process can be concluded in a timely manner. Thank you to everyone involved over the last ten years and in particular to those who showed such hard work, support and commitment in recent weeks. Special thanks to our Board of Management and in particular to Tony Rock, Chairperson who worked tirelessly with our Design Team in recent weeks. Thanks also to our Build Action Group for leading our campaign. Well Done Everyone!

## Junior Infant Registration 2017

Registration is now closed and any new applications received from this date will be considered late.

## Maths Week

This week is 'Maths Week' in our school. The children are enjoying Maths trails around the school and chess tournaments in their classes.

Our pupils have also entered the **Maths Eyes Poster Competition** and the winners entries will be displayed in school reception after the competition. Thanks to all of our teachers for organising an exciting week for our children.

## Upcoming Sacramental Meetings

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Parents Meeting for Confirmation candidates takes place in St. Mochta's Church at 8pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class First Communion pupils will be attending Mass at 10am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. After Mass, the students will receive a tour of the Church.

## Mid-Term Break

School will close at normal times on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October next for our mid-term break. The school will remain closed for a week and will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 8.50 a.m.

## Halloween celebrations at St Mochta's- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

- Children from Junior Infants to 1<sup>st</sup> Class only are invited to come to school in Fancy Dress (optional). **No hand held implements please. Children in Infants to First who don't want to wear fancy dress can opt for No School Uniform instead. Please do not go to any unnecessary expense!**
- For children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October will be a non-uniform day.

## 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.

## Voluntary Contribution Letter

An email regarding the voluntary contribution and a request for on-line payment will be sent home next week. We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that this is a voluntary contribution and we thank you for whatever contribution you choose to make.

## **After School Program: European Elite Soccer: Education & Fun.**

European Elite Soccer in association with St Mochtas F.C. will run an after school program for all children in the community of Dublin 15. The idea of the program is to provide a fun & safe learning environment, where the children can play football and be introduced to extra curricular education through sport. The program will run every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 14:30 - 16:00, starting the week of Tuesday November 8th, running until Thursday December 15th. Cost is €12.50 per session (Tuesday or Thursday), or €60.00 for a 6 week block. The students will be collected, and registered outside of the national school at 14:30, and walked to St Mochtas F.C. The program finishes at 16:00, where parents will collect the students at St Mochtas F.C. All our coaches are UEFA qualified and Garda vetted, with an educational background in sports science and physical education. At all times the students will be supervised by professional staff, with a max ratio of 1 student to 10 players.

For more information check out: [www.eesacademyire.com](http://www.eesacademyire.com)

Call: 01-531200 or 085-2108185

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## **Wet Mornings**

With the autumn weather firmly upon us, we would like to remind you of the updated procedure for 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.

## **Athletics**

Congratulations to all our runners who did fantastically well in the first race of the season in Porterstown Park yesterday. Our many podium finishers were Sam Moloney, Ava Casey, Tara Norton, and Luke Fagan who finished 3rd, Niamh Sadlier, Brian Odeyale, Zoe Coquart, and Eryk Fecowicz who finished 2nd. Finally two 1st places were achieved by Eva Crowe and David Biernat, (who in the most exciting race of the day held off a fast finishing Eryk), on their first ever outings for the school.

Thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for all their hard work in preparing our teams and to the parents who assisted on the day.

### **Health & Safety**

- Mobile phones

Please be advised that the use of mobile phones in school is not allowed. We understand that some children do carry phones and we would like to remind you that they must be switched off and kept in their schoolbags at all times. Children carry mobile phones into school at their own risk.

- School Opening Time

School gates open at 8.30 in the morning. Please note that school personnel are not available before this time, so please do not leave your children to school before 8.30.

### **Parents Association**

The Parents Association are holding their first meeting of the newly elected committee tonight 19<sup>th</sup> October. All new members are invited to attend at 8pm in the school.