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News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 17th October 2018

Maths Week

This week is 'Maths Week' in our school. The children will participate in maths quizzes, chess tournaments, maths adventures and **Maths Eyes Posters**. Thanks to all of our teachers for organising an exciting week for our children and, in particular, Ms. Brennan for co-ordinating the week.

GAA Update

- Hard luck to our Girls Football Team who played their semi-final of Cumann na mBunscol competition last Wednesday. Unfortunately, it was not their day. The girls played with great team spirit and did our school proud. It was a great achievement to reach a semi-final. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Egan and Ms. Reilly for their work with the team. Thanks also to the many parents who provided lifts on the day.

Athletics Update

- Building on the success our school enjoyed in September, our runners had another very successful day at the second meeting of the Fingal Athletics League yesterday. Once again, the team finished with eight victories.
- First up were the 3rd Class girls, who set us up for a great day with Andrea Reilly, yet again, winning her race. Second places in this category went to Louisa Richardson and Emma Roe, and after having missed the last meeting, Antonina Cygan contributed to the school's success with a third place finish. In finishing third, Robert Kane was our sole podium placer amongst the 3rd Class boys. Victories by 4th Class children were achieved by Tadhg Coyle and Mia Coquart, while both Chloe Tolan and Oisín Cambell Shaw finished in second. Next up were the 5th Class races, where Eva Crowe was her usual dominant self in a winning performance. In the boys' category, both Ben O' Neill and Cillian Murray finished in second. Rachel Sweeney rounded off the podium positions in this category with a third place finish. The successes kept coming when the 6th Class races got underway. We had an incredible four wins from our runners in this category. These went to Jodie Milongo for the girls, and Stephen Kane, Brian Odeyale and Dylan Maher for the boys. Damien Gordei was second to Stephen Kane in their race. Then in two performances showing great determination, Isabelle Reilly and Sophie Bourg both finished 3rd.
- Special thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for their work with the team and to all of our parents and staff who helped on the day.

Sam Maguire visits St. Mochta's

We are all looking forward to welcoming a special visitor next Tuesday. The Sam Maguire Cup will visit our school. Children are invited to wear their Dublin jersey or their favourite county/club jersey. Please do not go to any expense – if your child does not have a club jersey, they can wear a T-shirt.

Junior Infant Registration 2019

Registration for next year's junior infants finished today. Any applications received after today will be considered late.

Halloween celebrations at St Mochta's- Thursday 25th October

- Children from Junior Infants to 1st 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 2nd to 6th Classes, Thursday 25th October will be a non-uniform day.

Office Closing Early

On Tuesday 23rd October and Wednesday 24th 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 26th October, 2018.
- Following this, the school will be closed for mid-term break from Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018 inclusive.

Dental Nurse Visiting 3rd and 5th Classes

This visit will happen next Wednesday 24th October. The nurse will discuss dental hygiene with students in 3rd and 5th Classes.

Traffic/Parking

This continues to be a serious issue for our school. Our neighbours in Limelawn are very concerned about people parking in front of their driveways. 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.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Kindly note that Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November next. A letter will be sent home after the mid-term to confirm your appointed day and time.

Have you changed your mobile number or moved house?

If your contact details have changed, please inform the school. Please remember to update your child's school records if you change address or telephone number. You can contact the school by email at info@stmochtas.ie or by dialling 01-8210499.

Messages from the PA

- Many thanks to all the parents who attended the AGM last Thursday night. The committee wishes to thank all outgoing members for their contribution and welcome all our new members.
- A clothing collection will take place on Saturday 10th November next. Start preparing clothes, shoes, etc. that you may wish to recycle.
- For your information, the children have prepared Christmas Cards this year. The printer is preparing the proofs and order sheets. The order forms will go home after the mid-term break. At this stage, you may wish to place an order for your cards.

St. Mochta's Fundraising Campaign

Many thanks to all who attended the launch of our fundraising campaign 'Our Place to Play' last Thursday night.. We were delighted to see so many parents, past and present, who took the time to call in. Thank you to our Student Council who gave very informed guided tours of our new building. Thanks to Mr. Boner for his work in co-ordinating this.

We had a fantastic response to the Strictly St. Mochta's event and tickets have been in hot demand. A waiting list has been set up for anyone who didn't get tickets on the night and we'll be in contact with you as tickets become available. If anyone else wants to go to Strictly St. Mochta's and doesn't have a ticket, please email stmochtasschoolfundraising@gmail.com, subject '**ticket request**' and your details will be added to our waiting list.

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

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

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

Community Messages

- **Porterstown Park Run** - Porterstown parkrun in Castleknock is celebrating its third anniversary on Saturday, 20th 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.
- Hansfield Educate Together Secondary School will hold an Open Evening on Tuesday 23rd October from 7pm to 9pm. All interested families from children in 5th and 6th Classes are invited to attend.