

# Scéalta 9

## News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Maths Week

Congratulations and well done to all the girls and boys who participated in the Maths Eyes Poster competition. As ever, the standard was extremely high and we are very proud of all the entries. Well done to all our winners which are listed below:-

Class Level	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Junior Infants	Mia Toth (Ms. Kane)	Gemma Doyle (Ms. Kennedy)
Senior Infants	Zofia Synakiewicz (Ms. Toland)	Olive O'Connor (Ms. Toland)
First Class	Alessia Stroe (Ms. McAuliffe)	Darius Hoza (Ms. McAuliffe)
Second Class	James Conlan (Mr. Brennan)	Feargal Browne (Mr. Brennan)
Third Class	Luke O'Connor (Ms. Corrigan)	Sophie Hill (Ms. Griffin/McLoughlin)
Fourth Class	Dara Connolly (Mr. Mullarkey)	Jun Zhen Hua Che (Mr. Mullarkey)
Fifth Class	Eva Crowe (Ms. Fitzgerald)	Brendan Mullins (Ms. Fitzgerald)
Sixth Class	Ava Sansovini (Mr. McAdam)	Jesse James Tubalado (Mr. Brown)

Prizes for the poster competition and winners of the quiz will receive their prizes tomorrow. Winners of the chess competition will be announced after the mid-term. Many thanks to Ms. Brennan for her work in this area.

### Two All Ireland Cups in one Day!

St. Mochta's National School was delighted to host two All Ireland Cups in one day - the All Ireland Ladies Senior Cup, **Brendan Martin Cup** and the All Ireland Mens Senior Cup, **Sam Maguire Cup**. With the backdrop of our new school and two All Ireland Cups, 2018 is certainly a year to remember. Special thanks to our two GPO Officers, Maria from Castleknock GAA and Declan from Westmanstown Gaels and, of course, to one of our own parents Fiona O'Connor for organising this special occasion. The children were delighted to welcome Irish Gaelic football player and All Ireland winner Ciarán Kilkenny, together with Niall Cooper, Development Officer for Dublin GAA, to the school.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> October will be a non-uniform day.

### Office Closing Early

The school office will be closed early today at 2.30pm to facilitate 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. We wish everybody an enjoyable and safe mid-term break.

### **Wedding News**

Congratulations to one of our teachers, Ms. Reilly, Junior Infants, who married Tom last week. On behalf of our whole school community, we send them every good wish.

### **Sports Update**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October last, Alex Martin, 4<sup>th</sup> Class, represented St. Mochtas National School in the Leinster Minor Schools Gala which was held in the National Aquatic Centre, Abbotstown. He entered two events – 50m Butterfly and 100m Medley and was swimming against other 11 year olds from schools all over Leinster. He won gold in the two events. Congratulations Alex and well done.

### **Lost Property**

Please check the lost property if your child is missing any jumpers, coats, etc. The lost property is currently located in the library (just inside the main reception door).

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Kindly note that Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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@stmochtast.ie](mailto:info@stmochtast.ie) or by dialling 01-8210499.

### **Messages from the PA**

- A clothing collection will take place from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November next. Start preparing clothes, shoes, etc. that you may wish to recycle. Bags will be circulated shortly. However, you may also use black bags.
- 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 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **After School Activity**

Beginning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Mr. Brennan and Mr. Kenny will be running an after school chess club. It will run from 14:45 to 13:45 on Mondays and Fridays. If your child wishes to attend, application forms with further information are available from both teachers. Any enquiries should be emailed to [chessclub1854@gmail.com](mailto:chessclub1854@gmail.com).

### **St. Mochtas Fundraising Campaign**

Rehearsals are going really well and all our dancers are continuing to practise hard in preparation for the Strictly St. Mochtas's event in November.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our main sponsor **Westend Shopping Park** for the generous support. Just to let you all know, you can enjoy free Family Fun & Frights Day at Westend Shopping Park, **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October** from 1-4pm, with free face painting, balloon artists, a pumpkin carving party (booking necessary), meet some spooky characters with storytelling as well as a series of Spook-tacular Magic Shows.

We would also like to thank our premium sponsors Hutton & Meade, Medlab and Irish Mortgage Corporation for their invaluable support.

A reminder that all monies raised from this event will be used towards creating a play space for all our children. The Fundraising Committee are calling out to the school community for any prizes for the raffle to be held on the night. All donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries, please email our Fundraising Committee at [stmochtassfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:stmochtassfundraising@gmail.com). Thank you for your ongoing support

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

We wish everybody a happy and safe mid-term break!