

**Scéalta 9**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**26<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**New School Build Update**

*Our new school building project will go to tender today. We are delighted to finally be at this stage of our project. Tenders will be due before Christmas and will be assessed. We will be appointing our contractor in the New Year and are on track to start construction before the summer holidays. This is a very exciting time for our school. We will keep you informed at each stage. Thanks to everyone in our school community for your on-going support of our project. Together, we are making it happen!*

**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.

**Maths Week**

Last week was '**Maths Week**' in our school.

Our pupils entered the **Maths Eyes Poster Competition**, took part in a table quiz and had lots of fun in a hotly contested chess tournament. The suspense will have to remain for a little longer as the winners will not be announced until after the mid-term break. Good luck to everyone and thank you to all of our teachers for organising an exciting week for our children.

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

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

**Wet Mornings**

Kindly note that where there is a light drizzle falling, wet morning procedures do not apply. We encourage you to send your children to school with a suitable coat and they will remain in their lines in the yard until school starts at 8.50 am.

**Collecting children for Appointments**

Please note times below when children are playing in the yard.

<b>All classes: -</b>	<b>10.30am to 10.40am</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes: -</b>	<b>12.00 noon to 12.30pm</b>
<b>Jr. Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes: -</b>	<b>12.35pm to 1.05pm</b>

Should you need to collect children for appointments during school, please avoid these times as you may have to wait until pupils are back in their classes.

**Personal and Family Information**

Should any of your personal information change, it is important that you let the office know as soon as possible. This applies to contact details, changes in child minders or any other personal circumstances. We appreciate your help in this matter.

### **Christmas Fair – 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Save the date! Please see the attached flyer for more information on how you can help!

If you have any prizes to donate, we would be most grateful. Thank you to Westmanstown Conference & Events Centre for sponsoring a prize. If you are interested in their Christmas Part Night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, please email [helen@westmanstown.com](mailto:helen@westmanstown.com) for further information.

### **National Concert Hall**

As part of the Music Curriculum, all 4<sup>th</sup> Classes will be going on a trip to The National Concert Hall Gallery on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, to enjoy Musical Adventures with the RTE National Symphony Orchestra. We would like to remind parents that payment must be received before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October to secure our booking. Thanking you in advance.