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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
25th October 2017

Registration Junior Infants 2018

Registration for Junior Infants starting in September 2018 is now complete. All applications received from this date will be considered late.

First Communion Meeting

A meeting for parents whose children are making their First Communion next year will take place tonight Wednesday 25th October 2017 at 8.00pm in St. Mochta's Church.

School Closures

- School will close at normal times on Friday 27th October next for our mid-term break. The school will remain closed for a week and will reopen on Monday 6th November 2017 at 8.50 am.
- The next Primary Language Curriculum training day for St. Mochta's National School will be Thursday 16th November. The school will be closed to students on that day.

Halloween celebrations at St Mochta's- Friday 27th October

- Children from Junior Infants to 1st Class 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 wear their own clothes instead. Please do not go to any unnecessary expense.
- There will be a non-uniform day for children from 2nd to 6th Classes on Friday 27th October.

Parent Teacher Meetings- Dates for your Diary

Kindly note that Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November next. A letter will be sent home after the mid-term to confirm you appointed day and time.

Maths Week

As Maths Week was delayed due to the school closure, it continues this week with quizzes, chess competition and trails. A further update will be provided after the mid-term.

Peter Pan-A Musical Adventure

Children from 5th and 6th Class have auditioned for our school musical. Children from 4th class will be auditioning on Thursday and Friday. There are very limited places available. We may need to ask some children to audition again. It is a very difficult task, so please respect our decision. Children will hopefully know the outcome before the mid-term break. However, this depends on our numbers! Thank you for your understanding.

Sports Updates

- Swimming –Congratulations to Rachael Boucher, Sarah Martin, Siobhan McCann & Caoimhe Burge on their participation in the Leinster Schools Swimming Gala which took place at the National Aquatic Centre on Sunday 22nd October 2017. All the girls are from 6th class and formed a relay team, just missing out on a medal by 0.8 of a second finishing 4th in the team medley. The girls also finished 6th in the freestyle relay. They will go on to represent the St. Mochta's National School at the National Irish Schools Gala in February. Rachael & Sarah also made the qualifying times for Nationals in their individual events along with Sarah's brother, Alex (Mr. Brennan's 3rd Class) who swam & qualified in the 50m freestyle event. Well done to you all.

- Our cross country teams had a very successful day at the opening fixture of the Fingal Athletics League. Our 3rd class runners in particular did very well and showed what fantastic talent we have coming up through our school. Wins were secured by Chloe Tolan, Sarah Kane and Tadgh Coyle, while Kacper Szczurek and Alex Martin were second. A final podium place was secured by Mia Coquart, who very bravely stood up to run in the 4th Class category, and despite running against children a year older than her, still finished in 3rd. Eva Crowe won the same race. Further victories went to Ben O’Neill (4th Class), Stephen Kane (5th Class) and Brian Odeyale (5th Class). Some other fantastic performances came from Dylan Maher (5th Class), Seán O’Brien (5th Class) and Ava Casey (6th Class) who all finished second. Rounding off the podium positions was Tara Norton (6th Class) who finished in 3rd. Thanks to the parents who helped out on the day and to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan for all their work in training the teams.

Parent Association Messages

Many thanks to all the parents and volunteers who helped with our clothing collection on Saturday 14th October. We hope to run another clothing collection in February 2018.

Please see below a list of upcoming activities.

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| Thursday 26th October 7.30pm | There will be a talk on ‘Supporting Parents to Support their Children’s Mental Health and Well-being’. All parents are welcome to attend this talk which will be held in the school hall. |
| Sunday 3rd December | will be the date for our ‘annual festive fair’. ‘Team Raffle’ are busy collecting prizes and sponsors for our <u>Monster Raffle</u> and welcome any donations from parents/ businesses. If you are in a position to donate/ support in any way please email Fiona at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie |

Luttrellstown College and Castleknock College Enrolment Policy

There is currently a review taking place of the enrolment policy in Luttrellstown and Castleknock Community Colleges. They are inviting parents to complete the following survey by the end of today, Wednesday 25th October. Thank you for your participation. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QZNLCKD>

NYP & Wellview Family Resource Centre – Parenting Programme

A Parenting Programme is being run by the Neighbourhood Youth Project (NYP, Shelerin Road) and TUSLA Wellview Family Resource Centre (Mulhuddart).

The 4 week programme includes:-

- Parents rights
- Childrens rights
- Information on child welfare
- Information and guidance on social welfare and entitlements
- Empowering parents and their effective communication with services

If you are interested in this programme, please call to one of the two locations on Friday the 27th October between 10.30-12.30am to register for the programme.