

Scéalta 16

News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
17th December 2014

The Holidays are Coming!

This is our last Scéalta for this term. We wish everybody in St Mochta's School Community every joy and blessing during this Christmas Season. Thank you for your support which we always appreciate and wishing you all the best for 2015. School will close on Friday, 19th December at 11.50 am for Junior and Senior Infants and 12 noon for all other classes. School re-opens at 8.50am on Monday 5th January 2015. Friday will be a **non-uniform day**.

Our New School Build

Members of the Board of Management had a very positive meeting with the Minister of Education Jan O Sullivan and An Tánaiste Joan Burton in Leinster House yesterday.

Both ministers are very supportive of our school building programme and have offered their full support.

They have accepted an invitation to visit our school in the new year. We are expecting formal approval from the Department by the end of the week.

Intel Science

We are very proud of the team that represented St Mochta's at the Mini-Scientist Regional Finals at the Intel Campus in Leixlip last Friday. The team members were Ben Rice, Matab Aly, Kamila Grilauskaitė and Aoife Jones. The team did very well and the judges were very impressed with the quality of the work on display and the presentation skills of the pupils. The team put a huge amount of work into their project and really enjoyed their day out. We thank Ms Murphy for all her hard work in preparing the children prior to their exhibition.

School Attendance- Well Done!

<u>Attendance Sept-Dec 14'</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<u>Sept</u>	96.5%	96.5%
<u>Oct</u>	96.9%	97%
<u>Nov</u>	95.7%	95.7%

Since September our daily attendance in school has been very high- see table above. Well done to all our pupils for this. Remember every day of learning counts!

Administration of Medicine

Non-prescription medication is not permitted in school. Under no circumstances should any medication be placed in a child's schoolbag or lunchbox without the class teacher knowing. The school cannot consider requests to administer antibiotics, throat spray, Calpol, etc. A parent must come into school to administer these medications if your child is in need.

Children who have Asthma and need to use Inhalers should be able to self-administer under adult supervision in so far as this is possible. Parents need to make the class teacher aware of the condition.

However, if your child suffers from a condition that necessitates regular administration of medicine during the school day or which may necessitate administration of emergency medication, you need to speak with the Principal or Deputy Principal who will arrange for the child's medication needs to be met. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Nollaig Shona dhaoibh go léir



Items for your Attention!

Santa's School Visit

A big Thank you goes to the Parents' Association for organising Santa's visit this week. He brought games for all classes and some small treats to everyone.

School Office Hours

The school office will close at 1pm on Friday 19th December
Normal office hours of 08.15 to 4pm will resume on Monday, 5th January 2015.

Congratulations

We extend huge congratulations to our colleague and teacher Ms. Ni Coitir who got married to Ian Donnelly last week. We wish them both every happiness in their new life together.

Best Wishes

We extend our best wishes to Ms Cummins who leaves us this week to commence her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the pitter patter of tiny feet soon.

Agreed Report December 2014

The Agreed Report from the Board of Management will be issued via email tomorrow, Thursday 18th December.

Christmas Calendars

Calendars will be distributed to children who ordered them this week. Many thanks for supporting our school's fundraiser.
If you ordered a calendar late, your calendar will be available for collection after the school holidays.

Christmas Carol Service

Both our Junior and Senior Classes are holding a Carol Service in the hall tomorrow. Special thanks to Mr Cryan and Ms Schmidt for organising this event.