

Scéalta 18

News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
14th January 2015

New School Building – Excellent News!

The Department of Education & Skills has formally approved the design of our new school building. The design phase (Stage 2a) is now complete. We have received notice to progress to the planning stage (Stage 2b). This is wonderful news for St. Mochta's National School. Our Design Team & Board of Management will be meeting with the planners and engineers in Fingal this week to commence our planning Stage. Issues raised at our recent public meeting will be brought to the attention of Fingal County Council representatives.

Primary Online Database (POD)

The Department of Education and Skills is developing an electronic database of primary school pupils called the Primary Online Database (POD) which will involve schools maintaining and returning data on pupils to the Department at individual pupil level on a live system. The database will allow the Department to evaluate progress and outcomes of pupils at primary level, to validate school enrolment returns for grant payment and teacher allocation purposes, to follow up on pupils who do not make the transfer from primary to post primary level and for statistical reporting.

An information note for parents is also being sent with this copy of the Scéalta and will be available on our school website www.stmochtas.ie.

In order to assist with the gathering of this information, please note all pupils will receive a letter going home early next week. This letter needs to be completed and returned to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 28th January, 2015. We appreciate your co-operation with this request from the Department.

2nd Parents Preparation Meeting

The next Parents Preparation Meeting for First Holy Communion will take place in St. Mochta's Church tomorrow, Thursday 15th January at 8pm. The meeting will give you, as parents, a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation so you can help prepare your child to receive the Sacrament in February. At least one parent should attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please contact the Parish office at (01) 8213218.

New LEGO CHALLENGE afterschool classes:

A new concept of edutainment (education + entertainment) for children aged 6 -11 years (1st - 5th class) is introduced for the first time in Ireland. Children will learn new Science, Engineering or Maths concepts while building a working Lego model with batteries and motors each week.

The 10 week term for these classes is starting from Monday 19th Jan @ 2.30pm. The cost for this program is €135. Each session is for 75 mins and will finish at 3.45pm.

CALL 0877198128 to BOOK EARLY as only 16 places are available.

For more details on Lego Challenge check www.youngengineers.ie



Items for your Attention!

School Photograph Day

County Photos were in the school today to take class group photos and will return tomorrow Thursday, 15th January to take individual photos of children from Junior Infants to 6th Class. It is important that your child wears full school uniform tomorrow.

4-in-1 & MMR Vaccinations – Junior Infants

The HSE will be visiting the school to vaccinate all Junior Infant children on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st January 2015. Parents do not need to accompany their child for these vaccinations.

Homework Club

Places are still available for Tuesday and Thursday supervised homework club with Ms Aherne and Ms Hayden. If you are interested in sending your child please contact the teachers directly for further information.

A Special Visitor

Our 5th and 6th Class children enjoyed a visit from Fr Flor yesterday. Fr Flor is renowned for his story telling and our children enjoyed his tales he had to tell! Thank you Fr. Flor.

Luttrellstown Community

College-Important Dates for your Diary

20th January (2015) - LCC

Information night for new entrants and parents

6th February - LCC Assessment of Incoming First Years 2015