

Scéalta 10

News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
4th November 2015

Welcome Back!

We hope everybody enjoyed their mid-term and look forward to the last term in 2015. Lots of things to look forward to, for example Science Week, Parent Teacher Meetings and the Christmas Fair,

Cats – The Musical

Thank you to everyone who auditioned for Cats – as you can imagine it was a very difficult decision to choose the cast and we are limited to numbers. Dance workshops with our choreographer, Orla Savage, will take place in the PE Hall on Friday 6th November from 2.30 to 4pm for all 4th Classes involved plus Ms. Ní Coitirs and Ms. O'Donoghues 5th Classes. On Monday 9th November, from 2.30 to 4pm, there will be workshops for all 6th Classes, and children in Mr. Mullarkeys and Ms. Cummins classes in the PE Hall. Please collect your child on time.

Science Week

It's Science Week at St. Mochta's National School from Monday 9th November to Friday 13th November. There will be a range of events and competitions taking place in the school. We hope everybody enjoys the week and will give more details next week.

Scratch at St. Mochta's!

A coding club will be starting in the computer room next week supervised by Ms Murphy. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn to code using the Scratch programme. The club will run on Tuesdays until December 15th after school from 2:30 to 3:45. There is no fee. Places are limited and preference will be given to 6th class children who are not taking part in the musical and/or on a school sports team. Interested pupils can give their names to Miss Murphy by the end of the school day this Friday.

Dates for your Diary

- The First Parents' Preparation meeting for **HOLY COMMUNION** will take place on **Thursday, 5th November at 8pm and it's for Parents only.**
- Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November – letters regarding your appointment time will go home with the children on Monday 9th November.
- HSE Vaccinations will take place on November 25th & 26th for Junior Infants.
- Christmas Fair will take place on Sunday 29th November 2015 – if you can help the Parents' Association in any way, please contact them by email and parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie.
- HSE Vision & Hearing testing will take place on December 1st to December 4th for children in Junior and Senior Infants.



Items for your Attention!

Professional Reports

Should you have any special education reports for your child, please bring a copy to the school for the attention of Ms. O'Boyce or Ms. Farrell.

Guest Speaker

The author of *Friend or Foe: 1916 Which side are you on?*, Mr. Brian Gallagher will visit our school on Friday 6th November. He will be sharing his experiences of writing the book with the 6th Classes. We hope the pupils enjoy the talk.

Sacramental Preparation

These programmes are in depth and are an important part of the preparation for parents in preparing their child to receive the Sacraments. It is important that at least one parent should attend. If you **cannot** attend please email Mary Greene pastoralcare@stmochtasparish.ie or phone the Parish Office on 018213218. Thank you.

Attendance

Well done to all pupils helping us to achieve very good attendance records during September (96.6%) and October (96.4%). Further guidelines from Túsla for parents is available by following this link. [Information on School Attendance](#)

Registration of New Junior Infants for September 2016

Round 1 offer letters are being posted today and acceptance of places have to be returned to the school by 12 noon Monday, 16th November 2015.. Due to the high volumes of applications to both Parish schools it is most important that all letters of acceptance are returned on this date - late returns will not be accepted and your child's place will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.