

# Scéalta 19

News & Information for  
St. Mochta's National School Community  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2015

## Primary Online Database (POD)

As in previous correspondence, the POD 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.

In order to assist with the gathering of this information, the letter that was sent home with your child on Monday needs to be completed and returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. We appreciate your co-operation with this request from the Department. Many thanks to those who have already returned the form to your child's class teacher. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the POD help desk on 01 8892311 or email [pod@education.gov.ie](mailto:pod@education.gov.ie) or speak directly to Ms Farrell.

## Catholic Schools Week

The theme for CSW this year is:-

### **Catholic Schools: Called to Serve**

The week begins on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. The theme invites all involved in Catholic education to examine what we understand by service and how we live out the call to serve. We are called to serve with love, kindness, joy, truth and justice. Our children will have special assemblies in school next week.

## School Collections

There are a small number of parents arriving late to collect their children from school. Our teachers and staff have other duties to attend to after school and it is unfair to leave a child waiting when all other children have gone home. If you are running late for whatever reason please telephone the school reception **at all times** on 01 8210499.

## HSE Immunisations

All Junior Infant children were immunised on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. If your child was absent for whatever reason and was due to be vaccinated, please contact the HSE Immunisation Office on 01 8975139.

## After School Activities 2015

All enquiries regarding after school activities should be directed to the activity organiser. Where the activity is organised by a staff member, you may email [st\\_mochtas@eircom.net](mailto:st_mochtas@eircom.net) and your query will be forwarded on to the relevant person.



## Items for your Attention!

### If your child is sick

Schools play a critical role in protecting the health of their students, staff and the community from contagious coughs, colds and tummy bugs. Please do not send your child to school if he/she presents with such illness.

On your child's return to school, please send in a note to teacher.

### Birthday Invitations

We ask you to refrain from distributing birthday invitations at school on behalf of your child. It can be very upsetting for the children who do not receive an invite!

### Voluntary Contribution

We are still accepting voluntary contributions. We would like to thank all parents who have contributed so far – we are very grateful for any amount we receive. Thank you.

### 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.