

Scéalta 6

News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
2nd October 2019

New Junior Infant – Academic Year 2020/2021

Application Forms for Admissions for Junior Infants Academic Year 2020/2021 are now available for collection. This form, together with appropriate documentation, should be returned to the school on one of the designated registration dates – 14th, 15th and 16th October from 10am to 12 noon. An evening registration will take place on Monday 14th October from 7pm to 9pm. Admission Application Forms received outside of these dates will be deemed late applications.

Curriculum Letters

The Curriculum Letter for each class group will be emailed to you towards the end of this week.

Amber Flag

Following the success of our Green Flag initiatives, St. Mochta's National School is now taking on the challenge of obtaining the Amber Flag. In line with the Department of Education and Skills "Wellbeing policy statement and framework for practice", the school is aiming to promote health and wellbeing in our school. In order to do this, we are forming an Amber Flag Committee. This group will consist of members of student council and teachers. We welcome any ideas/suggestions and help in relation to this and if anyone is willing to share their talents with us in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Our thanks to Ms. Hayden for co-ordinating our efforts to achieve the Amber Flag.

Safety Notices

- **Be safe crossing the road** - We ask all families to cross at the designated crossing areas with our Traffic Wardens. Some parents/guardians are crossing the road at various places on the Clonsilla Road. It is good practice to teach your children to cross the road safely under the guidance of our Traffic Wardens. Thank you for your co-operation.
- **No Climbing on Fences & Wall** - In the interest of Health and Safety, please ensure your child does not climb the walls or the railings around the school.
- With the winter mornings and evenings coming in, it is important that children can be seen. We ask all parents to ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for the winter weather and to make sure they can be seen.
- If your child uses a bicycle or scooter to come to school, please ask your child to **wear a helmet**. This is good practice and could prevent a serious injury.

We need your help – Aldi Play Rug!

The school is participating in the Aldi Play Rugby initiative to encourage kids across the country to live active and healthy lifestyles. We have the opportunity to win various prizes. If you shop at Aldi and spend over €30, **please accept the Aldi Play Rugby Stickers**. Your child can bring the stickers to school and help us fill our poster – we need 300 stickers! This promotion started last week. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Honk!

Over the coming weeks, auditions will be held for our next musical which is called Honk. In advance of the auditions, kindly note that due to the high numbers involved with the Choir, there will only be a limited number of places for other students in 4th, 5th and 6th classes. Unfortunately, this may mean disappointment for some students. Before your child applies for the auditions, please discuss with them how they will feel if they do not get a part in the show. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Set Down Area Guidelines

A letter from the Board of Management and Parent Association was sent home with each child last Thursday. Please make sure you are familiar with the guidelines and the use of our Set Down Area.

PA Annual General Meeting - Board of Management

A date for your diary – 22nd October 2019 (time to be confirmed). Please note that the AGM will take place on this date. As you are aware, the current Board of Management will soon complete its term. At the AGM, the school will be seeking new parent nominees, one male, one female, to the new Board of Management which will commence in December. The Board meet once a month to oversee all aspects of managing our school. If you have skills that could benefit the school and you are interested in serving on our Board of Management, please contact the PA or Ms. O'Boyce, Acting Principal.

Message from the Parent Association

A clothing collection will be held on Saturday 19th October from 10am to 1pm at the school. Please bring as many bags as you can to raise funds for our school.

Primary Language Curriculum – Professional Learning Programme for 2019/2020

The Department of Education and Skills has informed the school that there will be a one day training session provided to all teachers at St. Mochta's National School. The date has been confirmed and will take place on Wednesday 13th November 2019. There will be no school for children on this day. Please keep a note for your records.

Sports Updates

- Hard luck to our Girls Football Team on last week's game. We wish the Team the very best of luck as they play their next away match against Scoil Aonghusa Senior, Balrothery – Tallaght. The match takes place this afternoon in Tymon, the pitch is next to the school. Many thanks to Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Egan and Ms. Reilly for their work with the team. Good luck girls!

Community News

- **Fáilte Isteach** involves local people who volunteer to facilitate Conversational English with people who have come to live in Ireland from many different countries. Classes take place at Ongar Community Centre on Tuesdays from 10am to 12 noon, Empower, Dillon House Coolmine Business Park on Tuesdays from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and on Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. To book a place please contact 01-8209550 or email failteisteach@bap.ie.
- **Parents Plus Early Years Programme** – this is a practical and positive parenting course promoting confidence, learning and good behavior in young children aged 1 to 6 years. This 6 week course takes place every Wednesday from 9th October to 20th November from 9.30am to 12.00 noon in Parslickstown, Mulhuddart, Dublin 15. For further information or to reserve a place, please contact Nuala Kane on 086-0473991 or email nkane@empower.ie.