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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
24th June 2020

We are sharing our last Newsletter with parents/guardians of incoming Junior Infants for the Academic Year 2020/2021. Welcome to our newsletter, Scéalta. We hope you enjoyed the video prepared for you and your child starting school.

Virtual Graduation

There was a special send-off to our current 6th Class students yesterday evening. We hope you all enjoyed the class video. We hope you enjoy the summer. Every good wish and the best of luck to you as you start secondary school. Many thanks to our 6th Class teachers – Ms. Egan, Ms. Kennedy, Ms. Murphy and Mr. Brown for all their work, especially in preparing the Virtual Graduation.

A very special thanks to Julian, www.mizzoni.ie (Blanchardstown) for helping make the graduation extra special! Please support all our local businesses.

Sport's Day

We hope all the boys and girls enjoyed our Virtual Sport's Day last Friday. Well done to everybody who participated.

Special Message from the Staff of St. Mochta's National School

Look out for a final end of year message from your teacher tomorrow. There is a very special video message for all our boys and girls which will be emailed to parents/guardians tomorrow via the Aladdin App! Special thanks to all of the staff for making this special message for our children. We hope everyone enjoys it.

Agreed Report

The Board of Management Agreed Report for the final term of the school year, together with the Financial Summary of Accounts for 2018/2019, will be sent to all current parents/guardians towards the of the week.

Traffic Wardens

While we haven't seen them in a few months, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Traffic Wardens who keep our children safe while crossing the road. Many thanks for keeping our pupils safe.

General Information - Academic Year 2020/2021

- On Aladdin Connect, you can now view the list of books your child will be need for the next school year. You will receive a 10% discount by purchasing these books through the schools preferred provider Book Haven. All details and discount codes can be found on the book list.

Message from the PA 'You will receive a 10% discount by purchasing these books through the schools preferred provider Book Haven. The school will also receive a small rebate which will be used for new teaching resources. Please note any out of stock items on the Book Haven website will need to be ordered again separately.'

- Links have been created to pay fees for Book Rental and Art & Craft, Pupil Insurance, etc. ePayments can be paid through the App. These fees can be paid at any stage up to start of the school year – 27th August 2020.
- Children moving from Senior Infants to 1st Class

Boy and girls from 1st to 6th classes have a school tracksuit and a school uniform. The tracksuit is worn on PE Days. The uniform consists of a blue shirt, a navy tie, jumper/cardigan, pinafore/trousers, navy socks and black shoes.

Books for the School Library!

As mentioned in previous newsletters, your family may be doing some spring cleaning. You might be clearing some reading books that your children are finished with. The school is looking for good quality books to help fill our new library. We understand that books will already be used, but I am sure you will appreciate that the school can only accept '***as good as new***' books. Should you have books which you would like to donate, please keep them for now and we will organise to take them once St. Mochta's opens again. Many thanks, in advance, for your support.

Will your child be returning to St. Mochta's National School at the end of August

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back for the next academic year! However, if you already know that your child will not be returning to St. Mochta's National School, please make contact with us by emailing info@stmochtas.ie. There is a substantial waiting list for all class levels and it would be helpful to know if there will be vacancies in any classes.

Afterschool Care at St. Mochta's National School

If you are interested in afterschool care at the school, please contact the After-School Manager, Amanda Jones, by emailing mochtas@tigerschildcare.com or by phone 086-1704001.

Community News

Our local Scout Group, 70th Porterstown, are now taking names for Autumn 2020. The Group runs Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Sections, ranging in age from 6 to 18 years old. Please email recruitporterstownscouts@gmail.com for further details.

Summer Holiday

We wish all our families a happy and safe holiday for the summer months. While this school finished very differently, it has been our pleasure to have your child with us this year. To any child leaving our school this year, we wish you every success and happiness wherever your journey takes you.

It has been another great year and we thank everybody involved in the life of our school for making it the great place it is in which to learn and grow. We look forward to seeing most of you again at the start of the new school year on Thursday 27th August for all classes from Senior Infants to 6th Classes and on Monday 31st August for all incoming Junior Infants.

Resources during Covid 19

- Department of Education and Skills- general updates - [Link to the DES updates on COVID-19](#)
- Department of Education and Skills – where English may not be your first language [COVID 19 Translated Resources](#)
- [Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business](#)
- [Overview of Reopening Phases commencing May 18th](#)