

**Scéalta 22**  
**News & Information for**  
**St. Mochta's National School Community**  
**17<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Upcoming School Closures**

- Mid Term break takes place tomorrow Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016. We hope everybody has a safe enjoyable few days.
- As St. Mochta's National School is used as a voting station, the school will be **CLOSED** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February following the announcement of the General Election.

**Sacramental Notices**

- Faith Friends - the group that usually meet on Thursday will have their Faith Friends meeting tonight Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. Please remember to collect your child promptly at 9pm.
- First Penance & Reconciliation will take place at 7pm in St. Mochta's Church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016. Only one parent and child should attend the service. Please bring your child's Baptismal shawl/white garment or towel with you for the ceremony.

**1916 Talk for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes**

Many thanks to Mr. Roger Cantwell, a parent in our school, who very kindly gave a talk to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class students last Friday. Our pupils were treated to a very informative talk about scuba diving and some of the very exciting journeys Mr. Cantwell has taken. He also shared with the children his own family connections to 1916 and had a wide selection of artefacts to view from this period.

**Trocaire Boxes**

Trocaire boxes were sent home with the children last week. If you haven't received one, please check schoolbags. They will be collected after Easter. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Easter Camp**

Easter Camp will take place at St. Mochta's National School from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 10am to 2.30pm daily. The camp is run by teachers from the school and the emphasis is on enjoyment for the children in a fun, familiar and safe environment. Lot of exciting activities have been planned. Information will be home sent home in your child's school bag.

**Book Fair**

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school hall, from 29<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to celebrate Book Week.

The commission from sales at our fair allows us to buy new books for our classrooms. Every book you buy helps us get new books for our school. We look forward to your support again this year.

If any parent has the time to help with this event, please contact the PA at [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie)

**1916 Day**

Next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, The Junior and Senior infant classes will be learning about school life in 1916. They will dress in the clothing of the era and participate in a typical school day from that time.



**Items for your Attention!**

**Oliver Fundraiser**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March is the date set for the Fundraising Quiz for Oliver. Doors open at 7.30pm and the Quiz starts at 8.00pm in the big lounge at the Clonsilla Inn. A table of 4 costs €40 or €10 per person. Everybody is welcome to attend this event which promises to be a great night out.

**Oliver – Clothing Appeal**

A request for costumes – donations of the following

- Ladies blouses (lace, silk or ruffled)
- Flared gypsy style skirts ballet length (no black)
- Boys waist coats (confirmation sizes and bigger)
- ¾ length dark brown/black leather coat
- Shawls (no sparkles/sequins)
- ¾ length white linen trousers

These items can be dropped to school reception.

**Clothing Collection**

Bags for the Parents' Association clothing appeal will be collected next Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 8.30 until 2.30. Please do not drop bags after this time.

**Coolmine Community School**

Assessments for Incoming First Years, September 2016, will take place at Coolmine Community College next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. If your child has a place at Coolmine, please ensure he/she arrives on time for the assessment. As this is not a primary school event, it is the parent's responsibility to drop and collect your child.