

# Scéalta 25

## News & Information for St. Mochta's National School Community

13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Fundraisers at St. Mochta's in support of the Irish Cancer Society

- One of the major fundraising days for the Irish Cancer Society is Daffodil Day which takes place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March next. In support of this very worthy cause, and in conjunction with Seachtain na Gaeilge, ***St. Mochta's National School is inviting all our boys, girls and staff to wear a county jersey or any green top to school tomorrow.*** We ask people to make a donation of €2 (or whatever you can afford) which will be collected by the class teacher. On your behalf, this money will be forwarded to the Irish Cancer Society. Thank you for your support.
- Tomorrow morning, our 5<sup>th</sup> Class teachers, together with other members of staff, will be hosting a morning break selling a range of Irish nostalgic treats to staff. All proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society.

### Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge is being celebrated at St. Mochta's National School during this week. Lots of exciting things are happening:-

#### Monday - Irish Dancing

Thanks so much to Rosaleen Goodman who taught Irish dance steps to the 8 classes from Junior and Senior Infants last Monday. The children had great fun learning the steps with their friends. If you are interested in Irish dance classes in the area, please contact Rosaleen on 087-2685325 for further details.

#### Tuesday & Thursday

Thanks to Mr. Mullarkey for organising all our Seachtain na Gaeilge activities. There were quizzes, dances and other activities 'as Gaeilge' for children in classes from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> yesterday and on Thursday, boys and girls from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will have their opportunity to enjoy the activities.

#### Wednesday – Ceolchoirm

All classes enjoyed the Ceolchoirm sa Halla today. Traditional Irish music was played by our talented musicians – thanks to Rosemary Duff for organising the music and to Mr. McAdam, Ms. McCarthy and Mr. McClelland for their participation. Many of our pupils put on a fantastic display of Irish dancing for the whole school and we would like to say a big Míle Buíochas to our dancers.

### **Confirmation**

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates who celebrated the Service of Light Ceremony at St. Mochta's Church last Monday evening. We now look forward to the Confirmation Ceremony which will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – further details will be emailed to families nearer the time. Thank you to all our 6<sup>th</sup> Class teachers for their help in preparing our Candidates.

### **Athletics Team**

Another very successful day was had by our running teams in Porterstown Park yesterday. All runners performed bravely in tough windy conditions, but special mention must go to our podium finishers. We got off to a fantastic start with Antonina Cygan and Andrea Reilly winning the two opening races. Five more wins were delivered by Eva Crowe, Ben O' Neill, Jodie Milongo, Isabelle Reilly and Stephen Kane. Finishing second were Louisa Richardson, Robert Kane, Saul Casey, Chloe Tolan, Louis Dowling, Alex Martin, Cillian Flood (despite losing a shoe midrace) and an ever-improving Sophie Bourg. The final podium spots went to Sarah Kane, Bola Akintunde, Cillian Murray, Brian Odeyale, Damien Gordei and Dylan Maher. Hopefully, the teams will carry this form into the final meet of the year on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Morton Stadium, Santry. Many thanks to the parents who accompanied our Athletics Team to Porterstown Park and to Mr. Kenny & Mr. Brennan for all the work with the team.

### **Book Week continues at St. Mochta's!**

Thanks to Ms. Schmidt for organising two authors to come to St. Mochta's National School. Mr. Peter Donnelly visited the school today and all our boys and girls in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes enjoyed storytelling with Peter. Tomorrow, Mr. Rod Smith will visit the boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes and we hope they enjoy the visit.

### **Farewell to Fiona**

We bid our wonderful School Secretary, Ms. Fiona Butler, a sad farewell. Fiona leaves us for an exciting opportunity closer to home. On behalf of our whole school community, we thank Fiona for her work at St. Mochta's and wish her the very best as she starts a new job. Good luck Fiona!

### **School closed to celebrate St. Patrick's Day**

Our school will be closed on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and we look forward to seeing everybody at 8.50am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Engineer's Week**

In recognition of Engineer's Week 2019, St. Mochta's National School was delighted to welcome Ms. Zeinab Bedri to our school last Thursday. Ms. Bedri is a mother to one of our girls in Mr. Kenny's Class and is also an engineer. Ms. Bedri spoke with Mr. Kenny's class about how she got involved in engineering and the class enjoyed making bridges using spaghetti!

### **A new Aldi Poster!**

Huge thanks to everybody for helping to fill our first Aldi Play Rugby Poster. With your support, we managed to fill a second poster and our **third** poster is now on display! Please continue to collect the Aldi Play Rugby stickers and hand them to your teacher. This competition runs until 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Thank you for your support.

### **Bridie on Phoenix FM**

As part of International Women's Day, one of our traffic wardens, was interviewed on Phoenix FM last Friday. Congratulations to Bridie who didn't hesitate to mention all the wonderful boys and girls at St. Mochta's National School.

### **Messages from the PA**

- The PA have organised a clothing collection to take place on the revised date of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Start clearing out now! Further details will follow shortly.
- A letter will be going home with 5th class pupils this week to request volunteers to help with the Confirmation reception on Monday 1st April. Please see letter for more information or email [parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie](mailto:parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie).

### **Community Notices**

- Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 20th March at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.
- St. Mochta's Parish are running a céilí in the parish centre at 8 pm on Sunday 17th March. It's €10 and tickets are available at the door. As well as dancing, drinks and bites will be served!