

Scéalta 7

News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
9th October 2019

Girls Football Team in the Semi-Finals!

Our girls football team are through to the **Cumann na mBunscol Semi-Final!** This is an amazing achievement and we are extremely proud of our team. The semi-final will take place at St. Margaret's GAA Club at 3pm this afternoon, Wednesday 9th October. The team will be travelling by bus to the game which will return to the school at approximately 4.30pm. As ever, we thank our teachers, Ms. Schmidt, Ms. Reilly and Ms. Egan for working with the team and helping them to get this far in the competition. **BEST OF LUCK GIRLS.**

Telephone Contact Number – St. Mochta's National School

As notified in our first newsletter, the contact number for the school is now **813-0430**. Up to now, parents were able to contact the school using the old and new number, however, the old number has now been disconnected. Please make a note of the new number for your records.

New Lines on the Yard

Over the mid-term, our new class lines will be painted on the yard. In the meantime, all classes have been practicing lining up in their new areas after break times. A separate email will be sent to you towards the end of the week to give further information on our new lines.

Every School Day Counts

In line with our Attendance Policy, St. Mochta's National School always encourages full attendance. The school is participating in a national campaign organised by Túsla called '**Every School Day Counts**'.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to be the best they can be and aim for a bright future.

Why is it so important to attend school:

- To learn
- To have fun
- To make new friends
- To experience new things in life
- To learn about differences, people and culture
- To be part of your community
- To spend time with friends
- To be part of a team
- To develop new skills
- To build confidence and self-esteem
- To have the best possible start in life

Please help St. Mochta's National School to improve our attendance statistics and help achieve a Digital Award Badge for our school website. Further information on how parents can help make Every School Day Count will be issued in next week's newsletter.

However, if your child is unwell, please do not send your child to school. Illness can spread easily. School plays a critical role in protecting the health of their students, staff and the community from contagious coughs, colds and tummy bugs. On your child's return to school, please send in a note to your class teacher explaining the absence. There is no need to provide a letter from your doctor. For some helpful tips, please click on the following www.undertheweather.ie

Our 1st Poster is almost full!

Many thanks to everyone who has brought in stickers to fill our Aldi poster which is almost full. Don't worry, we have another poster! So please keep bringing in the stickers. St. Mochta's has 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 another 300 stickers! Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Updates

Best of luck to Alexandra Nichol, Orla Burge, Leah Maguire, Lucy McNamara and Alex Martin as they representing St. Mochta's National School at the Leinster Schools Swimming Championships in the Aquatic Centre this Sunday. They will all have individual events and the four girls will take part in two relays, the free style relay and medley relay. Best of luck!

Honk! Auditions

Please note the following:

- Auditions will take place in the library at 12:00 pm
- Please respect our final decision, bearing in mind how difficult a decision it is
- We would love to include every child but due to health and safety and indeed management of numbers it is not possible
- The musical is a voluntary activity and rehearsals take place outside school time
- It is inappropriate to name teachers associated with the musical on social media or WhatsApp groups etc. or for your child to do so, regardless of the result
- If your child is successful, please ask him/her to consider the feelings of those children who do not get through
- Please remember that while your child may be disappointed, there will be a lot of other children who may be also disappointed. Due to the high volume, it is not possible to give feedback
- It is impossible to give out the result individually so this will be done in front of all auditionees
- Children auditioning for the second time or those in 6th class do not get priority over other pupils
- Show is on in Draíocht Theatre from 11th-14th March 2020
- Children must be available to rehearse after school and parents/guardians have to be prepared to collect children on time

Thursday 10th October 2019

- Ms. Leddy's & Mr Mullarkey's classes

Friday 11th October 2019

- Ms. McNally's & Ms. O'Donoghue's classes

Monday 14th October 2019

- Ms. McGloin's & Ms. Kirwan's classes

Tuesday 15th October 2019

- Mr. Kenny's & Ms. McAuliffe's classes

Wednesday 16th October 2019

- All 6th Classes

Kindly note that auditions outside of these dates cannot be facilitated.

Dates for your Diary

14 th to 16 th October 2019	<p>New Junior Infant – Academic Year 2020/2021</p> <p>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.</p>
14 th October 2019	<p>Confirmation Preparation 2019-2020: The First Parents' and Candidate Preparation meeting will take place on Monday, 14th October at 7.30pm in the church. It is important that at least one parent should attend with the candidate. If you cannot attend please contact Mary Greene at pastoralcare@stmochtasparrish.ie</p>
19 th October 2019	<p>Message from the Parent Association</p> <p>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.</p>
21 st October 2019	<p>1ST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2020: The First Parents' Preparation meeting for HOLY COMMUNION will take place on Monday 21st October at 7.30pm and its for Parents only. If you cannot attend please contact Mary Greene at pastoralcare@stmochtasparrish.ie</p>
22 nd October 2019	<p>The 2nd Meet of the Fingal Primary School Athletics League takes place at Porterstown Park, Dublin 15.</p>
22 nd October 2019	<p>PA Annual General Meeting - Board of Management</p> <p>Please note that the AGM will take place at 8.00pm in the PE Hall. 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.</p>
<i>Mid Term Break</i>	<i>School Closed from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusive.</i>
5 th November 2019	<p>Confirmation</p> <p>The Enrolment Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm.</p>
12 th November 2019	<p>First Holy Communion</p> <p>The Enrolment Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm.</p>
13 th November 2019	<p>Primary Language Curriculum Training</p> <p>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.</p>

Community News

- **Fire Safety Week** (6th to 12th October – see what you can do to keep you and those you love safe from fire by clicking this link <http://firesafetyweek.ie/campaign>
- Many thanks to Declan Jennings from Westmanstown Gaels for all his work with our 1st Class children. If your child is interested in playing GAA and you'd like further information, please contact Declan, Games Promotion Officer, on 085-8006101 or visit www.westmanstowngaels.ie.
- **Come and celebrate Porterstown parkrun's 4th birthday on Saturday, 19th October at 9.15am**, Operation Transformation leaders David Cryan and Siobhán O'Brien are encouraging everyone to come and walk/run/jog our 100,000th kilometre as part of the celebrations. The volunteer organisers have gone that extra mile this year to make it a great, free event for all ages and abilities. Celebrations include a warm up with Olympian David Gillick, birthday cake, yoga, Vhi rewards and pacers. To hit the 100,000th kilometer milestone on our birthday would be a fantastic achievement. Bring the kids, dogs and grandparents - everyone is welcome to Porterstown parkrun and it's all free. Sign up on to www.parkrun.ie Print your barcode and bring it with you.