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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
23rd October 2019

Halloween celebrations at St. Mochta's – Friday 25th October

All children are invited to come to school in Fancy Dress (optional). However, there are some rules:

- Please do not go to an unnecessary expense!
- No hand held implements please.
- No masks.

Children who do not wish to wear fancy dress can opt for '**No School Uniform**' instead.

Mid Term Break

The school will finish at the normal finishing times this Friday 25th October and will reopen on Monday 4th November. We wish everybody a safe and enjoyable mid-term.

Messages from the PA

- Many thanks to all the parents who attended the AGM yesterday evening. The committee wishes to thank all outgoing members for their contribution and welcome all our new members.
- Congratulations to Ms. Jeannette White and Mr. Mathew Burge on their election as Parent Representatives to the Board of Management. We wish them well during their term. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms. Val Haslam and Mr. Liam O'Connor for their representation on the Board for the last four years. On top of the normal Board duties. It was a particularly busy term with the build and we would like to thank all Board Members for their time and contribution.
- Thank you to all the parents who supported our clothing collection last Saturday. All funds raised will go towards the school.
- For your information, the children have prepared Christmas Cards this year. The printer is preparing the proofs and order sheets. The order forms will go home after the mid-term break. At this stage, you may wish to place an order for your cards.
- **Sunday 1st December:** Save the date for our Christmas Fair. We are currently gathering prizes for our monster raffle, if you have any prizes that you can donate please contact the PA at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie. All donations greatly appreciated.

Sports Update

There was great success yesterday for the Cross Country runners as a lot of our athletes made it into the top three place in their races. The breakdown is below:-

<u>3rd Class</u>	<u>4th Class</u>	<u>5th Class</u>	<u>6th Class</u>
Chloe Martin, 2 nd place	Antonina Cygan, 1 st place	Cara Faherty, 3 rd Class	Eva Crowe, 1 st place
Ben Crowe, 2 nd place	Andrea Reilly, 1 st place	Kesie Afe, 3 rd Class	
Oran O'Brien, 1 st place	Emma Roe, 2 nd place	Cillian Flood, 2 nd place	
David Stanciu, 1 st place	Saul Casey, 3 rd place	Ewan Fox, 3 rd Place	
Louis O'Connor, 3 rd place			

Well done to everyone who participated in the races and to our great teammates and parents who supported us at the races. We hope to do as well again in March at the next race!

As ever many thanks to Mr. Kenny and Mr. Brennan. A big thank you also to Rachel Donnelly for writing this article.

Maths Week

Congratulations and well done to all the girls and boys who participated in the Maths Eyes Poster competition. As ever, the standard was extremely high and we are very proud of all the entries. Well done to all our winners who are listed below:-

Class Level	1st	2nd
Junior Infants	Estella O'Connor	Callum Rigley
Senior Infants	Ciara McAtamney	Ethan Fay
First Class	Dominik Kreplan	Colin Fox
Second Class	Alessia Stroe	Adonis Goldise
Third Class	Luke Maher	Justin Bi
Fourth Class	Andrea Reilly	Aditi Sharma
Fifth Class	Joshua O'Connor	Rose Leyden
Sixth Class	Cara Feeley	Caoimhe McDermott

Congratulations to all our Maths Quiz Winners listed below.

3rd Louis O'Connor Laakhi Muttumula Mia Donnelly	4th Ava Johnson Salam Nateel Robert Ward	5th Oluwadara Fajaiyeyomi James Harold Grace Murphy Leah Maguire	6th Colm Keenan Gerard Ogunfemi Ciara Chawke Ronan Miller
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Winners of the chess competition will be announced tomorrow after the Grand Finale which takes place tomorrow between Colm Keenan and Philip Drozdowski. We wish the boys the very best in the final. Well done to everybody who participated this competition.

Prizes for all competitions will be distributed on Friday. Many thanks to Ms. Brennan for her work in this area.

Honk! Poster Competition

We invite children from 3rd-6th class to design a poster/programme cover for our upcoming production of Honk! The winner will receive a family ticket for 4 to the opening night of our show. Please note the following:

- Entries to reach us by Friday 25th October
- Poster must be portrait style on an A4 sheet
- Use colouring pencils only
- **NO WRITING** on the poster. This includes the name of the show, venue etc.
- Please put your full name, class and teacher's name on the back of the poster
- Your poster must be your own work and must not include any commercial characters e.g. Disney
- This blurb may help you:

Honk! is a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story The Ugly Duckling, incorporating a message of tolerance. The musical is set in the countryside and features Ugly – a cygnet who is mistaken as an ugly duckling upon falling into his mother's nest and is rejected by everyone but Ida (his mother), a sly tomcat who only befriends him out of hunger, and several other barnyard characters.

Registration for Junior Infants, September 2020/2021

Registration for Junior Infants, September 2020/2021 is now complete. Any future applications for admission will be considered late.

Every Day Counts!

Following on Tús's 'Every Day Counts Campaign', outlined below are the attendance statistics for the month of September for our school:

Total	Girls	Boys
96.7%	96.9%	96.5%

It would be great if we can make a huge effort to improve on these statistics going forward – we will keep you updated each month. Thank you for your participation.

Bikes should be locked!

Please make sure that bikes or scooters are securely locked while on the school premises. Unfortunately, there have been a few attempts to take some bikes from the school. St. Mochta's National School cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to property

Aldi Posters

The school is in the process of ordering new posters, so please keep bringing in the stickers. As you know, 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**. Thank you for your continued support. Thanks also to Mr. Boner for co-ordinating the posters.

Dates for your Diary

<i>Mid Term Break</i>	<i>School Closed from Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November inclusive.</i>
5 th November 2019	Confirmation The Enrolment Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm.
12 th November 2019	First Holy Communion The Enrolment Ceremony will take place at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm.
13 th November 2019	Primary Language Curriculum Training 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 13 th November 2019. There will be no school for children on this day. Please keep a note for your records.
18 th & 19 th November 2019	Junior Infant – Vision and Hearing The HSE has confirmed that Vision and Hearing testing will take place during school hours on 18 th and 19 th November next.
20 th & 21 st November 2019	Parent Teacher Meetings A letter will be sent home after the mid-term to confirm your appointed day and time.
25 th & 26 th November 2019	Junior Infant Vaccinations The HSE has confirmed that Junior Infant Vaccinations will take place in the school on the 25 th & 26 th November next. A letter from the HSE will be sent home to parents after the mid-term break. Should you have any queries, please visit www.immunisation.ie
1 st December 2019	Save the date for our Christmas Fair. We are currently gathering prizes for our monster raffle, if you have any prizes that you can donate please contact the PA at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie . All donations greatly appreciated.

After School Activities

The next term of Homework Club will begin on Monday the 4th of November. There are some places available. Please contact Ms. Hegarty or Ms. Fitzgerald on 0858450191/ 0838558073 or email stmochtashwc@gmail.com for more information.