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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
27th November 2019

Our whole school community is really looking forward to our Christmas Fair! We hope all families will support the Fair and enjoy all the events and activities organised by our wonderful Parents Association. Families, friends and neighbours – everybody welcome.

Christmas Fair 2019 – Sunday 1st December from 1pm to 4pm

Come to St Mochta's for some Christmas Fun & Games with Nerf Madness, Hook-a-Duck, The Cube, Hoopla, Play your Cards and many more...

Café, Cake Stall, Bottle Stall and our Monster Raffle.

And our very special visitors will be arriving at 1pm...

Please return any Raffle Tickets for our Monster Raffle to your teacher by **Friday 29th November**. Our Raffle has lots of prizes such as EW Technologies Water Filter, vouchers from Blanchardstown Shopping Centre, Global Valet Service, Aquazone, Awesome Walls and many more...

We are looking for donations for our **Book Stall**, **Bottle Stall** and **Cake Stall**. Volunteers will be collecting any of the following items in good condition during the week prior to the Fair. Please bring any donations along from Monday 25th to Friday 29th November at 8.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

- Bottles of wine, spirits and minerals can be raffled on the day for the bottle stall
- Books, for children and adults, in good condition for our Book Stall
- Any unwanted gifts or prizes (*as new*) for the Raffle
- We welcome donations for the **Cake stall** on the morning of the fair Sunday 1st December– buns, biscuits, tarts, scones, flans, brownies, cakes, small Christmas cake/pudding etc. home baked or shop bought. **Kindly note, due to a number of children having severe NUT allergies in the school, we would ask that you please do not use any nuts or nut products in your baking. Thank You!**

Volunteers on the day are crucial to the success of this great event

We currently need LOTS more volunteers to ensure that the event runs successfully. Help with the set up on Friday afternoon 29th Nov or Saturday 30th Nov. Or volunteer on Sunday 1st December to help run a stall, if only for a few hours, or with clean up after the fair.

If you can help please see a member of the Committee or email parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie.

Illness At School

For your information, children in the school have been suffering with various ailments including winter vomiting bug and colds. School plays a critical role in protecting the health of their students, staff and the community from contagious coughs, colds and tummy bugs. **Please do not send your child to school if he/she presents such illness.** 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. Further information please see attached leaflet or visit www.undertheweather.ie

Science Updates

Well done to all the boys and girls who participated in the annual Airplane Competition at the end of last week. Congratulations to the following winners. We hope everybody enjoyed the competition.

3rd/4th	1st	Ronan McGuirk	Ms. McGreal's Class
5th/6th	1st	Alan Babaiee	Ms. Kennedy's Class

Confirmation Retreat – 6th Class Students

The Retreat for Confirmation will take place at the Parish Centre in early December. An epayment link to cover the cost of the retreat, together with the rental of the Confirmation robes has been emailed to all families. Many thanks to those who have paid already. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please pay by the end of November. Thank you.

The date for Confirmation will be Monday 30th March 2020. Further details nearer the time.

Sam Maguire Cup and Brendan Martin Cup!

All students were delighted to welcome the All Ireland Winning Cups to our school last Monday. Our Girls and Boys Football Teams provided a Guard of Honour as the Cups arrived. Dublin Football Player, Sean Bugler arrived with the Cup, and was happy to answer questions from the students. A big Thank You to our Games Promotion Officers, Declan– Westmanstown and Maria – Castleknock, for co-ordinating the visit.

From the PA

- Calendar Money – all orders must be placed by Friday 29th November 2019.
- Monster Raffle Ticket Money – to be in with a chance to win prizes, please have your ticket money returned by Friday 29th November 2019

Community News

- Castleknock GAA in conjunction with The Irish Heart Foundation are running 3 Hands for Life CPR courses on Dec 4th which are open to the whole community. The Irish Heart Foundation is on a mission to save lives. Hands for Life: Community CPR Training is an Irish Heart Foundation programme, supported by Abbott and ESB Networks, which will see free CPR training offered in communities across Ireland.

1. Everyday in Ireland 13 people die from a cardiac arrest and around 70% of these happen at home.
2. Unfortunately, just 6.5% of people in Ireland who have a cardiac arrest in a non-hospital setting survive.

We believe that this training will save lives and encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this free one hour course.

1. The courses last 1 hour and
2. we have 30 places on each session.
3. There is no charge but we obviously need to know numbers for planning purposes.

Please sign up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YWWJTGN>

- SONGS FOR A WINTER'S EVENING CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Following last year's very successful concert, Mary Flynn, Soprano, together with Mary O'Donnell, Harpist and friends have come together for the 10th annual 'Songs for a Winter's Evening' – a Christmas Celebration. The concert will take place in St. Mochta's Church, Porterstown, Dublin 15 on Sunday, 8th December at 7.30pm sharp. All proceeds will go towards the urgent restoration of St. Mochta's Church. Tickets are on sale from the Parish Office or directly from Mary Flynn at 087 2585398.
- New Generations specialising in Communion, Confirmation wear are having a sale with reductions and offers for Black Friday Weekend. This will take place on 30th November in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, from 10am to 5pm.