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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
15th January 2020

Message from Ms. Farrell

I am delighted to be back at St. Mochta's National School and to meet all the wonderful boys and girls again. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of the staff for their great work. Special thanks to Ms. O'Boyce for acting as Principal and to Mr. Cryan for acting as Deputy Principal in my absence.

Honk! Poster & Booking

Congratulations to all those who entered our poster design competition for Honk! It was a really difficult decision as the standard was so high. Abby Bourg in Ms. Egan's 6th Class was our outright winner. Her design will appear on our posters and programme. Christian Flood from the same class was our runner up. Booking for Honk! will open on Monday 27th January. The show runs from 10th-14th March 2020 in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown. Further details can be found on www.draiocht.ie. Purchasing of tickets is through Draíocht only.

Garda Vetted Parents

From time to time, we need help from parents to ensure that we can organise activities outside of the school e.g. walking children to/from the church, school tours, etc. We invite parents to become Garda Vetted through the school. Please call into reception for the relevant forms. Garda Vetting can take up to 2 months to process.

School Photographer

The school photographer will continue taking photographs tomorrow. All group photos will be taken tomorrow – please ensure your child wears full uniform again tomorrow. Proofs and orders will be sent home in the next few weeks. Further details regarding orders will be announced in the newsletter at the time.

Message from the HSE

The HSE's Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HSPC) have developed information for home use. It enables fun and accessible learning for all students around micro-organisms; the spread, prevention and treatment of infection. For further information please visit www.e-bug.eu.

Dates for your Diary

20 th January 2020	First Holy Communion Candidates – 2 nd Parent Meeting at St. Mochta's Church at 7.30pm
Mental Health: Awareness Week 20 th January to 24 January	Next week will be Mental Health Awareness Week at St. Mochta's National School. The children will be involved in activities to highlight the importance of their mental health. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the week, at 11.45 each day, the children will be encouraged to 'drop everything and be still' for a minute or two.• Children from 3rd to 6th classes will be asked to write a poem about their mental health.• On Friday, there will be a Movie Hour – the children will watch a film selected by their teacher. As part of a fundraiser for Pieta House, we ask for €1 from each family – thank you for your support. Thank you to Ms. Hayden for co-ordinating this week.

Catholic Schools Week 27 th January to 31 st January	Catholic Schools Week 2020 will be celebrated for the week commencing 27 th January. This year, the theme for is Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God’s Creation. The Laudate Festival (as part of Catholic School’s Week- Primary School Music Programme) presents an evening of Music and Reflection. All families are invited to attend and the entry is free. Should you wish to attend, the Festival takes place on the following dates and location:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 27th January at 7pm at Church of St. Agnes, Crumlin • Tuesday 28th January at 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun • Wednesday 29th January at 7.00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, Ballyroan • Thursday 30th January at 7.00pm at Church of St. Pius X, Templeogue
29th January 2020 Grandparents Day	Grandparents of our Junior Infant boys and girls are invited to visit St. Mochta’s National School – further details will be sent home with the children.
31st January 2020	Credit Union Quiz takes place at the Carlton Hotel, Church Road, Tyrrelstown.

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- Tigers Afterschool have a number of places available. Should you need further information, please contact Amanda at 086-1704001.
- OH YES WE ARE!!!!: St. Mochta’s Parish Panto ALI BABA AND THE 40 THIEVES will take place NEXT WEEK in the Parish Centre on Thurs. 23rd Jan, Friday 24th Jan, and Sat. 25th Jan. at 7.30pm. We will have two matinees, Sat. 25th Jan and Sunday, 26th at 2.30pm. Limited Tickets are available from the Sacristy after any mass or from the Parish office during office hours. Adults €10, Child under 12 years €5. Everyone very welcome. Phone 01 8213218 for more information.
- In co-operation with Operation Transformation 2020, www.fitbug.ie is running free classes at St. Peregrine’s GAA Club on Sunday mornings with some free workouts! Starting on January 12th at 10.00am for 8 weeks only. All welcome.
- Anyone 4 Science is delighted to announce our annual 1-day February Midterm camps on 20th 21st February 2020. Booking is now open at <https://anyone4science.com/feb-midterm-camps-2020>. Investigate the science of zoology, characterize animals, observe live creatures, explore camouflage, design and create your own insect, glide like a draco and much more...The camps are suitable for all primary school children.
- [Designer Minds Primary Science, Design & Technology after-school clubs](#), for 1st to 6th class, will help your child develop skills and confidence in the subjects which will shape their future: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths (STEAM), all while having great FUN! Our Spring term is starting back from Saturday 18th January in Castleknock, Lucan and many more locations