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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
22nd January 2020

Fundraiser – Pieta House

As you are all aware, this weeks is Mental Health Awareness Week and there are various activities taking place for classes throughout the week. On Friday, there will be a movie hour and we are collecting €1.00 per family which will be donated, on your behalf, to Pieta House. Please support this worthy cause. Thank you in advance.

Food Dudes

Food Dudes is an award winning curriculum-linked evidence-based healthy eating programme, developed to encourage children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. It is based on repeated tastings of fresh fruit and vegetables, rewards and positive role models.

We are delighted to announce that St. Mochta's National School is participating in this programme which will commence tomorrow for junior classes and next week for senior classes. Junior Infants to 1st Classes will start receiving fruit and veg for 16 days and classes from 2nd to 6th for 8 days. The fruit will be bananas, grapes, oranges and apples and the veg will be peppers, carrots, courgettes and baby corn. We hope your children enjoy participating in this programme. While all children will be encouraged to eat the fruit and veg as part of their lunches, any leftovers will go home in your child's lunchbox.

Honk!

Tickets for Honk! will be available for everyone to purchase from tomorrow (Thursday 23rd January). Tickets are available from Draíocht and not from the school. Please see www.draiocht.ie for all details. The show runs from Tuesday 10th-Saturday 14th March 2020.

County Photos

All school photograph proofs will be distributed tomorrow and go home with your children. Should you wish to order photographs, please complete the proof card and return with the exact amount of money due (no change given) before Friday 31st January 2020.

Lost Property

If you are missing any items of clothing, please check lost property. There is also an orange cycling helmet and a number of watches/fitbits have been handed into Reception.

After School Activity

Club Spóirt will begin on Monday 27th January for children in 1st – 3rd class. Club Spóirt will run for eight weeks, the last day of term is Monday March 23rd. Leaflets have been distributed, however, for further details, please contact Ms. Kavanagh by emailing stmochtascsgmail.com.

Dates for your Diary

<p>Mental Health: Awareness Week 20th January to 24 January</p>	<p>During this week, the children are involved in activities to highlight the importance of their mental health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 11.45am each day, the children are encouraged to 'drop everything and be still' for a minute or two. • Children from 3rd to 6th classes have been 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. <p>Thank you to Ms. Hayden for co-ordinating this week.</p>
<p>Catholic Schools Week 27th January to 31st January</p>	<p>Catholic Schools Week 2020 will be celebrated for the week commencing 27th January. This year, the theme for is Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation.</p> <p>Special assemblies will be held for Senior Infants to 6th Classes on Monday 27th.</p> <p>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:-</p> <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
<p>29th January 2020 Grandparents Day</p>	<p>Grandparents of our Junior Infant boys and girls are invited to visit St. Mochta's National School – further details were sent home with the children.</p>
<p>31st January 2020</p>	<p>Credit Union Quiz takes place at the Carlton Hotel, Church Road, Tyrrelstown. Thanks to Ms. McGloin and Ms. Egan for their work preparing our teams.</p>
<p>10th – 14th March 2020 Honk!</p>	<p>Honk! 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.</p>

Community News

- 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 this 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.
- Dublin Parks Tennis will start their Spring Programme 2020 shortly. Further details can be found by visiting www.parkstennis.com. Tennis coaching costs €30 for 8 weeks for girls and boys from 5 to 17 years. All equipment provided.
- Entwine Performing Arts School is now at LCC, click on www.entwine.ie for further details.
- Conversational English Classes are run by Fáilte Isteach involving local people who volunteer to facilitate Conversational English with people who have come to life in Ireland from many different countries. Classes take place in Ongar Community Centre on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon, in Empower, Dillon House, Coolmine Business Park on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm and on Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. To book a place contact 01-8209550 or Monica at 087-9304535 or email failteisteach@bap.ie.
- Gaeilge – Conversational Irish Classes for progressive speakers – improve your ability to speak the language through the art of everyday conversation in a relaxed and entertaining atmosphere at Corduff Resource Centre on Tuesday mornings from 11.00am to 12.30pm. For further details email mshannon@empower.ie.