

# Scéalta 21

News & Information for  
St. Mochta's National School Community  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Credit Union Quiz

Well done to all four Credit Union Quiz teams who had a fantastic evening in the Carlton Hotel, Tyrrelstown, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The teams scored amazing results from very tricky questions, including "In medicine, what does the T stand for in E.N.T.?" and "What is the first name of Sherlock Holmes' assistant Dr. Watson?". We are very proud of each team for excellent participation in the quiz and for representing St. Mochta's N.S. so well. It was a lovely evening and we are very glad the boys and girls enjoyed the experience! Many thanks to Ms. McGloin and Ms. Egan for their work preparing the children for this event.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes

All our 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes celebrate their first confessions in the St. Mochta's Church during this week. Well done to all the boys and girls celebrating this sacrament. Many thanks to the Ms. Reynolds, Ms. Stewart, Ms. Cummins and Mr. McAdam for helping prepare the children for this sacrament. Many thanks to the parents who helped escort the children to and from the church.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Classes – Swimming Lessons

An information letter was emailed to all parents/guardians of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes regarding the upcoming Swimming Lessons at Coolmine Swimming Pool. The lessons start next Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February for 3<sup>rd</sup> classes and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February for 4<sup>th</sup> classes. The cost of the lessons is €26.00 and an ePayment link was also sent. Thank you to all those who have paid so far.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Class – Cycle Safety Training

An information letter was emailed to the parents/guardians of children 5<sup>th</sup> classes regarding the upcoming Cycling Safety Training for children in 5<sup>th</sup> classes. The course starts on 27<sup>th</sup> February and takes place during school hours. The cost is €16.00 and an ePayment link was also sent. Thank you to all those who have paid so far.

## Attendance Statistics

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

Total	Girls	Boys
95.5%%	95.5%	95.5%

## Food Dudes

Food Dudes continues this week for children from Junior Infants to 1<sup>st</sup> classes and we hope all the children are enjoying tasting the different fruit and vegetables. All other classes finished the tasting sessions last Monday. A big Thank You to our Student Council for ensuring the fruit and veg is distributed to classes each morning. Thanks to Mr. Boner for co-ordinating this programme.

## Honk!

St. Mochta's NS proudly present the musical Honk! in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown from Tuesday 10th-Saturday 14th March 2020. It is advisable to book early as tickets are selling fast. Friday and Saturday nights are sold out. See [www.draiocht.ie](http://www.draiocht.ie) for details

### **Tesco Roselawn Community Fund – Fundraiser for Honk! - St. Mochta’s NS/Variety Group**

If you shop at Tesco, Roselawn, please support our school and drop your blue tokens into our container on the way out. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to do the same. The money collected will be used towards our upcoming school production of Honk! Thank you for your participation.

### **Helping Parents with the Transition to Post-Primary School**

As part of the Folens Giving Programme, Folens publishers sponsor initiatives that make a positive difference for children. They have partnered with Graham Richmond, an experienced teacher and counsellor, to author an on-line advice booklet for parents to help prepare themselves and their children for the move to post-primary education. The booklet includes advice on several different topics including the practicalities of adapting to a new timetable, screen-time, etc. Please click on this link to read the booklet [Helping Parents with the Transition to Post Primary School](#)

### **Internet Safety**

Internet Safety Day takes place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Parents should always be aware of what their children are doing while using the internet. For further tips, please visit [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie).

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Swimming lessons start for children in 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Swimming lessons start for children in 4 <sup>th</sup> Class.
<i>17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> February</i>	<i>Mid Term Break</i>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Ceremony of Light for 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Students making Confirmation. This ceremony takes place at 7.30pm at St. Mochta’s Church.
<b>27<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	Cycle Safety Training starts for children in 5 <sup>th</sup> Class.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020</b>	Book Fair at St. Mochta’s National School – further details nearer the time.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020</b>	Dublin 15 League at Porterstown Park – further details for our athletes nearer the time.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Honk!</b>	Honk! runs from 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown. Further details can be found on <a href="http://www.draiocht.ie">www.draiocht.ie</a> . Purchasing of tickets is through Draíocht only.

### **Community News**

- St. Mochta’s Football Club - As part of the FAI Ireland Coach Education Programme, we were delighted to have Vinny work with our boys and girls in Senior Infants teaching them the skills of soccer. Thanks to Mr. Mullarkey for co-ordinating this on behalf of our school. The Little Saints Academy at St. Mochta’s Football Club takes place every Saturday and Sunday mornings for 4 to 7 year olds. Email [littlesaints@stmochtasfc.com](mailto:littlesaints@stmochtasfc.com) for further details.
- Cistercian College, Roscrea is hosting an Open Evening for 6<sup>th</sup> Class students preparing for secondary school 2020/2021. If there are parents who may wish to consider a boarding school option, this may be of interest you. For further information, please visit their website [www.ccr.ie](http://www.ccr.ie).