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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
26th February 2020

Confirmation

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates who celebrated the Service of Light Ceremony at St. Mochta's Church last Monday evening. We now look forward to the Confirmation Ceremony which will take place on 30th March 2020 – further details will be emailed to families nearer the time. Thank you to all our 6th Class teachers for their help in preparing our Candidates.

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March and all children are invited to dress up as their favourite character or author on the day. Please don't go to any expense and if a child does not want to dress up, they can wear their uniform.

Book Week 2020

Celtic Travelling Book Fair is coming to our school hall, from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March 2020 to celebrate Book Week. The commission from sales at our fair will allow us to buy new books for our Library. Every book you buy helps us get new books for our school. We look forward to your support again this year. If any parent has the time to help with this event, please contact the PA at parentsassociation@stmochtas.ie and please specify day/times that would suit you between 9.00am and 2.30pm, Monday & Tuesday and from 9.00am – 3.30pm on Wednesday. Please see attached timetable. Thanking you in advance for your support.

- Children will be attending the Book Fair with their own class and can purchase a book directly at their appointed time. A copy of the timetable will be emailed to you later.
- Advice for parents of Junior Infants
As this is your child's first time to visit the Book Fair, please take some time to go through the Book Fair leaflet or perhaps visit www.celtictravellingbooks.com. It can be helpful to give your child an indication of suitable choices for their age. In the past, the PA have been ready to lend a hand to help children who are finding it difficult to choose a book. However, this is an effort to be helpful and there is no obligation to buy any suggested books.
- Should you wish to attend the Book Fair with your child, parents of Junior and Senior Infants are invited to the library at 1.30pm on Wednesday, followed by parents and pupils from 1st to 6th Classes at 2.30pm. The Fair will close to parents at 3.00pm.
- We will also be sending home book tokens, which they can use to purchase a choice of books selected for Book Week or put towards another book of their own choice. Unfortunately, these tokens cannot be used at the Book Fair in the school.

Thank you to Ms. Leddy, Ms. Schmidt and the PA for all their help in co-ordinating Book Week.

Illness in School – It is that time of year when illness can spread easily. 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. For some helpful tips, please click on the following www.undertheweather.ie. Washing hands properly can help prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses. For guidelines, please click on the following HSE link [How to clean your hands](#).

Message from our PA

Clothing Collection on **Saturday 7th March** from 10am to 1pm. Get rid of any unwanted clothing and footwear. Just drop in any plastic bags you have filled to the school. Each bag is worth valuable funds, please bring in as many as you can. **We cannot take Duvets, Pillows or Cushions.** *Thanking you in advance for your support.*

Voluntary Contribution Letter

The voluntary contribution letter was emailed to all families before the mid term break. Many thanks to all the parents/guardians who have made a contribution so far. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, a link will be emailed later today. Many thanks for your support.

Honk! –Tickets selling very fast!

Only two more weeks! St. Mochta's NS proudly present the musical Honk! in Draíocht Theatre, Blanchardstown from Tuesday 10th-Saturday 14th March 2020. For details visit www.draiocht.ie.

Raffle For Honk

We will be holding a raffle in the school next week to raise funds for our Musical "Honk" which will take place in an Draíocht from the 10th to the 14th of March. Tickets will be €2 each and we have some amazing prizes. Further details on tickets will be emailed soon.

- **First Prize - IPAD**
- **Second Prize - Westwood Party Voucher Value €160**
- **3rd Prize - National Aquatic Centre Family pass**
- **4th Prize - Sealife Bray Family Pass**
- **5th Prize - Mizzoni's Pizza Voucher**

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.

5th Class Students – Open Day at CCC

Castleknock Community College will host their Open Day/Evening on Wednesday 11th March 2020. This will be for current 5th class students. An invitation to attend was circulated to all 5th class students today. Please check the school bag.

Dates for your Diary

27th February 2020	Cycle Safety Training starts for children in 5 th Class.
28th February 2020	Swimming lessons start for children in 4 th Class – 28/2,6/3,13/3,20/3,27/3,3/4
2nd March – 6th March 2020	Book Fair at St. Mochta's National School – further details nearer the time.
3rd March 2020	Dublin 15 League at Porterstown Park.
10th – 14th March 2020 Honk!	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.
30th March 2020	Confirmation Ceremony

Reminders

- **Health & Safety** - A few parents have been using the Disability parking zone recently. There has also been an increase in parents/guardians dropping children just at the entrance to the staff car park. Thankfully, there have been no accidents and we would like to keep it this way. The Staff Car Park is for staff use only and for disability permit holders.
We ask parents not to park in the Disability parking zone outside the school office unless you have a disability parking permit. Our school is lucky to have a drop-off/short-term parking area off the Porterstown Road. Should you need to collect a child for an appointment, please use this area.
- **Camogie and Hurling** - Camogie training will take place on Thursdays at 12 noon. Hurling training will take place on Wednesdays at 12 noon. Please bring your training gear to participate. Camogie and Hurling matches will start from May – further details will follow nearer the time. Thanks to Ms. McNally and Mr. Brennan for organising the training sessions.

- **5th Class – Cycle Safety Training** - Before the mid-term, an information letter was emailed to the parents/guardians of children in 5th classes regarding the upcoming Cycling Safety Training. The course starts tomorrow and takes place during school hours. The cost is €16.00. Thank you to all those who have paid so far.
- **Aladdin Connect - A new app for St. Mochta's National School!** – the school is currently preparing to launch the new app and further details will be emailed to you shortly.

Community News

- The PA of Castleknock Community College is hosting a presentation delivered by Wayne Denner – author of *'The students Guide to an Epic Online Reputation .. and parents too'*. This presentation will take place tonight at 7.30pm at the school. Their PA would like to invite parents from local primary schools to this talk.
- Many thanks to Declan Jennings for all his work with our Junior Infant classes. Declan is the Games Promotion Officer with Westmanstown Gaels. If any children are interested in playing Gaelic football/hurling, you can bring your child to Westmanstown on Saturday mornings from 10am to 11.30am, please contact Declan directly on 085-8006101.
- Castleknock Hurling and Football Club are hosting a table quiz upstairs in the Carpenter Pub this Friday evening 28th February at 8pm. It is to raise money for Féile, the boys and girls under 14 camogie, hurling and football competitions. Money raised will cover the cost of the competition. There will also be a raffle on the night where you'll have the chance to win a pair of either Leinster or Munster hurling final tickets, a 2 night break away in a hotel, a 1 nights break in a hotel plus many more prizes. Spread the word and hope to see you there.