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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
11th March 2020

Honk!

The cast of Honk staged their first performance at the Draíocht last night. It was an amazing success and there is a treat in store for anybody who has bought tickets. Please contact the Draíocht directly for further ticket information www.draiocht.ie. The very best of luck to Mr. Cryan, the Production Team and each cast member for the rest of the performances. Thanks to everybody who have helped in any way. It is wonderful to see it all coming together. We hope the children enjoy their time on stage. Break a leg everyone!

Aladdin Connect - App for St. Mochta's National School!

As indicated in previous emails, our school will be introducing a new App enabling parents/guardians to receive messages, have access to reports, etc.

An introduction letter giving further information will be emailed to all families today. We will be encouraging all parents to download the App to their phone. Once this has been done by all, we can start using this comprehensive communication tool. We hope that all parents will download the App as it will be our main tool for communication in future. We intend sending link's home with next week's newsletter. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Raffle For Honk

Our Student Council will continue to sell tickets to fundraise for Honk! Tickets can only be purchased by students, ensuring that the winners attend our school. The prizes are listed below. Tickets are available to buy until tomorrow, Thursday 12th March. Student Council members will call to classes and sell €2 tickets. The winners will be announced on Friday 13th! Best of luck everybody!

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

Department of Education and Skills Updates on COVID-19

Click on the following link to bring you to the most up-to-date information form the Department of Education and Skills. [Link to the DES updates on COVID-19](#)

Illness in School

There has been a number of cases of Slapped Cheek Syndrome and Chicken Pox within the school. Please click on the link to find out additional information.95.6 [HSE Guidelines on Slapped Cheek Syndrome](#) and [HSE Guidelines on Chicken Pox](#).

Book Week 2020

We hope everybody enjoyed Book Week last week. Thank you to Ms. Leddy and Ms. Schmidt for their work in co-ordinating Book Week. Thank you to our who PA played a huge part in ensuring the week went very smoothly. A particular thanks to all our volunteer parents. This event could not happen without your help!

Attendance Statistics

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

Total	Girls	Boys
95.6%	95.1%	96.0%

Hurling

Please note that hurling training takes place during lunchtime every Wednesday. If your child is participating, please ensure he brings his gear each Wednesday. Thanks to Mr. Brennan for his work with our Hurling Team.

Message from our PA

Thank you for the support for the Clothing Collection last Saturday. We are delighted with the response. Many thanks to our volunteer parents and to all who donated unwanted clothing and footwear.

Voluntary Contribution Letter

Many thanks to the many families who have made a voluntary contribution so far. It is very much appreciated.

Please Keep Off the Grass!

Please remind your children to walk on the designated paths around the school.

Chess Club – Change of date

The Chess Club will hold a class on Thursday 19th March and will not have a class on Thursday 2nd of April. Thank you for your continued support. Contact details for the Chess Club is chessclub1854@gmail.com or 089-2529905.

Dates for your Diary

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.
16th and 17th March 2020	<i>School is closed</i>
30th March 2020	Confirmation Ceremony

Community News

Westmanstown Gaels will host an Easter Camp from 14th April to Friday 17th April 2020 from 10am to 2.30pm each day. The cost is €50 per child. Please visit www.westmanstowngaels.ie for further details.