

# Scéalta 29

News & Information for  
St. Mochta's National School Community  
22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

## **Welcome back to some school work!**

We hope that giving you the homework a day in advance is helpful. As ever, we ask you to decide what you feel is best for your child. We would like children to attempt some work so please do what you can but don't feel under pressure to complete everything.

Your feedback is welcome and helpful in guiding teachers to try and find the right balance of work. Tomorrow, you will receive a very simple poll asking for your views on the workload. This will be useful for teachers with their future planning.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Should you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to email the school at [info@stmochtas.ie](mailto:info@stmochtas.ie).

## **Books for the School Library!**

While following the HSE guidelines to stay at home, many families are taking the opportunity to do some spring cleaning and clearing. You might be clearing some reading books that your children are finished with. The school is looking for good quality books to help fill our new library (we will be working on this as soon as school returns). We understand that books will already be used, but I am sure you will appreciate that the school can only accept '***as good as new***' books. Should you have books which you would like to donate, please keep them for now and we will organise to take them once St. Mochta's opens again. Many thanks, in advance, for your support.

## **Trócaire Boxes**

Trócaire Boxes were distributed to families before Lent. At this time of the year, the school would usually collect these boxes on behalf of Trócaire. As school is closed, we are obviously not in a position to do this. However, if you would like to donate your contribution directly, you may do so on-line by following this link <https://www.trocaire.org/getinvolved/lent>

## **Flags for Frontline Heroes Campaign**

Well done to everybody who is hanging out a flag as a show of support for those workers and volunteers on front lines at this critical time. It's not too late to start! Children who have a flag in their national, county or club colours, or whatever team they follow across any code, can hang that flag from their gate posts, windows, or wherever they would normally place a flag when supporting their county club or team ahead of an important match. If they don't have a flag, children could be encouraged to create a flag on a sheet of paper or cardboard, or by doing some sewing, with the added benefit of keeping them occupied for a while.

## **Resources during Covid 19**

As you can imagine, there are many resources being made available to help families during the current closures. Listed below are some of the resources which you may or may not find useful.

- Department of Education and Skills- general updates - [Link to the DES updates on COVID-19](#),
- Department of Education and Skills – where English may not be your first language [COVID 19 Translated Resources](#)
- Túsla – Attached are two document - ***Parenting Through Covid-19 Helpful hints to keep home life happy*** and ***Emergency Family Plan*** booklet.

## Community Updates

- Age Action in conjunction with the Irish Red Cross are rolling out a fund which can provide valuable assistance to those within our community, and those caring for them, who may need some further assistance. If you know of a vulnerable person who might benefit from this, please click on the following link for further information [Age Action and Irish Red Cross Hardship Fund Covid 19](#)
- Maybe somebody in your family or a friend might enjoy this - National Superhero Day is the 26th of April, so to celebrate the emergency services Romayo's have created Romayo's Superhero WEEK! Romayo's want to honour people working on the front line and acknowledge their sacrifices. From 26th- 30th April, all emergency services/front line workers are invited to go and have a FREE meal on Romayo's. Visit [www.romayos.ie](http://www.romayos.ie) for further details.
- Dublin Digital Radio is an online radio station in Ireland dedicated to providing a quality platform for communities striving to create a socially and culturally progressive city in Dublin. They have recently launched an online radio show for young people while the schools are closed due to Covid-19 and are looking for children and young people to get involved!

*This message is from DDR 'Young DDR is a radio show built for and by kids and young audiences. Expect tunes, shout outs, jokes, activities, quizzes & some special guests every Friday at 2pm online on Dublin Digital Radio. We're inviting all young people to get involved by recording jokes, stories, song requests, hellos to family and friends! You can email your recording to [youngddr@dublindigitalradio.com](mailto:youngddr@dublindigitalradio.com). Currently we are unable to broadcast live as we are working remotely away from our studio due to HSE guidelines, so we ask that anyone submitting send us in their pieces before Friday each week :) We broadcast online from Dublin Digital Radio every Friday at 2pm - our residents page is here <https://listen.dublindigitalradio.com/resident?id=5e872496ad6b320015c14444>'*