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News & Information for
St. Mochta's National School Community
17th June 2020

Sport's Day – with a difference!

Sport's Day takes place this Friday 19th June 2020. Please ask the boys and girls to look out for details from their teachers. We hope everybody enjoys the day. Special thanks to Mr. Boner for co-ordinating this day and for all his organisation in the background.

6th Class

Our class teachers have been in touch to give you a time to call to the school next Monday, when you can return any rental books to the school. At the same time, boys and girls can collect the books, copies, art work, etc. from the school. It will also give our teachers the opportunity to say goodbye and wish your child well.

We have plans for a virtual graduation which will take place on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.00pm. Please make a note of the day in your diary and while it will be another FIRST for our school, we hope your child and family enjoy the celebration.

Academic Year 2020/2021

- On Aladdin Connect, you can now view the list of books your child will be need for the next school year. You will receive a 10% discount by purchasing these books through the schools preferred provider Book Haven. All details and discount codes can be found on the book list.

Message from the PA 'You will receive a 10% discount by purchasing these books through the schools preferred provider Book Haven. The school will also receive a small rebate which will be used for new teaching resources. Please note any out of stock items on the Book Haven website will need to be ordered again separately.'

- Links have been created to pay fees for Book Rental and Art & Craft, Pupil Insurance, etc. ePayments can be paid through the App. These fees can be paid at any stage up to start of the school year – 27th August 2020.
- Children moving from Senior Infants to 1st Class
Boy and girls from 1st to 6th classes have a school tracksuit and a school uniform. The tracksuit is worn on PE Days. The uniform consists of a blue shirt, a navy tie, jumper/cardigan, pinafore/trousers, navy socks and black shoes.

Are you moving away from the area?

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back for the next academic year! However, if you already know that your child will not be returning to St. Mochta's National School, please make contact with us by emailing info@stmochtas.ie. There is a substantial waiting list for all class levels and it would be helpful to know if there will be vacancies in any classes.

Resources during Covid 19

- 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](#)
- [Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business](#)
- [Overview of Reopening Phases commencing May 18th](#)

Community News

GAA Drills

These are the last of Declan's videos. Huge thanks again to Declan, from Westmanstown Gaels, for all the videos of exercises for children. Enjoy!

Jl to 2nd class - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OpGIVZj8dCiphkaE7GT9b32s00P4M6lV/view?usp=drivesdk>

3rd to 6th class - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Or73lPrvkq2o1XLvHQQu0mwIR2vJliDpJ/view?usp=drivesdk>

Message from Fingal Libraries

I just wanted to pass on some information about the Summer Stars Reading Challenge Programme as it stands in the world we are currently occupying! As we are not open to the public yet it will be a bit different this year. There have been extra items added to our online Borrowbox service which will enable even more multiple copies of selected Childrens books to be read at the one time. The Summer Stars Collection on Borrowbox is clearly divided into age groups and has a number of titles to encourage children to keep up their reading throughout the summertime. As well as this, we are currently providing a Call and Collect Service which means that children can ring and request books from our library, based on topic or author, and can pick them up in a safe manner at allotted times from the front of our branch. (Books are quarantined for 72 hours after they have been returned from a previous borrower and are then put back into circulation, as are the official LGMA Guidelines).

In addition to this, Libraries Ireland are running a Short Story competition , details of which can be accessed here; <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars/story-competition-an-unexpected-adventure>. They also have many other resources that may be of interest to you and your students; <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>.

We ourselves in Fingal Libraries will be providing content such as Storytimes, Quizzes and Competitions online on our Social Media Channels throughout as well. If possible it would be great to get some local children to send in some book reviews or short stories that we can showcase on our Social Media so if you have any children that are interested in this please ask them to send material to jennifer.kestell@fingal.ie.