

St. Mochulla's Parent Association Newsletter

Cash for Clobber – Thank you for the great support which was given to our second collection on Friday last, April 8th. This collection yielded 3 tonnes! In total this school year we have collected a staggering 6.3 tonnes of recycled clothing. We are hoping to be in prime position for some prize money and we thank you all most sincerely for supporting this valuable fundraiser.

Confirmation – We would like to wish all the pupils of 6th class and their families a very enjoyable day on Saturday 16th April. The Parents Association will host a party in Cnoc na Gaoithe following the ceremony to celebrate their special day. Thank you to the 5th class parents who have contributed to the cost of this event and who have also volunteered to bake and help both in the set up and in the running of the event.

Active School Family Walk – In conjunction with the “Active School Week”, the Parents Association will be hosting a Family 5km Fun Walk around Tulla on **Sunday May 8th**. Please put this date into your diary. Further details to follow.

Communion – On Saturday May 14th the children in 2nd class will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Parents Association will host a party in the Secondary school following the ceremony to celebrate this special occasion. We will be calling for support from this year's first and third class parents for this event and will issue a note shortly.

If there is an activity you would like to see the Parent Association involved in please contact any member of the committee with your ideas.

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Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter and I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter. It is hard to believe we are into the last term of the school year. It is always an extremely busy term in school with sport, school tours and tying up all the loose ends as we come to the end of another academic year. I hope you enjoy keeping up to date with what's happening in St. Mochullas in our latest newsletter. Thanking you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,

Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Tom Clune, Ruadhán Courtney, Lillian Cronin, Conor Littleton, Cora Malone, Isabel McMahon, Cian Murphy, Diarmuid O Rourke, Megan Stewart, Nikolai Belenko, Naomi Hogan, Holly Leyden, Jason Moroney, Cillian O Neill, Zina Tuohy, Brian Conheady, Emily Cronin, Joe Clune, Sadhbh Cooney, Eric Cronin, Oisín O Mahony, Megan O Sullivan, Katie Clune, Molly Ellis, Éabha McInerney, Jennifer Nicholas, Vivienne O Sullivan, Danara Crowe, Molly Sweeney, Fia Purcell, Jenny Murphy, Ciara Touhy, Matty Molloy, Evie Quin, Muireann Donovan, Lisa Nicholas, Liadan Coleman, Ellen Hogan, Aimee Nolan, Tamika Rochford, Ruth Touhy, Amy Pugachenko, Harry Nolan, Robert Moriarty, Diarmuid Sheedy, Matthew Purcell, Séan Malone, Alex O Mahony, James Donnellan, David Blicharz, Darragh Walsh, Glen McNamara, Luke O Keeffe, Eimhin Kinsella, Emmet Mulcahy, Marcus Freeman, Rian McMahon, Kevin McGrath, Daragh Leamy, Odhrán Griffin, Éanna Culloo, Lucas Donlon, Sophie Cronin, Tony Leyden, Aaron Shanahan, Liam O Mahony

*No act of kindness, no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*

Confirmation

On Saturday April 16th the boys and girls in 6th class received the sacrament of Confirmation. The children, under the guidance of Ms. Bohan, worked extremely hard preparing for the day. 33 children will receive the sacrament of his year and we hope that everyone had an enjoyable day.

First Confession

On Tuesday March 8th the children in 2nd class made their first confession. Thanks to Ms. O Neill for having the children so well prepared for the evening. They are now busily preparing for First Holy Communion which takes place on May 14th.

Fundraising.

A huge thank you to all of you who supported our Easter fundraising initiative. Congratulations to Alex McAdam O Connell who won the giant Easter egg.

All Ireland Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to our quiz team of Ava Cronin, Rian Wrafter, Feidhlim Kelly-Harrington and Fionn Ryan who represented St. Mochullas in the All Ireland Credit Union Quiz final on April 11th. Having won the local and regional sections it was a huge achievement to go through to the All Ireland. The final was held in The RDS and MC for the day was Marty Whelan. Well done Ava, Rian, Feidhlim and Fionn, we are all very proud of you.

Friendship Fortnight

In line with our anti-bullying policy we recently held a Friendship Fortnight in the school. During the fortnight we placed particular emphasis on respecting others. We hope that the idea of respect for others would permeate through all aspects of school life through out the entire school year.

Health and Safety

Could we ask people to be conscious when dropping and collecting children at the school. Please avoid parking on the side of the road opposite the school and please keep the bus bay free for the buses.

Welcome to Ava

A big welcome to Ava Corry who has joined our school all the way from South Africa. Ava is in 2nd class and we hope she will be very happy in St. Mochullas.

Standardised Tests.

Over the next number of weeks, children from 1st to 6th will undergo standardised tests in maths and literacy

School Tours

Over the next few weeks the children will be heading off on school tours. Every effort has been made through negotiation with tour venues and bus companies to keep costs down. Please be aware that finances should not prevent any child from attending any school tour or event. Therefore please inform the office should circumstances prevent payment of the tour.

Féile na hInse

Congratulations to all who took part in Féile na hInse recently. Well done to Éabha McNamara and Zoe Quin who won the art competition and to Jennifer Nicholas and Valerie Garvey who were successful in the essay competition. Valerie and Jennifer also came first in their respective sections of the agallamh beirte along with Holly Regan and Éabha Mcinerney. Lara Murphy and Savannah Corry came third in their section of the agallamh beirte. Maith sibh go léir.

Sport

County Football Champions

Well done to our boys footballers who defeated The Gaelscoil in the final of the INTO Mini 7s competition recently. This is a tremendous achievement for our school and made up for the disappointment of losing the final last year.

Well done to Tony Leyden, Aaron Shanahan, Diarmuid Molloy, Aoife Dooley, Jennifer Nicholas, Éabha McInerney, Rian McMahan, Ben Keleher, Micheál Hayes, Aoibhín Rochford, Claire Halpin, and Chloe Fox who represented the school in the Clare Cumann na mBunscol handball finals recently.

Boys and girls from 6th class took part in the Marian Keane **basketball** tournament.

All children from 1st to 6th classes attended for **swimming** lessons over a 6 week period at Ennis Leisure Centre between Christmas and Easter.

Well done to all the boys and girls who represented St. Mochulla's in The FAI 5 aside primary schools **soccer** tournament in Lees Road.recently.

Clare GAA Coaching Development Officer Peter Casey spent four Mondays in the school teaching the basic skills of **hurling and camogie** to all children from juniors to 6th class.

Peter has also organised games for children in 3rd and 4th classes between St. Mochullas and children from neighbouring schools.

Proclamation Day

Tuesday March 15th was Proclamation Day. We gathered at the front of the school to read The Proclamation of 1916 as well as our own proclamation on our dreams for the future. We then sang Amhrán na bhFiann as Evan Nugent and Alison Jennings raised the Tricolour. Our school band then played for a monster ceili in the yard.

St. Patricks Day Parade

St. Mochullas were represented in the St. Patricks Day Parade by our Green Schools. A big thank you to all the children who took part in the parade and thanks to Ms. Mcgrath for all her hard work in organising our participation in the parade.

5th and 6th class in Dublin

On March 10th the children from 5th and 6th class went on tour to Dublin as part of the centenary celebrations for 1916. The children were given a tour of some of the historical sites associated with 1916. They also visited the National Museum at Collins Barracks, Croke Park and Glasnevin Cemetery. It was a memorable day and huge thanks are due to Ms. Bohan and Ms. O Loughlin for organising such a wonderful tour.