

Internet Safety Talk with Dr. Maureen Griffin

The whole area of internet safety, mobile phone use, social media, cyber bullying etc. has become a huge issue in Irish society in recent years and it is essential that we as parents and teachers educate ourselves and become aware of the challenges facing our children. On Thursday December 13th Dr. Maureen Griffin will deliver a presentation to children and parents on internet safety. Dr. Griffin will speak to the children of 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes during the day and that evening at 7:30pm she will deliver a presentation aimed specifically at parents (children should not attend the evening presentation). Dr. Griffin is director of MGMS Training Limited and comes very highly recommended. She has visited over 750 schools (both primary and post-primary) across Ireland speaking with pupils, staff and parents regarding issues around social media, cyber bullying and internet and mobile phone safety. More information can be obtained at www.mgmstraining.ie.

Check out the websites section on our school website for some tips on protecting our children online.

Voluntary Contribution

Thanks to all who paid the fee of €30 per child asked of you in September. This money helps towards our art & craft and photocopying costs, as well as the Accelerated Reader annual licence, all of which, the children enjoy throughout the school year.

St. Mochulla's on Twitter

St. Mochulla's are now on Twitter. Follow us on twitter @TullaNS.

Christmas Visit to Raheen

On Wednesday December 19th children from the school choir and band will visit Raheen Community Hospital in Tuamgraney where their music and song will entertain the residents and staff there.

Retirement.

December 21st marks a very significant day in the history of St. Mochulla's. Mrs. Stack has indicated that after 22 years of dedicated service to the education of children in St. Mochulla's she intends to retire on that day. We would like to wish Mary a long and happy retirement.

Nollaig Shona do Gach Duine

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ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER



Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. As ever life has been extremely busy in St. Mochulla's. Read all about what has been happening and what is to come in our newsletter. As always, thank you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,
Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Alice Hall, Aoibhe O'Rourke, Kasey Dinan, Lorcan Dinan, Adam Quin, Amy Hogan, Stephen Carroll, Freya O'Sullivan, Moya Stewart, Ben Maher, Conor Ashton-Floyd, Ava Corry, Amy Benson, Shane McNamara, Alex Moroney, Sarah Byrnes, Sean Collins, Donal Culloo, Eoin Culloo, Colin Duff, Darius Freeman, Molly McConnollogue, Éabha McNamara, Shauna Leamy, Liam Moroney, Clodagh Murphy, John Paul Murphy, Sara Noonan, Saoirse O'Hare, Joshua Peer, Taylah Vickers, Tiernan Murphy, Kayla Curtis, Saoirse Queally, Dylan Moroney Daniel Humphries, Faith Freeman, Cathal Rochford, Aoife Boyce, Ella Oliveira, Mary Cuningham, Adam Cantillon, Amy Byrnes, Michael Cronin, Lorcan Callan, Léila Ashmore, Ben Reidy, Cleo Moroney, Jake Maher, Felix McAdam O'Connell, Conor Murphy, Hugo Coote, Tyler Coote, Seán Murphy, Grace Lillis, Eve Madden, Evan Collins McCarthy, Quillan Costelloe, Cassidy O'Brien, Emily Cronin, Matthew Nolan, Meabh Rochford

Some Words of Wisdom.

The only people you should try to get even with are those who helped you.

Cross Country.

Congratulations to our athletes who competed in the Clare Primary Schools Cross Country recently. Well done to Evie and Zoe Quin who won medals in the girls under 10 race and to Conor Littleton in the boys under 8. Well done also to Lisa Nicholas and Ruadhan Courtney on fantastic performances.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Holy Communion 2019 will take place on Saturday May 11th. Confirmation with Bishop Fintan will take place on Sunday February 10th.,2019.

Munster Primary Schools Handball.

Congratulations to Matty Molloy, Liam Murphy, Finn Boyce and Cathal Culloo who have been selected to represent Clare in the Munster Primary Schools Handball competition which takes place on Sunday December 9th in Tulla and Clooney. Best of luck to the boys.

Cash for Clobber

Well done and thank you to everyone for your contribution to the recent Cash for Clobber appeal. €1,360 was raised through the donation of old clothing. Thank you to the parents association for co-ordinating this event.

Witch Walk

A huge thank you also to all who supported our recent Witch Walk. The sum of €1900 was raised by this event. We hope to use the money raised by The Cash for Clobber and The Witch Walk to purchase literacy resources for our Literacy Lift Off initiative. We will also use some of the money to re-line the basketball court.

Cork Pops

On Friday November 9th children from 3rd to 6th class attended a performance by The Cork Pops Orchestra in UL.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again this year St. Mochulla's are delighted to be involved in the annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. Over 70 shoeboxes were donated by the boys and girls of St. Mochulla's to the world's neediest children. Well done.

St. Mochulla's Travelling Crib.

St. Mochulla's Travelling Crib is moving from class to class for the season of Advent. The purpose of this is to remind children of the true meaning of Christmas.

Parents Association.

We are very fortunate to have such an active and supportive parent body in St. Mochulla's who make such a positive contribution to life in the school and we wish the new executive well in all their endeavors. We ask you to support our Parents Association in any way you can. Please contact Mickey Donnellan on 087 9710358 or at smparentsassoc@gmail.com for more information.

Síolta to Shannon

On Thursday December 14th the staff and the boys from Síolta will travel to Shannon Airport and visit the multi-sensory room there.

Panto

On Tuesday December 18th, the children from juniors to 2nd class will travel to UL to attend the panto "**Snow White**". The Panto in UL always proves to be a most enjoyable day out for all the children.

Green Schools.

The Green School's committee are currently working on the theme. "**Global Citizenship—The Marine Environment**". The committee are co-ordinating the annual Christmas Decoration Competition. Children are asked to design their own Christmas decorations made from recyclable material. The closing date for entries has been extended to Tuesday December 11th. Families are also invited to participate in Bird Watch Ireland's garden bird survey, information about this survey is available at www.birdwatchireland.ie. We will be feeding the birds in the school grounds. We intend to send a petition to all the local shops, councillors and politicians asking them to help reduce all the plastic packaging. Another initiative is to construct an art project using discarded plastics.

Parent Teacher Meetings.

Thanks to all who attended for Parent/ Teacher meetings recently. If you did not make your meeting or should you wish to speak to your child's teacher at any other stage, please make an appointment through the school office.

Christmas Carol Service.

St. Mochulla's Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday December 20th in St. Peter and Pauls Church at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.