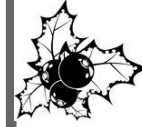


**Nollaig Shona díbh go léir ó na páistí
agus na múinteoirí i Scoil Mochulla
Naofa.**



**Happy Christmas to you all from
the children and staff of
St. Mochullas.**



DECEMBER 2013

ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER



Principals message.

Dear Parents,

As this is my first school newsletter I would just like to take the opportunity of letting you know how much I look forward to working with you and your children. It is a tremendous honour for me to be here as principal of St. Mochullas. This school has enjoyed a long and proud tradition of education in the parish and I shall endeavour, with your help and the help the school staff to continue to enhance and build on the long established reputation of the school as well as ensuring that our pupils are equipped with the required skills for the modern world.

I see St. Mochullas as a centre of learning and happiness for the pupils; a source of help and encouragement for the parents, where doors are always open for advice, consultation and implementation of constructive parental ideas. With your support, we will strive to motivate and encourage your son or daughter to achieve their full potential. I look forward to working with you towards the realization of their dreams!

I would also like to avail of this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you and your families a happy and a safe Christmas.

Le gach dea mhéin,

Brian Culloo



Message for the New Year.

The new Year is set before us like an unwritten volume, all its pages blank. Let us write upon each days page things that at the end of the year we will look upon with rejoicing rather than regret.

Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals are well under way for this years Christmas Pageant which will take place in the church on the 18th of December. The pageant is the brain-child of Helen Forde and the children are really enjoying the preparation. It also ties in with our current Green Flag theme of globalisation and we are really looking forward to seeing you all there on the day.

Mr. Torpeys retirement function.

Preparations are also ongoing for Mr. Torpeys retirement function which will take place after Christmas on the 10th of January. The function will take the format of mass in the church followed by refreshments in St. Josephs secondary school hall

Visiting teacher from The USA

Vanessa Christiansen has been with us here in St Mochullas since Halloween. Vanessa is from Iowa in the USA and has been a wonderful addition to the staff in St. Mochullas. Vanessa returns home after Christmas to complete her studies and we wish her all the best in the future.

Christmas Decorations.

As the Christmas season is once more upon us children in St. Mochullas are busy creating their own unique Christmas decorations out of recycled materials. These recycled decorations will decorate our school Christmas tree and will be on display in the school foyer, all are welcome to come in for a look.



December Birthday Parade

Paula Donlon
Aoife Kelly
Leah Hunt
Daniel O Sullivan
Wiktor Murphy
Shane Reagan
Molly B Nolan
Gillian Peter
Jonah Bartlink
Aaron Curtis
Evan Nugent
Labhaoise Fitzgearld
Rian Carey
Rian Maguire
Fionn Ryan
Sam Purcell
Hugh Cronin
Georgia O Brien
May McCarthy
Leah McInerney
Áine Flynn
Méabh Rochford
David Bicharz
Saoirse Queally
Hugo Coote
Tyler Coote
Aoife Boyce
Chleo Moroney
Dylan Moroney
Conor Murphy

Green Schools.

The Green Schools committee for 2013-2014 are Danara and Ben in 2nd class, Aoife and Feidlie in 3rd class, Lucia and Shane, in 4th class, Daniel and Rebecca in 5th class, and Gráinne and Daniel in 6th class. The Green Schools committee are an extremely active committee and were responsible for the co-ordination of Christmas Decoration out of recyclable material which will be on display in the school. They are also currently very busy with the Birdwatch survey. Each class in the school was provided with a bird feeder and bird identification sheets for the purpose of the birdwatch survey. St. Mochullas are currently working on the theme of global citizenship litter and waste.



Swimming.

Swimming will commence for 4th and 3rd classes immediately after Christmas. 4th class will start on Wednesday Jan. 8th and 3rd will start on Friday Jan. 10th. Each class will go for 5 sessions and the cost will be €6 per session.

Aladdin

Children from juniors to 3rd class will travel to UL next week to see the panto Alladin. Juniors seniors and 1st class will attend on Tuesday the 17th, 2nd and 3rd classes will attend on the 19th. A great show is guaranteed for all.

Christmas Holidays.

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday December 20th at 12:20 School will reopen on Monday January 6th at 9:10.

No uniform day

On Friday November 15th the children held a no uniform day in the school. Over €700 was collected for charity which was donated to aid relief in Syria and The Philippines. Well done to everyone involved!

Hurleys and helmets for sale.

The school has a limited number of hurleys and helmets for sale. Hurleys range in price from €5 to €7. Helmets cost €42 each.