



Parent Association Newsletter



CHRISTMAS FAIR.

Sunday next December 14th from
2-5pm. (School Fundraiser)

In St. Mochullas NS

Santa will be there.
Christmas Disco with DJ Tex
Refreshments
Spot Prizes
Cake Sale
Christmas Market
Raffle with lots of prizes



**Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, or a glass
of mulled wine at our pop up tea rooms!**



All Welcome!
**€5 per child, €15 max per family
(adults free)**



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. Christmas is fast approaching and as usual the children of St. Mochullas are extremely busy, find out what we have been up to and what is coming up in our latest newsletter or by logging on to our website. May I also take this opportunity on behalf of the children, staff and myself to wish each and everyone of you and your families a peaceful, happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Thanking you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,
Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Alex Moroney, Rián Carey, Daniel Humphries, Brian Conheady, Cathal Rochford, Aoife Boyce, Paula Donlon, Seán Murphy, Arron Curtis, Leagh Hunt, Conor Murphy, Cassidy O'Brien, Cleo Moroney, Evan Nugent, Fionn Ryan, Kayla Curtis, Méabh Rochford, Hugo Coote, Tyler Coote, Wiktor Czaplowski/Murphy, Mae McCarthy, Rian Maguire, Saoirse Queally, Faith Freeman, Georgia O'Brien, Matthew Nolan, Áine Flynn, Amy Byrnes, Sam Purcell, Hugh Cronin, Laoise Carey, Leah McInerney, Dylan Moroney, Labhaoise Fitzgearld, Adam Cantillon,
Daniel O Sullivan

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



Cross Country.

Well done and congratulations to James Donnellan, Jennifer Nicholas and Fintan Caulfeild who represented St. Mochullas in the Clarte Primary Schools Cross Country Championships which took place in Lees Road recently. Jennifer finished 5th in the girls under 10 race and Fintan finished 7th in the boys over 12 race.

Handball

Congratulations to Sean Whitycombe and Jimmy O Gorman who were selected to represent Clare Primary Schools in the Cumann na mBunscol handball championships on the weekend of December 6th and 7th. On Wednesday November 26th we also welcomed boys and girls from the Model School in Limerick to the handball alley where they played against children from 4th class.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Confirmation will take place this year on Saturday March 21st at 11am. Communion will take place on Saturday May 16th.

Healthy Eating Presentation

On Friday November 21st All the children were given a presentation on healthy eating. St. Mochullas recognise the importance of a healthy diet for children and with this in mind on Friday November 21st a healthy eating presentation was made to all the children in the school. A specially prepared healthy eating pack was also distributed to each family. Thank you to the Parents Association for their support in this very worthwhile initiative. Also a huge thank you to Sharon Donnellan for preparing the healthy eating packs and making the presentation on the day ably assisted by David McInerney

Parking.

The County Council have repainted the road markings around the school. In the interest of health and safety we request that all those collecting and dropping off children please observe these markings including bus bays and double yellow lines.

Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent/teacher meetings have been held for this year. If for any reason you could not attend your meeting, please contact the office to make an alternative arrangement.

Friendship Week

Friendship week was celebrated in St. Mochullas recently. Lots of activities and lessons related to the theme of friendship were undertaken by the children. The aim of friendship week was to encourage children to be respectful and kind to one another.

School Choir and Band

On Monday December 8th the school choir and band travelled to Raheen Hospital where they entertained the residents.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again this year the children of St. Mochullas have proved to be extremely generous and thoughtful to those less well off by donating over 80 shoeboxes to Team Hopes annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. Well done everyone!

Christmas Plays

At the moment all the children in St. Mochullas are busy rehearsing for their Christmas plays. Next week each class will put on a performance for Christmas. Performances will be held either in the childrens classrooms or the halla. Parents are invited to attend and should have received a text confirming details of their childs performance time and day. If you are unsure when your childs performance is taking place, please contact the office.

Jack and The Beanstalk

On Tuesday and Wednesday next the children from Junior Infants to 3rd class will attend the pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk at the University Concert Hall Limerick. Lots of fun guaranteed for all.

Music in the Classroom.

After Christmas, on Thursday January 8th the children from 4th, 5th and 6th will travel to UL for music in the classroom. This has proven to be a most enjoyable and worthwhile event in the past.

Swimming

Swimming will commence for 6th class and 3rd class immediately after Christmas. 6th class will commence on Wednesday January 7th and 3rd class will commence on Friday January 9th. Each class will attend for 5 sessions and the cost will be €6 per session, this includes cost of transport.

RDS Primary Science Fair.

On Friday January 9th children from 6th class will travel to Dublin to take part in The RDS Primary Science Fair. The title of 6th classes project is Soil Analysis at St. Mochullas NS. A big thank you to Brendan Worsfold for his expertise and guidance in preparing 6th class to participate in the Science Fair.

Green Schools.

Judging is underway in the Green Schools annual Christmas decoration competition. As ever the standard is extremely high and great credit is due to all those who took the time and effort to enter the competition. Well done to all those who entered the Design a Bin label competition. Congratulations to the individual class winners, Lisa Nicholas in 1st class, Katelyn Leamy in 2nd class, Jazmin Verhaghen in 5th class and to the overall joint winners Kevin McGrath from 4th class and Laoise Carey from 6th class. Kevins slogan and Laoises artwork will be combined and used to identify the various bins in the school, recycling, landfill and compost. The Green Schools committee are also asking families to take part in the annual garden bird survey, log on to birdwatchireland.ie to find out more about this survey.

Christmas Holidays

School will close at 12 noon on Friday December 19th for the Christmas Holidays and reopen at 9:10 on Monday January 5th. This is in line with the departments guidelines on the standardisation of the school year.

Internet Safety Talk.

On December 10th, as part of our ongoing efforts to tackle the issue of bullying, we engaged the services of cyber-bullying expert Dr. Maureen Griffin to speak to the children of 4th, 5th and 6th classes on the subject of responsible internet use. Dr. Griffin also gave a very worthwhile and informative talk to parents that evening..