

Parent Association Newsletter

Christmas Fair

Thank you all for the great support given to our first Christmas fair. We would like to extend our thanks to our sponsors for their generosity, to our hard working fundraising committee, to our many helpers on the day and in the days before, to our stall holders and most importantly to all the people who came on the day and gave so generously and joined in the fun. It was a lovely day for St Mochulla's and was a great display of the great community spirit that exists in Tulla.

Upcoming Parents Association meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 8pm in the Hall. This meeting is open to all and we would love to see you there.

Healthy eating

A presentation on healthy eating and healthy lunchboxes was given to each class in November. This proved really popular with everyone and a big thank you goes out to parent Sharon Donnellan for preparing and giving this presentation and to Clare Hurler David McInerney for taking part. Thank you to the teachers for facilitating and supporting the initiative.

Cash for Clobber

Our next collection will take place in early March. Please hold onto any old clothing. Bags will be circulated shortly. We appreciate you supporting this valuable fundraiser.

Sponsors

The Parent's Association of St. Mochulla's National School would like to thank the following for supporting our Christmas Fair:

Supervalu Tulla, Teach Ól, Dromoland Golf Club, Tulla Post Office Inn at Dromoland, Occasions, Castletroy Golf Course, Kids Town Limerick, Galway Bay Golf Resort, Reflections Hair Salon, Tony Sembridge, Joelle's Hair Studio, Colourful Creations Garden Centre, O'Halloran's Garage, Holly Tree Café, Langtons of Kilkenny, Bia Folláin, The National Kart Centre, Tulla Pharmacy, Dennis's Den, Denis Purcell Feakle, Stella and Dot, Murphy's Pharmacy, Pat McCarthy Shoes, Liam O'Meara, Teach China, Mary Conlon, Teach Bia, Vaughan Supply, Pamper Parlour, Michael Corbett Menswear, Teach na Nóg, Flappers, Littleton Animal Feeds, Christine O'Brien Ardboula House

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Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. As it is the first newsletter of 2015, may I take the opportunity to wish you all a happy new year from everyone here in St. Mochullas. It has been a busy month of January, 6th class travelled to the Science Fair in the RDS, 3rd and 6th classes have been swimming, we have participated in indoor hurling and camogie, we went to Music in the Classroom. Read more about these events in the newsletter and visit our website to see some pictures. Thanking you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,
Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people : Evan Collins-McCarthy, Lucas Slattery, Daniel Ryan, Nicole Komissarova, Micheál Hates, Claire Halpin, Juliette Purcell, Ben Kelleher, Evie Bartlink, Sean Murphy, Katelyn Leamy, Ryan Curtis, Jasmine Peter, Brian Torpey, Milo Leyden, Ada McMahan, Jack O Shea, Adam McNamara, Brian Conheady, Eimhin Kinsella, Zina Touhy, Tony Leyden, Aaron Shanahan, Shane Donohue, Matthew Molloy, Darragh Walsh, David Blicharz, Tamika Rochford,

*Every child is a different kind of
flower and all together make this
world a beautiful garden!*

Handball

Congratulations to Jimmy O Gorman on winning the Clare Primary Schools Under 13 handball championships recently. Congratulations also to Éabha McInerney and Jennifer Nicholas on winning the girls under 11 doubles competition. Well done also to Dan Whitycombe and Liam McInerney on reaching the final of the boys under 13 doubles. There were also great performances from Aoife Dooley, Tony Leyden, Éanna Culloo and Fionn Ryan in their respective competitions. Jimmy, Éabha and Jennifer went on to represent Clare at Munster Primary schools level where they got to the Munster Final. Well done to you all!

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.

Indoor Hurling and Camogie

The boys of 4th class and the girls from 4th and 5th classes competed recently in the Clare Primary Schools indoor hurling and camogie competitions. The boys were very unlucky not to make it through to the finals of the competition after conceding a late goal to Barefield.

Parking.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to observe the road markings in relation to parking outside the school. Remember in the interest of health and safety of all the children in St. Mochullas we ask for your continued co-operation in this regard.

Friendship Week

As part of our recent Friendship Week, the children from 6th class designed a Friend Ship which incorporated the names and pictures of all the children in the school. It is on display on the corridor outside 1st class. 6th class also produced a lovely Friendship Newsletter which was distributed to everyone.

Anti-Bullying Presentations

As part of our ongoing efforts to combat bullying in our school, we recently invited two guest speakers to address the children, parents and staff of the school. Dr. Maureen Griffin visited St. Mochullas before Christmas to address the issue of cyber bullying and Pat Ford was with us in January. Both people gave very informative and worthwhile presentations. Thank you to all those parents who attended the talks. Additional information on Dr. Griffin is available at www.mgmstraining.ie and Pat Ford has a website at www.stopthebully.ie.

School Self Evaluation

While academic standards in St. Mochullas remain high we continually endeavour to maintain and improve these high standards. We are continuing our work on the area of literacy with a particular focus on comprehension and oral language as identified in our School Improvement Plan. We have also commenced work on the area of numeracy, having identified problem solving as the area most in need of attention.

Catholic Schools Week

In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, January 26th to 30th, all the children attended Mass. We would also like to wish our Priests, Fr. Brendan and Fr. Martin a full and speedy recovery.

The school is certainly not the same without their welcome visits.

Enrolment

St. Mochullas are currently enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year. If you are aware of anyone who is considering enrolling their child in our school and have not already done so, please ask them to contact the school office for an enrolment application form.

Music in the Classroom.

On Thursday January 8th the children from 4th, 5th and 6th travelled to UL for music in the classroom. Once again this year this proved to be a most enjoyable and worthwhile event.

Swimming

6th and 3rd classes have completed their programme of swimming for this year, swimming continues for 1st, 4th and 2nd classes at present. 5th class commence at the end of February.

Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and all children are encouraged to take part.

RDS Primary Science Fair.

On Friday January 9th children from 6th class travelled to Dublin to take part in The RDS Primary Science Fair. The title of 6th classes project was Soil Analysis at St. Mochullas NS. The children had a most enjoyable day in Dublin. A big thank you to Brendan Worsfold for his expertise and guidance and also to Ms. Tierney in preparing 6th class to participate in the Science Fair.

Green Schools.

Our Green Schools Committee are hard at work preparing for our Green Schools assessment which takes place on Tuesday February 17th. Our theme at the moment is Global Citizenship—Litter and Waste. Our Green Slogan for the theme, which was composed by the boys and girls in senior infants is:

“Take care of the world, Treat it with great care. Work together and do your best, so it will always be there.”

We hope you will work with us and think green to help make our world a better place.

Hurling in School.

Peter Casey is currently taking all children in the school for hurling coaching on Wednesdays. Hurling is an element of the schools PE curriculum and we are extremely fortunate to have a coach of Peters calibre come to the school and lend his expertise.

Book donations.

Thank you to all those who have so generously donated books to the school recently. These donations are extremely welcome and make a valuable addition to the schools library.

Parents Association

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents Association for their organisation of an extremely successful Christmas Fair which raised some much needed funds for the school. I have said before that we are extremely fortunate in St. Mochullas to have such an active and vibrant Parents Association and on behalf of the entire school community I would like to thank them for all their continued help and support. I would also like to thank all our sponsors for their very generous donations

Accelerated Reader

AR continues to be very popular with the pupils of St. Mochullas. So far this year the children have read over 60 million words and we have 21 word millionaires in the school. Well done Stephen Moloney, Eoghan Kinsella, Ava Cronin, John Moloney, Sarah-Lee Butler, Rian Wrafter, Cushla Murphy, Jennifer Nicholas, Evi Bartlink, Áine Murphy, Aaron Curtis, Jazmin Verhagen, Owen Clarke, Tony Huang, Amy Byrnes, Aoibhinn O Mahony, Feidhlim Kelly-Harrington, Osgar Kinsella, Fionn Ryan, Róisín Duffy, and Dónal Sheedy, Keep reading everybody and you too will become a millionaire.