

## Parents Association News

### Cash for Clobber.

The Cash for Clobber fund raising initiative will take place on Friday March 28th. Filled bags can be left in the school hall on Wednesday March 27th, Thursday March 28th and before school on Friday March 28th.

Bags can be filled with any recycled clothing including torn or stained clothing but cannot include duvets or pillows (these will be left with the school for disposal so please do not include them). Each child has already received two bags and more bags are available on request from the office.

Cash for Clobber has been a valuable fund raiser in the past as the school receives payment for each filled bag. Please feel free to pass bags to friends and relatives as the more bags collected the more we help the school.

### Confirmation party

The Parent Association will host a party in Choc na Gaoithe after Confirmation on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. We are calling on support from this year's fifth class parents for this event and will be issuing 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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# ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

### Principal's message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. February was quite a busy month in St. Mochullas . From quizzes to ipads and from storms to sunshine it was an eventful month. Read on and we hope you enjoy finding out what is going on in the school.

Le gach dea mhéin,  
Brian Culloo

### February Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to Tony Leyden, Aaron Shanahan, David Blicharz, Dara Walsh, Shane Donoghue, Matty Molloy, Orla O'Brien, Hannah Foley and Tamika Rochford.



Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart.

### **Brian Boru Play.**

Well done to 6th class on their excellent production of Kieran Sheedys play on the life of Brian Boru which they performed recently at the invitation of Tulla Historical Group in The Courthouse. A big thank you to Ms. Browne and Margeret Scanlon for their direction and guidance.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

St. Mochullas entered 4 teams in the Credit Union Quiz which took place in the Temple Gate Hotel recently. The children who represented the school were, Andrew Conheady, Aisling Clarke, Jimmy O Gorman, Stephen Moloney, Fionn Ryan, Dara Ryan, Liam O Mahony, Dara Leamy, Eanna Culloo, Donal Sheedy, Michael Ryan, Labhaoise Fitzgearld, Shane Regan, Paul Kelleher, xxxxxxxxxxxx. One of our teams were placed first in the under 12 category and Jimmy, Stephen, Aisling and Andrew went on to represent the local credit union chapter in the regional finals in Limerick. Well done to all involved. Thanks to Ms. Forde and Mrs Stack for helping to prepare the teams.

### **Féile na hInse**

Many pupils in the school are currently busy preparing to take part in Féile na hInse and we have already had some prize winners in the Comortás Ealaíne. So well done to Finn Mac Connalogue, Holly Regan, Adrienne Malinski and Sophie O Sullivan from Junior infants, Evie Quin in seniors, Amy Pugachenko in third and Kate McCarthy in fourth class. Maith sibh go léir!!

### **I pads in St. Mochullas**

We recently had the opportunity of getting the loan of a number of I pads and all the children in the school enjoyed getting the chance to use them in the classroom.

### **Accelerated Reader**

AR continues to go from strength to strength in the school. Children in the school have nearly 70 million words read since September.

### **School website.**

Keep up with what's going on in the school on the school website. [www.stmochullas.com](http://www.stmochullas.com)

### **Health and safety.**

When picking up or dropping children at the school parents are asked to be conscious of parking arrangements. The bus bay is for busses only but it may be used as a drop off zone only when busses have departed. Please enter the bus bay via the entrance furthest from the school gate. Also please avoid parking on the opposite side of the road from the school so as to avoid your children having to cross the road.

### **Green Schools.**

The Green Schools committee have recently launched the weigh the bin campaign and the golden boot award. The golden boot is awarded to the class that makes the greatest effort to travel to school in an environmentally friendly way. The weigh the bin campaign is a competition between classes to see which class sends the least amount of litter to landfill each week..

### **Swimming.**

Children continue to attend for swimming lessons at Ennis swimming pool. Swimming is an important strand of the P.E. curriculum and all children are encouraged to attend.

### **St. Patricks Day Parade**

Children from St. Mochullas will march in the St. Patricks Day Parade. Anyone available to parade please assemble at the school at 1pm on St. Patricks Day. Fourth class, with the help of the visiting artist to schools have produced a magnificent centre piece for our parade.

### **Confirmation.**

Bishop Kieran O Reilly will visit the parish on April 4th to celebrate confirmation with the children of 6th class. The children have been preparing extremely hard for this very important occasion in their lives. There are xx children for confirmation this year.

### **School closed.**

The school will be closed for St. Patricks Day March 17th and on Tuesday March 18th.

### **Annie.**

Well done to Aoibh O Reilly who played the title role in Ennis Musical Society's recent production. Aoibh, along with Dara Leamy are jetting off to New York as members of The Tulla Pipe Band to lead the St. Patricks Day parade in The Big Apple. We wish them the very best of luck.

### **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.