St. Mochulla's Parents Association.

Upcoming Dates:-

<u>Saturday 28th April – First Holy Communion</u> (2nd Class) Help always needed by parents

<u>Friday 25th May – Confirmation (6th Class)</u> Help always needed by parents

Cash for Clobber:-

Our school came together, yet again, with fantastic support for the first collection of recycled clothing.

Dates for the 2nd collection for the school year will be announced shortly.

NB: If there is an event, activity, or issue that you would like to bring to the attention of the St Mochullas Parents Assocation — fl you would be interested in finding out more, please email smparentassoc@gmail.com or text 087-7859119. We would like to see more parents at the meetings, however, we understand that is not always possible. If you would like to get online information on events, meetings or other broadcast information, please join us on Facebook. Alternately, we are happy to email you the Minutes of the meetings to keep you up to date – just contact the above email to get on the list.

Thanks

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ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. I hope everyone has a nice St. Parick's Day and an enjoyable Easter. Keep up to date with what all that is is happening in the school by logging on to our website. Thank you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin, Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Faye Culhane, Tom Hely, Alison Jennings, James Quinn, Laurynas Turskas, Milo Leyden, Seán Murphy, Ada McMahon, Lucas Slattery, Ryan Curtis, Éabha Ashmore, Juliette Purcell, Katelyn Leamy, Claire Halpin, Ben Kelleher, Erica Maher, Daniel Ryan, Conor Ruane, Ruadhán Courtney, David Blicharz, Tom Clune, Tamikka Rochford, Darragh Walsh, Matthew Molloy, Brian Conheady, Zina Tuohy, Kate Madden, Cian Murphy, Eimhin Kinsella, Charlotte Campher, Amelie McCarthy, Mary Cronin

Some Words of Wisdom.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

Handball

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Clare Primary Schools Handball competitions which were held here in Tulla and in Clooney recently. St. Mochulla's were represented in the boys under 13 competition by, Finn Boyce, Rian McMahon and Ben Kelleher. In the girls under 13 we were represented by Rhianne Ryan, Avril Creaven and Claire Halpin. Ryan Hayes, Matty Molloy and Conor O Brien represented us in the boys under 11 competition, while Juliette Purcell, Lisa Nicholas and Aoibhinn Creaven were St. Mochulla's representatives in the girls under 11 competition.

Indoor Hurling.

The boys from 4th class and the girls from 5th class took part in the annual primary school indoor hurling and camogie tournaments recently. The children really enjoyed the experience. Boys and girls are now looking forward to the INTO Mini 7s tournaments which get underway shortly.

Basketball

The boys and girls from 6th class are currently busy training for The Marion Keane Primary Schools Basketball tournament. This competition takes place on Thursday March 15th in Gorteen.

Primary Schools Debate

Children from 6th class will also be taking part in The Clare Primary Schools debating competition which will be held in St. Mochulla's on Thursday March 22nd. They will be debating against children from Kilkishen NS and the motion for debate is Donald Trump's Wall in Doonbeg. St. Mochulla's will be represented by Molly Sweeney, Aoibhinn O Mahony, Georgia O Brien, Caoimhe Egan, Avril Creaven and Emmett Mulcahy.

Féile na hInse

Well done to all the children who took part in Féile na hInse recently. Congratulations to all our prize winners, Avril Creaven and Ciara Tuohy in the essay competition, Evie Quin in the comortás ealaíne. Well done to Aoibhinn O Mahony, Leah McInerney, Caoimhe Egan, Molly Sweeney, Cathal Culloo, Sean Collins, Cara Murphy, Sara Noonan, Evie Quin and Lisa Nicholas all winners in the Agallamh Beirte. Well done also to all the boys and girs from rang a trí who took part in the agallamh beirte. Congratulations to our grúpa ceoil who came second in their competition. Well done to all who took part in the tráth na gceist on the Friday afternoon.

Arrival at school in the morning.

The Board of Management would like to remind parents that school starts at 9:10. Some children are arriving at school as early as 8:30. Please note that there is no supervision on the yard before 8:50am.

First Confession

Children from 2nd class will receive the sacrament of First Confession on Thursday March 22nd at 7pm in St. Peter and Paul's Church Tulla.

Green Schools.

The green schools committee are currently very busy preparing for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will be participating in the parade under the theme The Marine Environment and we invite parents and children to join in with us.

School Enrolment

St. Mochulla's is currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 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 form.

Swimming

All classes from 1st to 6th are currently taking swimming instruction in Ennis Pool. Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and as such all children are encouraged to take part.

Credit Union Quiz 2017

St. Mochulla's entered four teams in this years Credit Union Quiz. A total of 46 schools were involved. Our two senior quiz teams of Aoibhinn O Mahony, Roisín Sheedy, Avril Creaven, Ben Kelleher, Katelyn Leamy, Finn Boyce, Rhianne Ryan and Cathal Culloo finished in a tie for second place. Our junior quizzers represented by Diarmuid Boyce, Evie Quin, Finn McConnologue, Liam Moroney, Lisa Nicholas, Fionn O Mahony, Harry Nolan and Meabh O Reilly finished in 4th and 5th places. Well done to all.

Peace Proms

On Saturday February 3rd, the children from 6th class travelled to The RDS in Dublin to take part in The Peace Proms. It was a most enjoyable experience for the children involved.

Parking.

In the interest of the health and safety of all the children in St. Mochullas, The Board of Management asks that you please observe the following:

- Park on school side of road **ONLY** so as to avoid children having to cross the road.
- The bus bay is for buses only, it may be used as a drop off zone only when buses have departed.
- Please observe the set down only area and the no parking zone (immediately outside school).
- Please enter the bus bay via the entrance furthest from the school gate.

Entering/exiting the school

All children are asked to enter and exit the school grounds through the main gate <u>only</u>. The car park entrance is for cars only. Children must not be walked through the car park. Those cycling to school should dismount their bikes on entering the school grounds. It is most important that this message is given to those who bring your child to school.

Walking and cycling to school as the weather improves.

If your child is walking or cycling to school please speak to them about the importance of road safety. Please ensure they wear a hi-viz jacket and helmet if cycling.