

St. Mochulla's Parents Association.

Christmas Market Fair:-

What a wonderful day out! Thank you to all for the great support – we had a very successful day, for both our community spirit, and our fund-raising coffers. We want to wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to our annual events and activities, and perhaps creating some new ones.

Upcoming Dates:-

Friday 28th April – Confirmation (6th Class)

Help always needed by parents

Saturday 13th May – First Holy Communion (2nd Class)

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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 is April 7th so start getting bags ready.

NB: If there is an event, activity, or issue that you would like to bring to the attention of the St Mochullas Parents Association – please do not hesitate to contact the Committee via email, Facebook, or directly - Christine O'Brien (Chairperson – 086 173 0769), Alison Moriarty (Secretary), Brid Sheedy (Treasurer).

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ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. Though it seems like a very long time ago now I hope that everyone had a peaceful and restful Christmas and on behalf of everyone in St. Mochulla's I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2017. Keep up to date with what all that 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 :

Jake Maher, Quillan Costello, Alison Jennings, Tiernan Murphy, Sadhbh O Shea, Mary Cunningham, James Quinn, Laurynas Turskas, Amy Byrnes, Kayla Curtis, Milo Leyden, Seán Murphy, Saoirse Queally, Cathal Rochford, Adam Cantillon, Evan Collins-McCarthy, Emily Cronin, Faith Freeman, Cassidy O'Brien, Aoife Boyce, Hugo Coote, Tyler Coote, Seán Murphy, Ada McMahon, Jack O Shea, Lucas Slattery, Michael Cronin, Ryan Curtis, Cleo Moroney, Conor Murphy, Dylan Moroney, Éabha Ashmore, Matthew Nolan, Jasmine Peter, Juliette Purcell, Méabh Rochford, Daniel Humphries, Katelyn Leamy, Áine Flynn, Claire Halpin, Ben Kelleher, Mae McCarthy, Leah McInerney, Erica Maher, Georgia O'Brien, Daniel Ryan, Ríán Carey, Hugh Cronin, Micheál Hayes, Rian McGuire, Adam McNamara, Sam Purcell, Fionn Ryan,

Some Words of Wisdom.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

Handball

Congratulations to Aoife Dooley who was selected to represent Clare in the Munster Primary Schools Handball Championships recently. The Clare Primary Schools Handball Championships at under 11 and under 13 will take place at the end of January and St. Mochullas will enter both girls and boys teams at both age groups. The boys under 13 team is Eanna Culloo, Fionn Ryan and Rory O Sullivan, the girls are Aoife Dooley, Laura Nolan and Jennifer Nicholas. Our under 11 team is made up of Finn Boyce, Sean Cunningham, Ben Kelleher, Claire Halpin, Rhianne Ryan and Ava Crowe. Best of luck to all involved.

Indoor Hurling.

The boys from 4th class and the girls from 5th class will take part in the annual primary school indoor hurling and camogie tournaments over the coming weeks. The children involved are really looking forward to the experience.

The Pirate Queen

On December 21st the children of 6th class performed the play "The Pirate Queen" about the famous Irish pirate Grace O Malley. The play was written by Kieran Sheedy and produced by Ms. Bohan. It was a wonderful experience for the children of 6th class.

Christmas Carol Service

On the evening of December 20th the children of St. Mochulla's hosted a Carol Service in St. Peter and Pauls Church. It was a lovely occasion and one which set the tone for the Christmas Season. Thanks to all the parents for attending and thanks to all the staff who prepared the children for the event.

Beauty and The Beast

On Monday December 19th all the children from juniors to 3rd class headed to UL and had a great day at the Panto, Beauty and The Beast.

Welcome to new staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to St. Mochulla's to Ms. Sherena McGrath in second class and to Mr. Brian Hannon in 1st class and we send our best wishes to Ms. Fleury and Ms. Browne.

RDS Primary Science Fair

On Thursday January 19th 6th class attended The Primary Science Fair in Mary Immaculate College Limerick. There they presented their project on the Kiltannon caves entitled "Exploring the Rocky Ridges of Caves and Caverns. What are the Toomeens." A big thank you to Brendan Worsfold for his guidance in helping the children to prepare for the event.

Green Schools.

The green schools committee are encouraging people to participate in the annual garden bird survey. Details of the survey are available at www.birdwatchireland.ie Also watch out for the Big Travel Challenge coming up in February. The Green Schools Committee are currently very busy preparing for the upcoming assessment on Global Citizenship and Energy which takes place on March 2nd. Congratulations to all who took part in the recycled Christmas Decoration competition. Well done to Harry Dunworth, Ciara Donnellan, Ada McMahon, Zina Rochford, Lily Moore Rasehorn, Éabha Ashmore, Sophie O Sullivan, Mae McCarthy, Cara Murphy, Rhianne Ryan, Darragh Walsh, Laura Nolan and Cushla Murphy on their success in the different categories.

School Enrolment

St. Mochulla's is currently enrolling for the 2017-2018 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

4th, 5th and 6th classes are currently taking swimming instruction in Ennis Pool. 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes will be swimming over the coming weeks. 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 year's Credit Union Quiz. A total of 46 schools were involved and all our teams were placed in the top 5. Well done to Fionn Ryan, Dylan Culloo, Luke O Keefe and Aoibhinn O Mahony, who finished in fourth place in the under 13 competition, Roisín Sheedy, Ben Kelleher, Éabha McInerney, and Feidhlim Kelly-Harrington, who finished in 5th place. James Donnellean, Cathal Culloo, Lisa Nicholas and Fionn O Mahony finished in third place in the under 11 competition, while Katelyn Leamy, Finn Boyce, Evie Quin and Cian Lynch finished in 6th place. Well done to all.

Safer Internet.

On Monday February 13th Dr. Maureen Griffin will be in the school to speak to the children and parents about internet safety. Maureen has visited over 600 schools (primary & post primary) across Ireland speaking with students, staff and parents regarding issues around social media, cyber-bullying and internet and mobile phone safety. For more information go to www.mgmstraining.ie

Hurleys and Helmets

The school has a limited number of hurleys and helmets available for sale, contact the school office if interested.