

## Parent Association Newsletter

### Upcoming events .....

Communion party – On Saturday 16th May 2nd class will receive their First Communion and have been working hard with their teacher Ms Corry to prepare for this special occasion. The Parent Association will host a party in the Secondary school following the ceremony to celebrate their special day. Thank you to 1st and 3rd class parents who have contributed to the cost of this event and who have also volunteered to help both in the set up of the hall and in the running of the event on the day.

### Thank you ...

To all those who set up, served and cleaned up at the Confirmation party on March 21st especially to all the wonderful bakers who produced amazing treats for the day. It was a beautiful day and we were lucky to have the use of the stunning Cnoc Na Gaoithe for the occasion.

To all the contributors to our Cash for Clobber collection and to all the loaders on the day including the hard working 6th class.

Thanks to all who contributed to our Easter fundraiser recently, over €2000 was raised for the school.

**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. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter. It is hard to believe we are into the last term of the school year. It is always an extremely busy term in school with sport, school tours and tying up all the loose ends as we come to the end of another academic year. I hope you enjoy keeping up to date with whats happening in St. Mochullas in our latest newsletter. Thanking you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,

Brian Culloo

### Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Nikolai Belenko, Naomi Hogan, Holly Leyden, Jason Moroney, Cillian O'Neill, Sadhbh Cooney, Eric Cronin, Oisín O Mahony, Megan O Sullivan, Sophie O Sullivan, Ella Clayson, Cairtriona Condon, Aoife Murphy, Aoife O Sullivan, Amy Byrnes, Katie Clune, Molly Ellis, Éabha McNerney, Jennifer Nicholas, Vivienne O Sullivan, Danara Crowe, Molly Sweeney, Fia Purcell, Jenny Murphy, Ciara Touhy, Evie Quin, Muireann Donovan, Lisa Nicholas, Liadan Coleman, Ellen Hogan, Aimee Nolan, Ruth Touhy, Amy Pugachenko, Harry Nolan, Robert Moriarity, Diarmuid Sheedy, Joe Clune, Matthew Purcell, Séan Malone, Alex O Mahony, James Donnellan, Glen McNamara, Luke O Keeffe, Emmet Mulcahy, Marcus Freeman, Rían McMahan, Kevin McGrath, Daragh Leamy, Odhrán Griffin, Éanna Culloo, Lucas Donlon, Liam O Mahony, Stephen Minogue, Fintan Caulfield

*No act of kindness, no matter how small,  
is ever wasted.*

### **First Holy Communion**

On Saturday May 16th the children in 2nd class will receive their First Holy Communion. The children, under the guidance of Ms. Corry, are working extremely hard preparing for their big day. 36 children will make their First Communion this year We wish the children well and hope that everyone has a most enjoyable day.

### **Confirmation.**

Congratulations to the boys and girls in 6th class who made their confirmation on March 21st last. We had a lovely ceremony and it was wonderful to welcome retired Bishop Willie Walsh back to Tulla. A huge thank you to Ms. Tierney for having the children so well prepared on the day and also to Ms. Corry, the choir and the school band for their beautiful music. Thanks also to the Parents Association for organising refreshments in Cnoc na Gaoithe after the ceremony.

### **Fundraising.**

A huge thank you to all of you who supported our Easter fundraising initiative. Congratulations to Deirdre Duff, Emer Dooley and Ciara Donnellan our prize winners. Thanks also to our sponsors on this occasion, Alison Donovan, Paul Coleman and Paul Cantillon. We are embarking on a building project in the near future and this fundraising along with any future fundraising will enable us to provide extra facilities so badly needed in a growing school.

### **Birthday Party Invitations**

You are reminded that birthday invitations should not be distributed via the school. It is very difficult to explain to children why they might be excluded from a party. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

### **Standardised Tests.**

Over the next number of weeks, children from 1st to 6th will undergo standardised tests in maths and literacy

### **School Tours**

Over the next few weeks the children will be heading off on school tours. Every effort has been made through negotiation with tour venues and bus companies to keep costs as low as possible. Please be aware that finances should not prevent any child from attending any school tour or event. Therefore please inform the office should circumstances prevent payment of the tour.

### **School Closed.**

Because the school is used as a polling station, St. Mochullas NS will remain closed on Friday May 22nd. Apologies for the inconvenience.

### **Green Schools.**

Following a recent assessment by An Taisce, we have just been informed that our application for the International Green Flag award has been successful. This is the 6th green flag earned by the school and is a tremendous achievement, great credit is due to Ms. McGrath, Maria and all the Green Schools Committee for all their hard work and dedication.

The Green Schools Committee are, Rebecca Peer, Daniel O Sullivan, Lucia Pesognelli, Shane Donohue, Aoife Dooley, Feidhlim Kelly Harrington, Danara Crowe, Ben Kelleher, Katelyn Leamy and Ciara Tuohy.

### **Visit from Tulla Under 21 hurlers**

On Friday April 17th we had a visit from the victorious Tulla Under 21 hurling team. It was a tremendous pleasure to welcome the lads who are all past pupils of St. Mochullas. The lads received a tremendous welcome from all the boys and girls.

### **Visit from All Ireland Camogie Champions**

Before Easter we had the very great pleasure of welcoming our past pupils who were members of the St. Josephs All Ireland winning camogie team.

### **Charitable donation**

Well done to the pupils of 6th class who donated nearly €640 of their own money to two very worthy causes recently. They gave €320 to Bumbalance and another €320 to The Irish Cancer Society. Well done rang a sé!

### **Sport**

St. Mochullas girls recently competed in the INTO Mini 7s camogie and had good wins over Clooney and Doora to reach the final. Unfortunately Knockanean got the better of us in the final. In the hurling our boys lost out on a place in the finals by the narrowest of margins after being defeated by Crusheen in a thriller that went to two periods of extra time. In the Mini 7s football after winning their group in east Clare, the boys defeated Kilmurry McMahon and Lissycasey to reach the county final where unfortunately they came up against a much stronger Gaelscoil team. It was, however a huge achievement for the boys to get this far. Well done to everyone. We had boys and girls teams competing in the FAIs 5 a side soccer tournament for primary schools which were held in Lees Road in March. We also entered boys and girls teams in The Marion Keane primary schools basketball tournament. St. Mochullas will also be competing in the Cumann na mBunscol Camogie and hurling competitions over the coming weeks.