

# St. Mochulla's Parent Association Newsletter

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*Thanks*

*Some upcoming events for which help may be required include :*

- *Sports day in The Cragg (Date undecided as it is weather dependent)*
- *6th class graduation—Wednesday June 20th*
- *Junior Infant introduction day—Thursday June 7th*

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## ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. The final term 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 would like to thank our Parents Association for organising the celebrations following Holy Communion recently. I hope you enjoy keeping up to date with what's happening in St. Mochulla's 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 :

Alyssa McMahon, Tom Hayes, Chloe Callan, Alex Walshe, Lucy O Dwyer, Emer O Keeffe, Ross McNerney, Nessa Hogan, Rowan Frazer, Lillian Cronin, Conor Littleton, Cora Malone, Isabel McMahon, Cian Murphy, Diarmuid O Rourke, Megan Stewart, Nikolai Belenko, Naomi Hogan, Holly Leyden, Jason Moroney, Cillian O Neill, Joe Clune, Sadhbh Cooney, Eric Cronin, Oisín O Mahony, Megan O Sullivan, Sophie O Sullivan, Danara Crowe, Molly Sweeney, Fia Purcell, Jenny Murphy, Ciara Touhy, Evie Quin, Muireann Donovan, Lisa Nicholas, , Ellen Hogan, Aimee Nolan, Ruth Touhy, Harry Nolan, Robert Moriarty, Diarmuid Sheedy, Séan Malone, Alex O Mahony, James Donnellan, Glen McNamara, Luke O Keeffe, Emmet Mulcahy, Marcus Freeman, Rian McMahon, Daragh Ruane

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

### **Confirmation**

On Friday May 25th the boys and girls from 6th class will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Fintan Monahan will be in attendance to celebrate this very special occasion for the children who, under the guidance of Ms. Bohan are working extremely hard preparing for the day. 33 children will receive the sacrament this year and we hope that everyone has an enjoyable day.

### **First Confession and First Holy Communion**

On Tuesday March 22nd the children in 2nd class made their first confession and on Saturday April 28th they made their First Holy Communion. Thanks to Ms. Queally and Ms. Fleury for having the children so well prepared for the sacraments. We also extend our gratitude to both Fr. Brendans for their valuable contribution to these special occasions. Thanks to our Parents Association for securing the facilities and providing the refreshments at St. Joseph's Secondary School on the day.

### **Health and Safety**

Could we ask people to be conscious when dropping and collecting children at the school. Please avoid parking on the side of the road opposite the school and please keep both bus bays free for the buses.

### **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 down. 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.

### **Debate**

Congratulations to our debating team who have reached the final of the County debating competition. On their way to the final they defeated Kilkishen and Scoil Chríost Rí. The members of our debating team are, Molly Sweeney, Aoibhinn O Mahony, Georgia O'Brien, Emmet Mulcahy, Avril Creaven and Caoimhe Egan.

### **Food Dudes**

Children are currently participating in The Food Dudes healthy eating initiative. This project encourages children to try out different fruit and vegetables. To find out more about Food Dudes go to [www.fooddudes.ie](http://www.fooddudes.ie)

### **Cash for Clobber.**

Thanks to all who contributed to The Cash for Clobber fundraiser on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Approximately €1100 was raised. Thanks again to the Parents Association for co-ordinating this event.

### **Welcome to Chloe**

Everyone in St. Mochulla's extends a warm welcome to Chloe Callan who has joined senior infants all the way from Australia.

### **Féile na hInse**

Congratulations to all who took part in Féile na hInse recently. Míle buíochas to all the teachers who helped the children prepare for Féile na hInse this year. Maith sibh go léir.

### **Sport**

Girls and boys from St. Mochulla's competed in the INTO Mini 7s competitions recently. They are also competing in Clare Cumann na mBunscol competitions over the coming weeks.

Boys and girls from 6th class took part in the Marian Keane **basketball** tournament. All children from 1st to 6th classes attended for **swimming** lessons over a 6 week period at Ennis Leisure Centre between Christmas and Easter.

Well done to all the boys and girls who represented St. Mochulla's in The FAI 5 aside primary schools **soccer** tournament in Lees Road on Thursday May 4th. Well done to the boys from 6th class on reaching the semi final.

Congratulations to Leah McInerney who has been selected to play on the Clare Primary Schools Camogie team. Leah will line out at half time during the Munster Senior Championship match between Clare and Tipperary in Thurles on June 10th. Well done Leah.

### **Write a Book.**

Congratulations to all those who were successful in this year's Write a Book Project. Sophie O'Sullivan, Aoife Boyce, Dónal Culloo, and Almas Crowe from 3rd class. Éabha Ashmore, Taylah Vickers, Jack O'Halloran and Matthew Nolan from 4th class. Well done to all.

### **Art Success**

Congratulations to Zoe Quinn and Rachel O'Neill who were prize winners in The Clare Hunt Point to Point Competition which was run through the school.

### **Green Schools**

Congratulations to Éabha McNamara from 2nd class who was selected as the overall National winner in this year's Green Schools design a poster competition. On May 3rd Éabha travelled to Dublin where she was presented with her prize. This is the second year in a row that this award has come to St. Mochulla's having been won by Jennifer Nicholas last year. Well done Éabha.

On Friday April 13th we welcomed members of the Killaloe and Doolin Coastguards to the school. They spoke with the children about the work that they do.

The Green Schools committee have launched a competition looking for a new Green Code for The Global Citizenship Marine Environment theme. The closing date for this competition is Friday June 1st.

Global Citizenship Marine Environment action day will take place on Friday June 15th. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite marine character.

May 14th to 17th is National Walk to School Week and Wednesday May 16th is National WOW Day (Walk on Wednesday). Children are encouraged to walk to school or park and stride where possible.