



Come One & All to the School Hall

Sunday 27th November 2016

Christmas Market Stalls

- Stalls open from 12 to 4pm
- Raffles
- Spot Prizes

Kids Disco

- Dancing starts at noon!
- Games and Face Painting

Santa's Grotto

- Santa visits from 1 to 3pm.
- Professional Photographer.
- Santa Photo—2 prints for €10.

Refreshments

- Tea, coffee and treats
- Mulled wine

Admission

- €5 per child (Max €15 per family)
- (includes Disco, Santa and gift, and refreshments)
- Adults Free

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**ST. MOCHULLA'S
NEWSLETTER**

Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are already over the mid-term. As ever life has been extremely busy in St. Mochulla's. We have an extremely busy few weeks ahead of us. Parent Teacher meetings are taking place this week. The Parents Association are busy organising our Christmas Fair which takes place on Sunday next, November 27th and promises to be a great occasion.

Keep up to date with what all that is happening in the school by logging on to our website. Thanking you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,

Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people :

Amy Hogan, Stephen Carroll, Freya O'Sullivan, Moya Stewart, Ben Maher, Conor Ashton-Floyd, Ava Corry, Amy Benson, Shane McNamara, Kacper Blicharz, Alex Moroney, Sarah Byrnes, Sean Collins, Ava Cronin, Donal Culloo, Eoin Culloo, Dylan Culloo, Jessica Donohue, Darragh Donovan, Aoife Dooley, Colin Duff, Darius Freeman, Colin Hogan, Eowyn Ligtoet, Molly McConnollogue, Áine McEntee, Lauren McGrath, Éabha McNamara, Shauna Leamy, Aisling Moroney, Liam Moroney, Clodagh Murphy, John Paul Murphy, Laura Nolan, Sara Noonan, Saoirse O'Hare, Meadhbh O'Reilly, Joshua Peer, Roisín Sheedy, Taylah Vickers,

Some Words of Wisdom.

The only people you should try to get even with are those who helped you.

Cross Country.

Well done to all the children from St. Mochulla's who took part in the East Clare Primary Schools Cross Country Championships in Lees Rd. recently. Congratulations to Evie Quin, Lisa Nicholas, Cathal Culloo Jennifer Nicholas and Donal Sheedy who won individual medals on the day. Well done also to our under 12 boys team of Donal Sheedy, Eanna Culloo, Hugh Cronin, Eoin Donnellan, Fionn Ryan and Colin Hogan who were placed 3rd in the boys over 10 team competition. All these athletes went on to represent the school in the Clare Primary Schools Cross Country Championships in Lee's Road on November 16th where Evie Quin again did us proud finishing in third place.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Confirmation will take place this year on Friday April 28th. Communion will take place on Saturday May 13th.

Cash for Clobber

Well done and thank you to everyone for your contribution to the recent Cash for Clobber appeal. €1,500 was raised through the donation of old clothing. Thank you to the parents association for co-ordinating this event.

Witch Walk

A huge thank you also to all who supported our recent Witch Walk. The sum of €2,200 was raised by this event. This money will be used for the upgrade of IT equipment in the school and will also go towards the purchase of some curriculum resources.

Brian Galagher visits The Library.

On October 17th, 6th class met author Brian Gallagher in The Library where he spoke about his work as an author. Brian is the author of five books of historical fiction for young readers: *Across the Divide*, set during the 1913 Dublin Lockout; *Taking Sides*, which takes place against the backdrop of the Civil War; *Secrets and Shadows*, a spy novel that begins with the North Strand bombings during World War II; *Stormclouds*, set in Northern Ireland during the turbulent summer of 1969, and the hugely popular *Friend or Foe*, set during the 1916 Easter Rising. Brian is also the author of four adult novels.

Voluntary Contribution

Thanks to all who paid the fee of €30 per child asked of you in September. This money helps towards our art & craft and photocopying costs, as well as the Accelerated Reader annual licence all of which the children enjoy throughout the school year.

Parents Association.

Following the recent AGM of St. Mochulla's Parents Association the following officers were elected. **Chairperson:** Christine O'Brien **Secretary:** Alison Moriarity

Treasurer: Brid Sheedy

We are very fortunate to have such an active and supportive parent body in St. Mochulla's who make such a positive contribution to life in the school and we wish the new executive well in all their endeavors. Thanks to the parents association for all their hard work on tidying the school garden recently. They are currently extremely busy preparing for our upcoming Christmas Fair which takes place in the Halla on Sunday November 27th.

Maths Week

Monday October 15th to 23rd was Maths Week. The children in St. Mochullas marked Maths Week in a variety of different ways. Some classes undertook maths trails around the school. Mangahigh also proved very popular with some classes. Mangahigh is an online based maths resource which allows the children the opportunity to play maths games against other children around the world. It is a great way for the children to practice maths in a fun way.

Green Schools.

We are delighted to welcome Saoirse O Hare and John Paul Murphy to join our Green Schools Committee. Adam McNamara, Jennifer Nicholas, Darragh Donovan, Molly Sweeney, David Duff, Sarah Byrnes, Joanna McCarthy and Seamus Egan are the other members of our committee. This year we are working on the theme of Global Citizenship and Energy. The new committees first task is to co-ordinate the annual Christmas Decoration Competition.

Children are asked to design their own Christmas decoration from recyclable material. The closing date for the **Christmas Decoration Competition** is Monday November 28th.

Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent/Teacher meetings take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. These meetings provide the opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. If however you wish to speak to your child's teacher at any other stage please make an appointment through the school office..

Hurleys and Helmets

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

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again this year St. Mochullas are delighted to be involved in the annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. Over 100 shoeboxes were donated by the boys and girls of St. Mochulla's to the world's neediest children. Well done.