

St. Mochulla's Parents Association.

HELP WANTED

The AGM of the Parents Association took place in October and the following committee was put in place.

Mickey Donnellan (Chairperson), Christine O'Brien (Vice Chairperson / PRO); Brid Sheedy (Treasurer) Noreen Kelleher (Vice Treasurer); Fiona Cunningham & Ciara Griffin (Co Secretaries); Sharon Donnellan (Events Coordinator).

This year we are putting together an 'Event Team' that would be called on to help out at occasions related to the school. Both male & female volunteers are needed. Please note that you would not be committed to planning or organising the event, unless you have the spare time, and you would not have to be available for every event. Helpers are needed to set up, service or tidy up. We would really like to see someone represented from each class in the school, if possible, to create and maintain a solid foundation for the team. First up would be a Christmas Event, so we would like to hear from you as quickly as possible. If 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. 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 in the lead up to Christmas. Parent Teacher meetings are also taking place this week. Keep up to date with 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 :

Alice Hall, Aoibhe O'Rourke, Kasey Quigley, Lorcan Quigley, Adam Quin, Avril Creaven, 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, Darragh Donovan, Colin Duff, Darius Freeman, Eowyn Ligtvoet, Molly McConlogue, Áine McEntee, Lauren McGrath, Éabha McNamara, Shauna Leamy, Liam Moroney, Clodagh Murphy, John Paul Murphy, 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 our athletes

Congratulations to Zoe Quin on Coming 3rd under 8, Lisa Nicholas 3rd under 10 and Evie Quin 10th under 10 in the Clare Primary Schools Cross Country recently.

Well done also to the rest of the girls under 10 team - Fia Purcell, Sophie Murphy, Joanna McCarthy and Aoife Boyce on running a brilliant race.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Holy Communion 2018 will take place on Saturday April 28th. Confirmation with Bishop Fintan will take place this year on Friday May 25th.

Cash for Clobber

Well done and thank you to everyone for your contribution to the recent Cash for Clobber appeal. €1,470 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 €1900 was raised by this event. Some of this money has been used for the purchase of new gym mats for the school and literacy resources. Check out the school website for some scary pictures of the Witch Walk day.

6th Class Visit The Toomeens

Recently the children from 6th class visited The Toomeens in Kiltannon. It was a most enjoyable trip for the children, thanks to all the parents who helped ferry the pupils to Kiltannon. Check out the pictures on the website.

Dysert O Dea Primary School Trivia Hunt

5th and 6th pupils class took part in a Trivia Hunt in Dysert O Dea Caste in October. This was a fun and educational day for the pupils which included a tour of the castle and an educational dvd and tutorial on the history of the castle and surrounding field monuments. One team from 6th class qualified for the final of the event where they will compete with other schools in a larger hunt to try and win a prize worth €500 to the school.

Internet Safety

The whole area of internet safety, mobile phone use, social media, cyber bullying etc. has become a huge issue in Irish society in recent years and it is essential that we as parents and teachers educate ourselves and become aware of the challenges facing our children. Check out the websites section on our school website for some tips on protecting our children online.

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.

Hurleys and Helmets

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

Parents Association.

Following the recent AGM of St. Mochulla's Parents Association the following officers were elected. **Chairperson:** Mickey Donnellan, **Vice Chair and PRO:** Christine O'Brien, **Joint Secretaries:** Fiona Cunningham and Ciara Griffin, **Treasurer:** Bríd 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. We ask you to support our Parents Association in any way you can.

Maths Week

Monday October 16th to Friday 20th was Maths Week. Unfortunately the week was shortened by the onslaught of Storm Ophelia. Nevertheless the children in St. Mochulla's still 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. Manga-high 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.

Congratulations to those who have been selected for our new Green Schools Committee. They are: From 2nd class—Kate Higgins and Sean Murphy. From 3rd class—Aimee Nolan and Sean Moloney. From 4th class: Aoibhinn O'Neill and Tristan O'Brien and from 5th class: Sean Clune, Cathal Culloo, Finn Boyce, Daragh Walsh and Alex O'Mahony. This Committee will be working on our new theme over the next 2 years **“Global Citizenship—The Marine Environment”**. However the new committees first task is to coordinate 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 27th.

Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, November 22nd and 23rd. These meetings provide the opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. If however you wish to speak to your child's teacher at any other stage, please make an appointment through the school office.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again this year St. Mochulla's are delighted to be involved in the annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. Over 70 shoeboxes were donated by the boys and girls of St. Mochulla's to the world's neediest children. Well done.

Christmas Carol Service.

St. Mochulla's Christmas Carol Service will take place on Wednesday December 20th in St. Peter and Pauls Church at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.