

AGM

The Parents Association held their AGM on October 14th. Thank you to all who attended this meeting. It was great to see some new faces and great to hear everyone's ideas and concerns. Principal Brian Culloo addressed the meeting and updated everyone on the challenges facing the school. Concern was raised about the large class sizes particularly in the older classes. Parents have asked that the Association facilitate a communication to our local representatives asking them to acknowledge and address this critical issue facing St Mochulla's. More to follow on this point.

Fundraising

Thank you to our newly formed fundraising committee for volunteering to lead vital fundraising activities over the coming year. Please support their efforts and contact them with any ideas you may have. The committee is comprised of Paul Cantillon, Aoife O'Sullivan, Thomasina O'Mahoney, Anne Murphy and Caitriona O'Reilly.

Healthy Eating

During the month of November a qualified volunteer from the Parents Association will address each class on the subject of healthy eating, sugar levels in foods and ideas for a healthy tasty lunch box. Each child will bring home a pack and we hope we can count on your support to encourage healthy lunchboxes in St Mochulla's. This is a great opportunity to encourage good eating habits now and in the years ahead for our children.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for all the contributions to our Cash for Clobber collection which yielded an astonishing 3 tonnes + of clothing. Thank you to all the loaders on the day including the hard working 6th class. The next collection will be in early Spring time.

Pink October

Thank you to the teachers and parents who organised the recent Breast cancer awareness coffee morning. Well done on supporting this great cause and sharing knowledge and experiences.

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. It's hard to believe that we are already over the mid-term. As ever life has been extremely busy in St. Mochullas. 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 :

Kacper Blicharz, Sarah Lee Butler, Sarah Byrnes, Sean Collins, Ava Cronin, Donal Culloo, Eoin Culloo, Dylan Culloo, Alice Daly, Jessica Donoghue, Darragh Donovan, Aoife Dooley, Colin Duff, Celine Flynn, Darius Freeman, Ross Gleeson, Colin Hogan, Tony Huang, Eowyn Lightfoot, Molly McConnollogue, Áine McEntee, Lauren McGrath, Liam McInerney, Eabha McNamara, Diarmuid Molloy, Shauna Leamy, Aisling Moroney, Liam Moroney, Clodagh Murphy, John Paul Murphy, Laura Nolan, Sara Noonan, Saoirse O Hare, Meabh O Reilly, Joshua Peer, Roisín Sheedy, Ava Touhy, Jazmin Verhagen, Natasha Vickers, Taylah Vickers, Dan Withycombe

Some Words of Wisdom.

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Cross Country.

On Wednesday September 17th children from St. Mochullas took part in the East Clare Primary Schools Cross Country Championships. Well done and congratulations to James Donnellan, Jennifer Nicholas and Fintan Caulfeild on qualifying for the Clarte Primary Schools Cross Country Championships which will take place on Wednesday November 12th in Lees Road.

Football

Our boys and girls footballers took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Primary Schools football competitions over the past few weeks.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Confirmation will take place this year on Saturday March 21st at 11am. Communion will take place on Saturday May 16th.

All Ireland Champions Visit

On Friday October 17th we were honoured with a visit from some members of the Clare All Ireland Under 21 winning panel. Seadna Morey, Eibhera Quilligan, Shane McGrath and past pupil Niall Bolton along with manager Gerry O Connor visited the boys and girls of St. Mochullas. They brought with them the All Ireland trophy, The Cross of Cashel.

Parking.

Again in the interest of the health and safety of all the children in St. Mochullas, we ask that you please observe the following:

- Park on school side of road **ONLY** so as to avoid children having to cross the road.
- The bus bay is for busses only but may be used as a drop off zone only when busses have departed.
- Please enter the bus bay via the entrance furthest from the school gate.
- Please observe the set down only area and the no parking zone (immediately outside school).

Entering/exiting the school

All children are asked to enter and exit the school grounds through the main gate **only**. The car park entrance is for cars and bicycles only. **Children must not be walked through the car park.** Those cycling to school should dismount their bikes on entering the school grounds.

- **It is most important that this message is given to those who bring your child to school.**

Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent teacher meetings will take place on the week commencing November 17th. Your child's/children's teacher will contact you over the coming days to give you a time slot for your meeting.

School Mass and Prayer Service.

On September 24th the children from 1st to 6th class attended the start of year school mass in St. Peter and Pauls Church. The junior and senior infants participated in a lovely prayer service in the hall. A huge thank you to the teachers and to Fr. Martin and Fr. Brendan for their assistance in organizing these events.

Maths Week

The week Monday October 13th to 17th 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.

New Computer Suite

We have installed 15 networked computers in St. Mochullas. We hope that this facility will help the children of St. Mochullas develop basic ICT skills which will be of benefit to them in the future.

Witch Walk

On Friday October 24th all the children dressed up and went for a walk around the village. This was a great success. Have a look at some of the fantastic costumes on the school website. Anyone who still has a sponsorship card at home, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

Pink October

The staff of St. Mochullas along with the Parents Association hosted a very successful coffee morning recently. We were supporting the Irish Cancer Society's Pink October campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer. The proceeds of the morning, which amounted to €550 were donated to Sláinte an Chláir. Well done to everyone involved.

US Bound

Bon voyage to Leah Hunt and Áine Murphy who are heading to Boston as part of a group of young musicians from Tulla Comhaltas. Leah and Áine were also part of the u12 band who won the All Ireland Fleadh in Sligo this year. Well done girls, we are all very proud of you.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again this year St. Mochullas are delighted to be involved in the annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. Filled shoeboxes may be dropped in to the school before November 10th.

Green Schools.

The Green Schools Committee are currently busy judging the label bins competition.

They will also be asking people to take part in the garden bird survey.

It is time also for people to start thinking about the annual Christmas decoration competition. Children will be asked to design their own Christmas decoration out of recyclable material.