

Ben Reidy 14 December 2011—15 February 2019.

Friday February 15th 2019 will long be remembered as one of the saddest days in the life of all here in St. Mochulla's. On that day we lost a truly loved and valued member of our school community. To all of us here in St. Mochulla's, Ben Reidy was an inspiration and an example of how to live life to the fullest. Our lives have been enriched from knowing Ben even though it was for such a short time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilís.



***Friends are like stars, you can't always see them
but you know they're always there.***

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ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. I hope everyone had an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day. Life continues to be busy here in St. Mochulla's and I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,
Brian Culloo

Birthday Parade.

Happy birthday to the following people:

Faye Culhane, Tom Hely, Alison Jennings, James Quinn, Laurynas Turskas, Milo Leyden, Seán Murphy, Ada McMahan, Lucas Slattery, Ryan Curtis, Éabha Ashmore, Juliette Purcell, Katelyn Leamy, Conor Ruane, Ruadhán Courtney, David Blicharz, Tom Clune, Tamikka Rochford, Darragh Walsh, Matthew Molloy, Brian Conheady, Zina Tuohy, Kate Madden, Cian Murphy, Eimhin Kinsella, Amelie McCarthy, Mary Cronin, Jason Walsh, Isabelle Del Valle, Alex Purcell, Seán McInerney, Sam Punch, Liam Murphy, Rian Robert, Finn Curtis, Conal McNamara, Kate Ruane, Daragh Ruane, Lia Crilly, Jenny Murphy, Oran Keane, Fia Purcell, Megan Stewart, Alyssa McMahan, Nikolai Belenko, Ellen Hogan, Naomi Hogan, Tom Hayes, Karina Moloney, Caylin Crilly, Holly Leyden, Alex O'Mahony, Chloe Callan, Alex Walsh, Glen McNamara, Lucy O'Dwyer, Ruth Tuohy, Anna Dawson, Tessa Hogan

Some Words of Wisdom.

**The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your
best today.**

Handball

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Clare Primary Schools Handball competitions which were held here in Tulla and in Clooney recently. St. Mochulla's were represented in the boys under 13 competition by, Finn Boyce, Cathal Culloo and Ryan Hayes. In the girls under 13 we were represented by Rhianna Ryan, Aoibhinn Creaven and Lisa Nicholas. Liam Murphy, Micheál Rochford and Liam O Meara represented us in the boys under 11 competition, while Aimee Nolan and Aoife Boyce were St. Mochulla's representatives in the girls under 11 competition.

Indoor Hurling.

The boys from 4th class and the girls from 5th class took part in the annual primary school indoor hurling and camogie tournaments recently. The children really enjoyed the experience. Boys and girls are now looking forward to the INTO Mini 7s tournaments which get underway shortly.

Basketball

The boys and girls from 6th class competed in The Marion Keane Primary Schools Basketball tournament. The girls have qualified for the quarter final stage of the tournament.

Busy Times for 6th Class

It has been an extremely busy couple of weeks for the boys and girls of 6th class. On Sunday the 10th of February they received the Sacrament of **Confirmation** from Bishop Fintan Monahan.

Well done to our 6th class debate team of Cathal Culloo, Cara Murphy, Katelyn Leamy, James Donnellan, David Duff and Molly Higgins on reaching the quarter finals of the Clare Primary Schools debating competition. They defeated Toonagh NS in the first round but lost out narrowly to St. Senan's N.S. Kilrush in the quarter final.

On Saturday March 2nd, the boys and girls from 6th class attended **The Peace Proms** in U.L. where they formed part of a thousand strong choir and contributed to a most enjoyable show. Then the following Thursday, March 7th they travelled to the R.D.S. in Dublin to present their project as part of **Science Blast 2019**. The title of which was "Technology and Equipment which were fundamental to the success of the 1969 Moon Landing."

Féile na hInse

Well done to all the children who took part in Féile na hInse recently and congratulations to all our prize winners, Zoe Quin, Éabha McNamara, Sophie O'Sullivan, Evie Quin Lisa Nicholas, Eimhinn Kinsella and Cathal Culloo. Well done to all who took part in the Tráth na gCeist on Friday afternoon and congratulations to Daragh Walsh, James Donnellan, Cathal Culloo and Finn Boyce who came first. We also held a Tráth a gCeist as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge here in school and the winning team was Katelyn Leamy, Ava Corry, Diarmuid Sheedy and Kayla Curtis

Arrival at school in the morning.

The Board of Management would like to remind parents that school starts at **9:10**. Some children are arriving at school as early as **8:30**. **Please note that there is no supervision on the yard before 8:50am.**

First Confession

Children from 2nd class will receive the sacrament of First Confession on Tuesday March 26th at 7pm in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Tulla.

Green Schools.

Our Green Schools Committee are anxiously waiting the result of our recent Green Schools assessment under the theme Global Citizenship and The Marine Environment. Should we be successful we will secure our eighth green flag.

School Enrolment

St. Mochulla's is currently enrolling for the 2019-2020 school year. If you are aware of anyone who is considering enrolling their child in our school and have not already done so, please ask them to contact the school office for an enrolment form.

Swimming

All classes from 1st to 6th are currently taking swimming instruction in Ennis Pool. Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and as such all children are encouraged to take part.

Credit Union Quiz 2019 & Inter Schools Quiz

St. Mochulla's entered four teams in this year's Credit Union Quiz. A total of 46 schools were involved. Our two senior quiz teams finished in a tie for second place. Our junior quizzers finished in 5th and 6th places. For the second consecutive year, St. Mochulla's were successful in the annual St. Tola's Inter Schools Quiz. Well done to all involved.

Grandparents Day

Thanks to all our Grandparents who visited our school on Friday March 15th. We hope you enjoyed your visit.

Literacy Lift Off

Children in 1st class have been enjoying Literacy Lift Off recently. This is an early intervention literacy programme to help improve literacy levels. Special Education Teachers work in collaboration with the class teacher for a daily literacy hour. Children are divided into groups and rotate around different literacy activity stations, spending 8-10 minutes at each station.

Retirement Function

Friday, January 25th, was a very special day in St. Mochulla's as we celebrated Mrs Stack's retirement. We had mass in the church followed by entertainment and refreshments in the halla. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mary all the very best in her retirement following 22 years of dedicated service in our school. We would also like to wish her successor, Ms. Corry, all the very best in her new role as Deputy Principal of St. Mochulla's. We also welcome Patrick McGrath and Ciarán Morrissey to our staff.

Badminton Success.

Congratulations to Suin Coughlan in 5th class who was a member of the Clare badminton squad who won the Munster title recently. Well done Suin.

St. Mochulla's Parents Association.

A huge thank you to our Parents Association for all their help at all our recent functions. Thanks to all of you who took the time to help with and provide refreshments for Confirmation, Ms. Stack's retirement function and for Grandparents Day. There will be a meeting of St. Mochulla's Parents Association on Monday April 1st at 8pm and all are welcome.

Upcoming Dates for you diary:

School closes for Easter Holidays on April 12th.

Saturday May 11th First Holy Communion

Help always needed from parents