

# St. Mochulla's Parent Association Newsletter

## *Easter Fair*

We had a wonderful day out on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April with games and activities that included 2 school garden projects – 'Build-a-Picket-Fence' and 'Pot-a- Wellie' – the pickets were a huge success on the day, and there was a small start to the potted wellies.

The intention is for the two projects to work together to bring creativity, colour, growth and learning to our school garden. There is plenty of room for more pickets, and we are in the process of getting more ready – perhaps we'll arrange painting days at the school on a Saturday before the summer to fill up even more space on the fence? We organised a bake sale for funds toward the continued repair and rejuvenation of the Tulla Community Playground – raising €312. Thank you to everyone that donated time and goods. We ran our 'Cash-In Kitty' on the day raising €74 for the SMPA, and creating a win for Aimee Nolan of €74 – congratulations!

## *Cash for Clobber*

Approximately 3 tonne was collected on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – and that translates to about €1500 for the school .

## *Communication*

The SMPA Facebook page is being used for community announcements as well as school dates/events. Information/documents including agenda, minutes, tips etc being shared. If you would like to receive SMPA meeting documentation, e.g. Agenda, Minutes etc – please email [smparentsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:smparentsassoc@gmail.com) to be put on a mailing list. *The next meeting of the SMPA is scheduled for Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8:30pm.*

**Confirmation** – Congratulations to the pupils of 6<sup>th</sup> class who made their Confirmation recently.. The Parents Association hosted a party in Cnoc na Gaoithe following the ceremony to celebrate their special day. Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> class parents who helped make this event a success.

**Communion** – On Saturday next May 13<sup>th</sup> the children in 2nd class will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Parents Association will host a party in the Secondary school following the ceremony to celebrate this special occasion.

**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 is hard to believe we are into the last term of the school year. It 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 a very Successful Easter Fair recently and also for all their efforts in organising the celebrations following Confirmation and Holy Communion..I hope you enjoy keeping up to date with what's happening in St. Mochullas 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 :

Nessa Hogan, Rowan Frazer, Ruadhán Coleman, Charlotte Campher, Mary Cronin, Tom Clune, Ruadhán Courtney, Lillian Cronin, Conor Littleton, Cora Malone, Isabel McMahan, Cian Murphy, Diarmuid O Rourke, Megan Stewart, Nikolai Belenko, Naomi Hogan, Holly Leyden, Jason Moroney, Cillian O Neill, Zina Tuohy, Brian Conheady, Emily Cronin, Joe Clune, Sadhbh Cooney, Eric Cronin, Oisín O Mahony, Megan O Sullivan, Sophie O Sullivan, Katie Clune, Molly Ellis, Éabha McInerney, Jennifer Nicholas, Vivienne O Sullivan, Danara Crowe, Molly Sweeney, Fia Purcell, Jenny Murphy, Ciara Touhy, Matty Molloy, Evie Quin, Muireann Donovan, Lisa Nicholas, Liadan Coleman, Ellen Hogan, Aimee Nolan, Tamika Rochford, Ruth Touhy, Amy Pugachenko, Harry Nolan, Robert Moriarty, Diarmuid Sheedy, Matthew Purcell, Séan Malone, Alex O Mahony, James Donnellan, David Blicharz, Darragh Walsh, Glen McNamara, Luke O Keeffe, Eimhin Kinsella, Emmet Mulcahy, Marcus Freeman, Rían McMahan, Kevin McGrath, Daragh Leamy, Odhrán Griffin, Éanna Culloo, Lucas Donlon,

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

### **Confirmation**

On Friday April 28th the boys and girls in 6th class received the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Fintan Monahan was in attendance to celebrate this very special occasion for the children who, under the guidance of Ms. Bohan, worked extremely hard preparing for the day. 33 children received the sacrament this year and we hope that everyone had an enjoyable day. We also extend our gratitude to Fr. Martin & Fr. Brendan for their valuable contribution to these special occasions.

### **First Confession**

On Tuesday March 21st the children in 2nd class made their first confession. Thanks to Ms. O Neill and Ms. McGrath for having the children so well prepared for the evening. They are now busily preparing for First Holy Communion which takes place on Saturday May 13th.

### **Friendship Fortnight**

In line with our anti-bullying policy we recently held a Friendship Fortnight in the school. During the fortnight we placed particular emphasis on respecting others. We hope that the idea of respect for others would permeate through all aspects of school life throughout the entire school year. We would ask you to please continue to speak with your child about the importance of respect for all in our school community.

### **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 the bus bay 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.

### **School Clean Up.**

Thank you to the scouts for cleaning the front of the school recently. Thank you also to Adrian Queally for painting the front wall and to Tulla Tidy Towns Committee for helping to organise this tidy up.

### **Féile na hInse**

Congratulations to all who took part in Féile na hInse recently. Well done to Lilly Moore Rasehorn, Zoe Quin Juliette Purcell, Evie Quin and James Donnellan who won the art competition and to Ébha McInerney and Osgar Kinsella who were successful in the essay competition. Jennifer Nicholas, Éabha McInerney, Danara Crowe and Aoibhinn Rochford were successful in their respective sections of the agallamh beirte Well done also to our Ceili band who won the ceili band competition and our tráth na gceist team of Daragh Leamy, Dylan Culloo, Donal Sheedy and Lucas Donlon who came second. Míle buíochas to all the teachers who helped the children prepare for Féile na hInse this year. Maith sibh go léir.

### **Sport**

Well done to our boys footballers on reaching the final of the INTO Mini 7s competition recently. Our hurlers and camogie players have also reached the final stages of this competition.

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 Tuesday April 4th. Peter Casey has organised hurling games for children in 3rd and 4th classes between St. Mochullas and children from neighbouring schools.

### **Grandparents Day**

Wednesday March 15th was Grandparents Day in St. Mochullas. Thank you to all the Grandparents who joined us. We hope you enjoyed visiting our school. We also opened our new school extension on that day. Former principals Mr. Torpey and Sr. Eileen did the honours. We unveiled a plaque acknowledging the very generous financial support received from the people of Tulla and in particular the nine major sponsors of our Thousandaire fundraiser.

### **Green Schools**

Children from St. Mochulla's recently entered an art competition in which they were invited to submit their vision of the future under the title "Our Plan 2040". We are delighted to announce that Jennifer Nicholas in 6th class was successful. Jennifer travelled to the Custom House in Dublin on Wednesday, May 3rd where she was presented with her prize. Well done Jennifer.

On March 2nd our school underwent assessment for our seventh Green Flag. We have been informed that we have been successful in our application for The Green Flag for Global Citizen and Energy. Well done to everyone and especially to our Green Schools Committee. Our Green Schools Committee will travel to The Galway Bay Hotel on Thursday May 4th for the award ceremony. Wednesday May 17th is National Walk on Wednesday (WOW Day). Look out for National Cycle Week which will be coming up in June.