

## **St. Mochulla's Parents Association.**

*Thanks to all parents, pupils and staff for their support in the recent events organised by The Parents Association. The Sponsored Walk, which took place on Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, raised €1000 which will be used to finance events in and around the school over the coming year. Thanks also to all who donated items to Cash for Clobber (17/10/2019) which once more provided much needed funds for the school.*

*The SMPA AGM took place on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept and the following officers were elected: Events – Fiona Cunningham: Secretary - Cait O'Mahony; Treasurer – Karen Holly: Chair – Mickey Donnellan; Deputy Chair: Brid Sheedy: Deputy Secretary: Ronan O'Sullivan: Deputy Treasurer - Louise Littleton: Deputy Events – Catriona Healy We wish them the best in their term of office.*

*SMPA are hoping to provide some Light Refreshments in Cnoc na Gaoithe after the school's Christmas Carols evening (date TBC). If you are available to help out at this (or indeed any future event) please contact Fiona on 0872773486.*

*SMPA recently organised a survey of all parents to see if they were in favour of asking Clare's Returning Officer to look for an alternative venue to St Mochullas NS as a polling station. The survey results showed that the majority of parents were in favour of keeping St Mochullas as a polling station.*

*SMPA have drafted a new constitution, a copy of which will be available for viewing in the school office for the week Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec to Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. It will also be posted to the school website and the Saint Mochullas Parents Association Facebook page. We welcome any comments, ideas or suggestion.*

*A beautiful new trophy cabinet, funded by SMPA, has been built and installed in the school (on the corridor into the new extension). See if you can find any trophies that the school might have won in your day???*

*The next meeting of SMPA is Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 8pm to 9pm in the school. All welcome*

*Finally can we wish all pupils, staff and families a Happy and Healthy Christmas*

*Regards*

*Cait O'Mahony – Secretary 0877800382*

*Mickey Donnellan – Chairperson – 0879710358*

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## **ST. MOCHULLA'S NEWSLETTER**

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

### **Principal's Message.**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our school newsletter. As ever life has been extremely busy in St. Mochulla's and we have an extremely busy few weeks ahead of us in the lead up to Christmas. Thanking you all for your continued support.

Le gach dea mhéin,  
Brian Culloo

### **Birthday Parade.**

Happy birthday to the following people :

Aimee Louies O Connor, Saoirse Leamy, Ruadhán Fogarty, Jasmine O Sullivan, Leo Walshe, Shane McNamara, Alice Hall, Aoibhe O Rourke, Kasey Dinan, Lorcan Dinan, Adam Quin, Amy Hogan, Stephen Carroll, Freya O'Sullivan, Moya Stewart, Ben Maher, Conor Ashton-Floyd, Clodagh Murphy, Ava Corry, Amy Benson, Alex Moroney, Donal Culloo, Eoin Culloo, Colin Duff, Molly McConnollogue, Éabha McNamara, Shauna Leamy, Liam Moroney, John Paul Murphy, Saoirse O'Hare, Joshua Peer, Taylah Vickers,

### **Some Words of Wisdom.**

**When given the choice between being right and being kind choose kind.**

### **Sport.**

Congratulations to Zoe Quin in finishing 6th in the under 10 race and to Lisa Nicholas and Evie Quin on finishing 5th and 7th in the girls over 10 race at the Clare Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held in Lees Road on November 13th.

### **Handball**

Congratulations to Ryan Hayes, Liam Murphy, Conor O'Brien and Liam O'Meara who have been selected to represent Clare in The Munster Primary Schools handball competition which will take place in Tulla and Cloney alleys on Sunday December 1st.

### **First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

Holy Communion 2020 will take place on Saturday May 16th at 11am and Confirmation with Bishop Fintan will be celebrated on Sunday March 22nd at 11am.

### **Cash for Clobber**

Well done and thank you to everyone for your contribution to the recent Cash for Clobber appeal. 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. Unfortunately the weather was against us on the day, however the children enjoyed the dress up and the disco in the halla. We did undertake our Witch Walk on Friday November 8th.

### **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 webwise which can be accessed through 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.

### **Amber Flag.**

This year in St. Mochulla's we are getting involved in the Amber Flag initiative. The Amber Flag is a mental health initiative designed to help schools promote positive mental health within the educational system. Our Amber Flag committee are Elliot Durant and Megan Stewart from 3rd class, Amy Byrnes and Jason Moroney from 4th, Tamika Rochford and Harry Nolan from 5th and Eabha Ashmore, Colin Duff and Taylah Vickers from 6th class.

### **Hurleys and Helmets**

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

### **Panto in UL**

On Monday December 16th children from juniors to 3rd class will attend the panto in UL. The Panto this year is Aladdin and is always a hugely enjoyable day for all.

### **Green Schools.**

Congratulations to those who have been selected for our new Green Schools Committee. They are: From 2nd class—Rachel O'Neill and David Collins. From 3rd class—Meadhbh Hely and Padraic Fitzgearld. Holly Leyden, Cillian O'Neill and Evan McGrath from 4th class: Ada McMahon, Diarmuid Sheedy and Maddison Noonan from 5th class: Lisa Nicholas, Cleo Moroney, Colin Duff and Arek Bodziony from 6th class. Over the next 2 years this committee will lead the school on our new Green Schools theme of **“Global Citizenship—Travel.”** However the first task for the new committees 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 December 2nd.**

### **Parent Teacher Meetings.**

Parent/Teacher meetings are taking place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, November 20th and 21st. 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 were delighted to be involved in the Team Hope 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.

### **Debate.**

On Friday November 22nd our debate team, Seamus Egan, Eabha Ashmore, Ava Corry, Lisa Nicholas, Fionn O'Mahony and Jack O'Halloran will take on Ogonelloe NS in the first round of The Concern Primary Schools Debate. The motion for debate is “Homework is a waste of time for primary school pupils” and St. Mochulla's are proposing the motion.

### **Christmas Carol Service.**

St. Mochulla's Christmas Carol Service will take place on Thursday December 19th in St. Peter and Pauls Church at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### **Active Flag.**

This year we will also be renewing our Active Flag. The Active School Flag is awarded to schools that strive to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. The process aims to get more schools, more active, more often. Members of our Active Flag committee are Ali Jennings and Diarmuid O'Rourke from 3rd class, Oisín O'Mahony, Zoe Quin, Milo Leyden and Kate Higgins from 4th class. Aimee Nolan and Finn McConnologue from 5th class and Lisa Nicholas, Sophie Murphy, Conor Ruane and Ryan Curtis from 6th class. As part of our Active Flag initiative classes are undertaking the Daily Mile.