

# SCOIL MOCHUA - AGHARDS.

## NEWSLETTER.

March 2009

### 1. SCHOOL CLOSINGS - REMINDER.

<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	:	School closed on <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March <u>only</u>.</b>
<b>Inservice Day</b>	:	School closed on <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	:	School closes on <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at <u>12 noon</u></b> and reopens on <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.</b>
<b>May:</b>	:	School closed on <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.</b>
<b>June:</b>	:	School closed on <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.</b>

### 2. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADES / ACTIVITIES.

- (A) **The Annual School St. Patrick's Day Parade** will take place on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** starting at the school gates at **11.30a.m. – weather permitting**. All parents are invited to come out and view the Parade.
- (B) **The Parish St. Patrick's Day Parade** will take place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Our school will form part of the Parade again this year. The Parade starts at 4 p.m. Please assembly **at 3.30 p.m.** in Tesco's car park – watch for our **School Banner and our Parade Entry No. is 29**. We encourage all families to come along to support and enjoy this event. Congratulations to the organizing Committee and we wish all concerned a most enjoyable afternoon.
- (C) **Patrick's Day Coffee morning on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30a.m. All welcome before Parade.**

### 3. SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE.

During this week 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' is taking place in the school and children are participating in various activities to promote Irish language and culture. All children are encouraged to speak Irish as much as possible during the week.

### 4. GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME.

We are delighted to inform you that the school has been awarded its first **Green Flag**. Congratulations to all involved. A day of celebration to raise the flag is currently being arranged. Further details later.

### 5. READATHON 2009.

Our Annual Readathon has just concluded for this year. An Assembly to celebrate this event took place yesterday. Cheques for 1000 euro each were presented to Cystic Fibrosis Association, Niall Mellon Fund, Friends From Ireland to Africa Fund and Arc Cancer Support Centre. Further donations to charity will be made. We would like to express our sincere thanks to you for supporting this event so wonderfully.

A total of **15,640 books** were read throughout the school and **€13,000** collected after expenses. This was a fantastic achievement and well done to everyone involved!!

### 6. GAELIC FOOTBALL.

Gaelic football training continues after school on the green area beside the school. In the event of rain, training will take place in the big hall.

**U/10 Panel Thursday 2.40 – 3.40p.m.**

**U/13 Panel Friday 2.40 – 3.40p.m.**

### SCHOOL RULES - REMINDERS.

- **Mobile phones:** Children should not bring mobile phones to school unless it is necessary to have the phone to make contact with parents/guardians after school hours.
- Parents should exercise extreme care at school gates at all times.
- Children must wear full school uniform at all times.