

# SCOIL MOCHUA - AGHARDS.

## NEWSLETTER.

February 2010.

### 1. SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR TERM - REMINDER.

**Mid – Term** : School closes on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. February** and reopens on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. February.**

**Staff Meeting** : School closes on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. March** at **12.30p.m.**

**St. Patrick's Day** : School closed on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. March.**

**Easter Holidays** : School closes on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. March** at **12 noon** and reopens on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>. April.**

### 2. STAY SAFE PROGRAMME.

The Stay Safe Programme will be introduced to First and Fifth classes during the next six weeks. The lessons are taught formally in these classes and are revised in Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth classes during the course of the year.

### 3. RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME – 5<sup>th</sup>. and 6<sup>th</sup>. Classes.

The 'Growing Up' programme will be delivered to the children in 6<sup>th</sup>. classes on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. March.** The course will be given by Mary Glynn, a qualified nurse, who has given this programme to the senior classes for the past 15 years.

Children in 5<sup>th</sup>. classes will have a one and a half hour talk by Mary Glynn who will also deliver the full day programme to these children next year.

### 4. CREATIVE STORYTELLING.

As part of the Readathon activities , Julie Duane, dramatic artist, will visit all Senior Infant and 1<sup>st</sup>. classes for creative storytelling **tomorrow Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>. February.**

### 5. READATHON.

Our Readathon is now in full swing. Children in Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup>. and 2<sup>nd</sup>. classes are participating in shared reading at school with any parents who wish to come along. We encourage all parents to focus on the value of reading and the art of storytelling with your family. Children are also gathering sponsorship for a number of local, national and international charities and we urge you to become fully involved with them in this project. Many thanks.

### 6. USE OF THE INTERNET.

We urge all parents/guardians to closely monitor your children's use of the internet. We suggest that computers should be located in a family space where they can be easily supervised. Children should only have access to age appropriate material at all times.

### 7. SPORT.

Sincere thanks to Celbridge GAA for their contribution of €500 towards the purchase of indoor hurleys. The school is now looking to acquire a set of hurling helmets and would request that any family with a helmet to spare might **donate** it to the school before we place the order after mid-term.

### 8. CONFIRMATION.

As part of the programme for Confirmation the Sacrament of Penance will take place for the children next **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. February** from 11.00a.m. to 12.30p.m. in the school.

## REMINDERS.

- Parents collecting children from school are requested not to wait on the grass so as to allow it to recover from the effects of the recent bad weather.
- We are now quite close to our target of **500 phones** needed to obtain a **free Interactive Whiteboard**. Please continue collecting and many thanks for all your efforts to date.
- For safety reasons please **do not** enter the staff carpark at any time to drop off or collect your children.