



8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

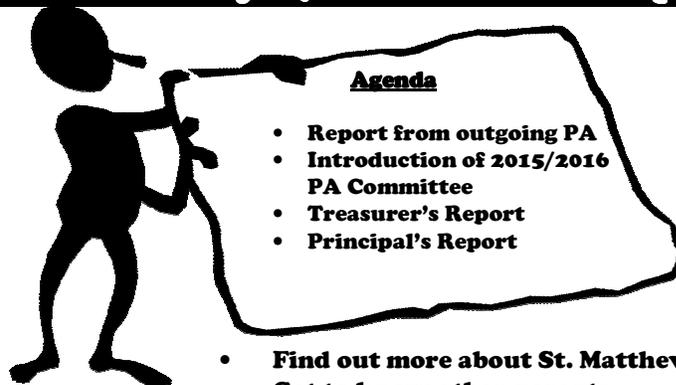
## GOAL Jersey Day



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October we are hosting a fundraising event for GOAL (in aid of Syrian refugees). Children are invited to dress in a jersey of their choice. Children are asked to bring a small donation of €2 towards the charity and their current work in Syria and with refugees.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation and generosity.

## **Parent Open Evening Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm**



### Agenda

- Report from outgoing PA
- Introduction of 2015/2016 PA Committee
- Treasurer's Report
- Principal's Report

- Find out more about St. Matthew's
- Get to know other parents
- Classrooms will be open for visiting

- All welcome
- Wine Reception from 7.30pm

## Family service this Sunday 11th October



Revd. Marchant has invited all of the children of St. Matthew's National School and their families to a family service this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am in St. Matthew's Church. The children have been learning some new songs that they would love to share with you!

*Ms Griffin & Ms Connolly*

## Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



This year St. Matthew's will be taking part in the 'Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal'. Many of you will be familiar with this project from previous years. Shoeboxes are filled with school items, hygiene items, small clothing items, toys, treats etc. and sent to needy children across 24 countries. We will be asking that shoeboxes be prepared at home and dropped to school for collection. Leaflets and further information to follow shortly but we hope to have shoeboxes ready for collection by early November.

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### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils

St. Conleth's College invites your child to attend the St. Conleth's Junior Debating and Public Speaking Workshop on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 12.00pm to 2.00pm**. The workshop is open to students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class from any school, who may have an interest in public speaking. The workshop will be given by past-pupils of St. Conleth's College who have gone on to achieve phenomenal success in the world of competitive debating and public speaking.

The workshop will focus on areas such as speaking confidence, critical thinking and introduce students to a broad range of topics in current affairs and beyond. Please email [conlethsdebate@gmail.com](mailto:conlethsdebate@gmail.com) to book a place for your child. Please include parent/guardian contact details, the school your child is currently attending and your child's name. St. Conleth's will cover the cost of running the workshop. We look forward to seeing you on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.



### St. Matthew's NS 2016 School Calendar – Sponsorship

Dear Parents,

As you are aware work has already begun on our 2016 School Calendar! Thank you to one and all for the great support last week with dressing up for the monthly calendar themes which will make for a very exciting and colourful 2016 calendar.

Every year our School Calendar profiles local businesses who generously sponsor our calendar. In return for sponsorship, we profile the business' logo and contact details on the calendar month pages, as well as actively encouraging parents and friends of the school to support our sponsors' businesses.

Thanks to our sponsors generous support last year, we were able to refurbish the external play areas of the school. This year, funds raised from sponsorship of the 2016 Calendar, will go towards work to extend the school hall which is in need of expansion due to the recent growth in numbers attending our school.

We are looking for lots of sponsors again this year to support our 2016 School Calendar and are hoping parents will be able to help. If you know of any local business who might sponsor the calendar or indeed if you have a business and would like to sponsor the calendar, the following are the options available:

- \* Advertisement on 1 calendar month - €200
- \* Advertisement on 12 calendar months - discounted monthly rate x 12
- \* Banner Sponsorship on 12 calendar months (i.e. at top of each calendar month page) - €1200

***To meet printing deadlines we need sponsor's details as soon as possible***

***and no later than Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.***

If you are in a position to sponsor this year's calendar or if you know of a business who might be interested in sponsoring our calendar, please contact either *a Parents Association Class Representative or the School Office in person, by phone 01-6603145 or by email [secretary@stmatts.ie](mailto:secretary@stmatts.ie)*

Thank you in advance for any support you can offer in helping with Sponsorship for this year's school calendar.

***The Parents Association***