

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Firstly we would like to say a massive Thank You to our principal for his dedication to the school, students and parents as a whole. We wish Mr Kelleher a very happy retirement after his shock announcement in November. He definitely trumped Trump on that day! Mr Kelleher will retire in January. He has been a dedicated principal and has always helped the Parents' Association accomplish their objectives. We will be notified in due course to who the new principal will be.

The Parents' Association has been very busy since the start of the new school year. We held our AGM in November and a new committee was elected. A special thank you to Sandra Connolly who has been our secretary for the past 3 years. Sandra stepped down this year and Siobhán Nolan is now the current secretary. We also welcome all our new members on to the committee for the coming year.

Christmas is just around the corner and the excitement is brewing all around. The elves have started to appear and the lists are being made, not to mention the Christmas cards have arrived.

So let me give an update on our past and current activities:

September/October

Junior Infant's

The PA was on hand to provide morning coffees and teas to all Junior Infant parents on their first morning of "big" school.

Library

This year we did a mini overhaul of the school library. Some books were removed due to age and wear and tear and reorganised. A special thanks to the parents who helped over the period of time to get it sorted. The Squishmallows were also replaced with the school purchasing ten and the PA purchasing ten. Thank you to the parents who have donated and continue to donate books to the library, it is really appreciated as the children love their library time. We also organised a library committee within the school with Ms Kealey where a number of children from 5th & 6th give up yard time to keep the library tidy for all, so a big thank you to them. Thank you to the parents who come in weekly to help keep the library organised.

Photographer

This year the PA was asked to appoint and manage a new photographer for this years school photos. Thank you to Myriam from Myriam's photography for taking all the pictures required.

Halloween Disco

This year we changed things slightly and only had the 3rd & 4th class Halloween disco. The feedback was extremely positive and the support was amazing. Everyone enjoyed themselves, parents included. A special thanks to all the parents who helped on the night. €1,228 was raised after costs.

November

The Book Fair

This year the book fair raised a whopping €9,365.79 with 60% going back to the school to purchase books for the library and classes themselves. We were delighted to see the parents of junior and senior infants to the book fair and help pick their books and the stationery. On behalf of the school Ms Kealey would like to thank all the parents for their generous support. The PA helps with organising and running the fair on behalf of the school and both myself and Ms Kealey would like to thank the following parents for giving up their time over the week to help:

- Sandra
- Susan
- Nicola
- Evie
- Emma
- Rachel
- Alex
- Emer
- Sara

Junior Infants Entrance

The PA funded the graphics on the junior infants entrance to brighten up the space. Everyone loved the new look especially the children. All graphics should be completed before the Christmas break. Thank you to Anthony from KSigns who supplied the graphics at discount and donated his labour for the works. Total costs €985.

Christmas Cards

Again thank you to all the parents who supported the Christmas cards. The children did a great job and I hope everyone was delighted to receive their cards. An amount of €1,486.60 was raised for the PA after costs.

December

Christmas Party

5th and 6th class had their very first Christmas party on December 12th. Thank you to all the parents for the support and again thank you to the parents who volunteered on the night. The children had a good night and kept the DJ busy with their own song requests. €900 was raised before costs.

Santa

Is on his way and checking his list. He will arrive in the school on the 19th December. A lot of work is currently being done for his arrival and the elves are getting ready. Santa will visit the children in the library. During the course of the day (time allowing) he will visit 5th and 6th to wish them all a happy Christmas. This year Santa will not be giving selection boxes to children but has a little treat for all children. A special thank you to the elves for getting these treats ready. We look forward to the excitement of the day and thank you to the elves who are helping Santa!

School Concert

This year the choir had their Christmas concert on 4th December in the school hall.. They had been practising extremely hard for the concert and the PA provided them with a treat for all their hard work. Thank you to the parents who donated refreshments for the night and again a special thanks to Aileen, Joanne and Emer for helping serve the teas on the night.

Nativities

Junior and senior infant parents are once again invited to school on December 18th to see their children perform. To help celebrate, the elves will be on hand to provide festive chocolates to the parents upon their arrival into the school hall. Again a little treat will be given to the children after their nativities.

Larchfield Park Nursing home

This year it was requested if we could organise Christmas cards for a nursing home in the local area. Larchfield Park was delighted with the offer and all the children created their own cards and letters for every resident in the home. These will be delivered on Friday 20th December.

Fundraising

The fundraising for 2024 to date has been the Halloween disco, Christmas cards and Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

We will be holding a cash for clothes again in January, so that may help the "after Christmas clear-out".

Should any parent have any suggestions on future fundraising please send us an email or a message through messenger. All suggestions are greatly received. It is important for our children to keep funds available to help the school with other expenses when needed and also PA events.

Facebook Page & Instagram

All parents are welcome to join our page and we try to keep this updated with ongoing events within the school, not just PA events. If you wish to join the page we would be delighted but please note approval will not be given if the questions are not answered. As you can appreciate we do not know every parent in the school and we need to know that we are only allowing parents to join as it's a parents association page only in reference to all things school.

Email

The Parents Association email is parentskns@gmail.com. Please email if you have any queries, requests or suggestions.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

Anne Marie, Siobhán, Emer