

Scoil Bhríde

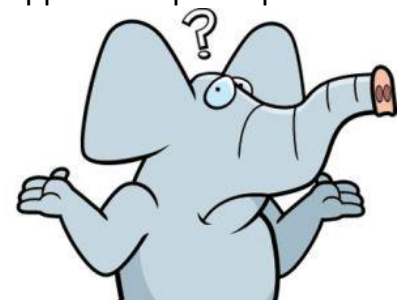
Parents Association Newsletter

June, 2019



As we end the school year we just wanted to say a thank you to the Board of Management and our Principal, John O'Sullivan, for their support to the Parents Association Committee this year. We would also like to give special thanks to the school secretary, Geraldine, for all her help, and of course the teachers for their commitment and dedication to teaching our children. Finally, a special big thank you to all of you for your on-going support and participation.

Although the Parents Association is active in many aspects of school life, we are probably most conspicuous by our fundraising activities. Through fundraising, we provide financial support to many activities and resources in the school for which no other funding exists. So what do we do?



In early December we ran 'Hour of Code' workshops across every room with all children getting a chance to create their own code! Great fun had by all. If you want to try out some during the summer check out <https://hourofcode.com/ie/learn>

December also saw us have our Christmas Raffle, and annual Church Gate Collection. Both hugely valuable sources of fundraising to feed back into school activities. Big **thank you** to all of you for continuing to support with these.



Tea or Coffee? We nearly say this in our sleep! This year we organised Tea & coffee, and some sweet treats of course, at the following;

- After 1st Confession (we share this with Castlecuffe & this year it was our turn for the current 1st class parents to 'serve' 😊 Next year, you will be served!)
- New Juniors Induction Day – we have a record number of 23 joining this year! Best of luck to you all!
- End of year mass

- ✓ Tea & coffee is not all we do! We invest in the community too and support the local community raffle, which we were lucky enough to win twice in this year and will go towards some of the ideas we have for next year!
- ✓ We also make up little gifts to welcome our new junior infants to the school, and of course little gifts to say goodbye to our fabulous 6th class children.
- ✓ Each year we contribute to the swimming lessons for the senior half of the school. We heard the feedback from this year's session and we have negotiated early with Aura Tullamore, this year and will be able to get dates with them.
- ✓ We also contribute to some of the school buses, particularly given the school had such a successful year in sports this year.



This year we established a vibrant Facebook page as a way for us to connect as a community but also to try keep you updated on all that is happening in the school! This year we saw great interaction on it so we'll continue to use it for informing, asking questions and building community!



In addition to all of the above, we extended an invite from CastleCuffe to a parents talk and we'll be organising more of these in the new school year, specifically one on Internet Safety so watch this space!

The 2018/2019 school year was a good year for the Parents Association and we have lots of plans for next year, including looking at an activity for the junior half of the school. All these things add not only to the quality of education in the school, but also to the experience of school life for all our children. However, we're always looking for new ideas, and new people to join our group, so please reach out if you're interested. Any of the PA would be happy to chat to you! And finally, a big thank you to Sharon Smith & Siobhan Dunne for being on the PA for the last few years, your hard work and dedication has been invaluable.

Have a great summer and the very best of luck to all our 6th class students who are heading to secondary school, and of course a big welcome to all the new junior infants. See you on August 29th, 9.20am 😊



<p>Who are the Parents Association?</p>	<p><u>Current:</u> Caroline Brazil, Carmel Breen, Sabrina Ryan, Karen Hyland, Breda Flanagan <u>Outgoing:</u> Siobhan Dunne, Sharon Smith</p>
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