

Parents Association Newsletter

A Welcome Note from the acting principal Ms O.Doherty

WELCOME BACK! A very special welcome to all our new students and families. We hope you will find new friends and many happy memories during your time with us.

2017-18 marks our 6th year as a school. We now have 317 students in our 12 classes from Junior Infants to 4th Class. That's a total of 230 families making up our school community. With the increase in numbers comes an increase in classrooms. This year our top floor has been extended to take in three new rooms from the Educate Together school. Although we are still looking forward to moving into a new purpose built school one day, we are very lucky to have the building we are in. The

Department of Education assures me that our school building is still on track, but are unable to give me a proposed date. I will inform you as soon as I know.

We welcomed five new wonderful teachers to our staff this year: **Niamh Jordan** (JI), **Róisín Smyth** (SI), **Éadaoin O'Donovan** (1st), **Caroline McConnell** (2nd) and **Maria Holland** (3rd/4th). We are also very fortunate to have a student teacher from Spain over with us for 4 months, **Dani Mico Pascual**.

I am due to begin my maternity leave at the start of November and I will hand over my role as principal to the very capable **Amy Daly** (formerly Ms Looney). **David Kinsella** will step up to support her as deputy principal. I wish

them the very best of luck with this exciting opportunity! I'm sure they will do us all proud.

This month we will say goodbye to **Mr Ian Murphy** as our school manager. Ian has been the manager of all six Dublin Community National Schools since the first opened in 2007. He has interviewed every teacher and guided every principal on their individual journey. Although he will be missed, we will be very excited to begin the running of the school under our newly established Board of Management. Our training is near complete and we are due to have our first meeting by the end of September.

Greetings from PA Committee Chairperson A.Carter



Hi everyone! Welcome back to school. The summer holidays certainly flew by but I hope you all had an enjoyable break.

A big welcome to all our new parents whose children started in Junior Infants. Hopefully they are all set-

ting in well to our wonderful school.

We have lots of events coming for you and we look forward to your continued support. Our AGM will be in November and we hope to see lots of you there!

See you all soon!



OCTOBER

20th—RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

20th—DESIGN A CARD

27th—BAKE SALE

NOVEMBER

16th—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

24th—FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Editor's Note

Dear Readers, the 10th edition of the Parents Association Newsletter is here! **Congratulations!**

In this edition our principal Ms O.Doherty welcomes our new parents who have joined our school this year. We hope that the new parents/members will bring some fresh imputes to our Parents Association.

We have prepared for our members a number of events for the first half of this academic year. We also have not forgotten our little readers who will have an interesting section in the last page of this edition.

Five years ago the inaugural newsletter was only

one page. Since then the Newsletter has grown bigger & thicker with an increase in our members and readership. In that time I have had the pleasure to conduct interviews with very interesting & enthusiastic personalities in our school.

In the next edition that will be out before Christmas break, I will conduct an interview with one of our valuable personality who has been working in our school since it opened back in 2012.

I hope you will find valuable information in this edition. I also wish to invite comments, suggestions and any valuable contributions from our readers.

A little reading is all the therapy a person needs sometimes. Happy reading!

Highlights of finances by Paula Moyles

The Financial Year (01.11.2016. - 31.10.2017.) is another great year for the Parents Association in the terms of fundraising. So far we have held 11 events and there are two more events (Bake Sale & Recycling Campaign) that will be taking place in October before closing the financial year.

Our year began with Design a Card project which yielded an increase of 21%. This result was a good omen for the other events that took place in

the year 2016/2017. The windfall from the recycling campaign indicated the premises of a good omen. We are very pleased with the results.

We would like to thank you all the parents for your generosity throughout the year.

Please, we will like more of our members to patronise all our events!

Date	Event	Raised funds
07.10.2016.	Design a Card	712.45
18.11.2016.	BINGO Fundraiser	1,200.00
03.02.2017.	Recycling Campaign	272.5
17.02.2017.	Valentine's Disco	811.2
17.03.2017.	Shamrock	218.6
05.05.2017.	Quiz Night	860.17
26.05.2017.	Recycling Campaign	527
02.06.2017.	Non Uniform Day/Raffle	195
16.06.2017.	Sponsored Walk	2,679.90
25.06.2017.	Family Fun Day	-83.55
30.06.2017.	Coin Collection	Still counting

Highlights of summer/autumn events by Gillian Doyle

Family Fun Day

Our annual Family Fun Day was held this year at the end of June in St Mary's GAA grounds in Saggart. This years Fun Day was a huge success with a great turn out of families from the school. The weather was also on our side with the rain holding off.

It was fantastic to see so many children taking part in our fun races this year. The children all appeared to enjoy themselves with the Dj going right up to the end of the day. The children on the day had a lot of fun. They had

the opportunity to play with some small animals from Wolly Wards farm. The most popular were the sheep as the children brought them on walks with leads around the pitch.

Another highlight this year was the popcorn and candy floss stands that were kindly donated by "Supersteos"! We're already looking forward to next years Family Fun Day!

Joint Coffee Morning

This years Coffee Morning took place on Friday 8th Sept. This Coffee Morning

welcomed parents back to the school year and also celebrated Eid with our Muslim families.

There was a good turnout this year with the staff room decorated with Eid pictures that the various classes from the school created. There was a huge selection of sweet and savoury treats on offer. We would like to thank all the parents who made a huge effort to make such amazing food for the Coffee Morning. A great way to spend a Friday morning catching up with parents and tasting some delicious food.

Students Awards & Achievements by Melissa Harman



The Parents Committee is delighted to recognise the following students who

Kisielius, Ethan Ridgeway, Daniel Connolly, Maja Protasewicz.

have had success in their chosen afterschool activities:

Kickboxing Grading

Yellow Tip: Max Griffin, Nicolas Piton, Alex Griffin, Tymon Ochocinski, Peter Morgan

Yellow Belt: Luas

Green Tip: Tyler Branning, Ethan Conroy Egan, Reece Harman, Robbie Harman, Leon Prah, Kyran Martin

Green Belt: Aleksander Skorupski, Charlie Dunne, Adam Hardiman, Joshua Breslin

Very well done everyone!!!

If your child has an award or achievement that you would like recognised in the next School Newsletter, please email Melissa Harman at melharman78@gmail.com

Business Directory

Electrician

Eddie Harman, ph: 087 936 7342

KB Painting & Decorating Service

Karl Breslin, ph: 086 898 9179

kbpaintingdecoratingservice@gmail.com or Facebook

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Ben Griffin, bgplasterers@gmail.com



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If so, contact cscnspsa@gmail.com

COMING SOON



by Eliza-Jane Branning

The time is flying in to our **5th annual Bake Sale** to help raise money for the school. The Bake Sale will take place on **Friday 27th October** in the school lobby between the hours of **12 - 3pm**. We ask parents to bake some treats, which we then sell on at a small fee to help raise funds. The Bake Sale has been a great success over the last 4 years and the kids really enjoy helping with the baking and then being able to buy some of the treats their friends have made as they leave the school. **Can't wait to see all the amazing treats!!!**

WE ♥ RECYCLING

by Eliza-Jane Branning

The Parents Association has run a number of recycling events to date and they have all been a great success. Our last recycling event raised **€520**. It is a great excuse to clear out the wardrobes to get rid of any unwanted items. Our next

recycling event will take place on **20th October** so you can start bringing in bags with any unwanted clothes, textiles and soft toys. **Please drop any bags into the lobby by school closing on 19th October.**



by Māra Prah

Join us for the **2nd Annual Family Bingo** for some good old fashioned family fun on **Friday, November 24**. **St. Mary's GAA in Saggart** will be transformed into a Bingo Hall, where you and your children

can play several rounds of bingo and have a chance to win some fabulous prizes. We welcome all ages to join us for this fun night of bingo!

The proceeds of this event will be donated to a lately bereaved family in our school.

We hope that this year's event will be just as successful as last year.

Come along with your family and enjoy the evening!

Coin Collection

by Alison Bannister

We will once again be running the **Copper Coin Collection** over the coming school year. This will be the **third year** to run this project. In 2015/16 we raised **€960** and we are still counting the coins from last year!!

So please keep all those **1c, 2c** and **5c** coins as we will be putting new money boxes in all classrooms in the next couple weeks. It's such an easy way for the pupils to get involved with raising money for their school. Remember the class who has the most amount of coins wins!



Design a Card by Melissa Harman

This October, the Parents Committee will once again be running the **Design a Card project**.

This is a fundraising event whereby the children illustrate a card with a design of their own choosing i.e. Christmas, Easter, Thank You, Eid, Birthday or Abstract! They are then professionally printed and parents have the option of purchasing packs of **6** or **12** cards as well as **gift wrap** and **gift tags**. Each child's name, class and school is printed on the back of

each card. As we are a multi-denominational school, the inside of the cards are left blank for you to write your own greeting.

In order to ensure that parents are happy with their child's art work, parents are invited into the school to help their child illustrate their card - **on October 20, from 9am!** For parents that will be at work, a grandparent/ relative/ friend of the family is welcome to help instead. This will mostly apply to parents of children

in Junior and Senior infants, although parents of older children are also welcome.



This year's Parents Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the school on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm.

As in previous years, we will have a presentation to show parents what work we have done throughout the year and to give an idea of what exactly it is that a Parents Association is and does. We have secured a wonderful guest speaker also for the evening.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

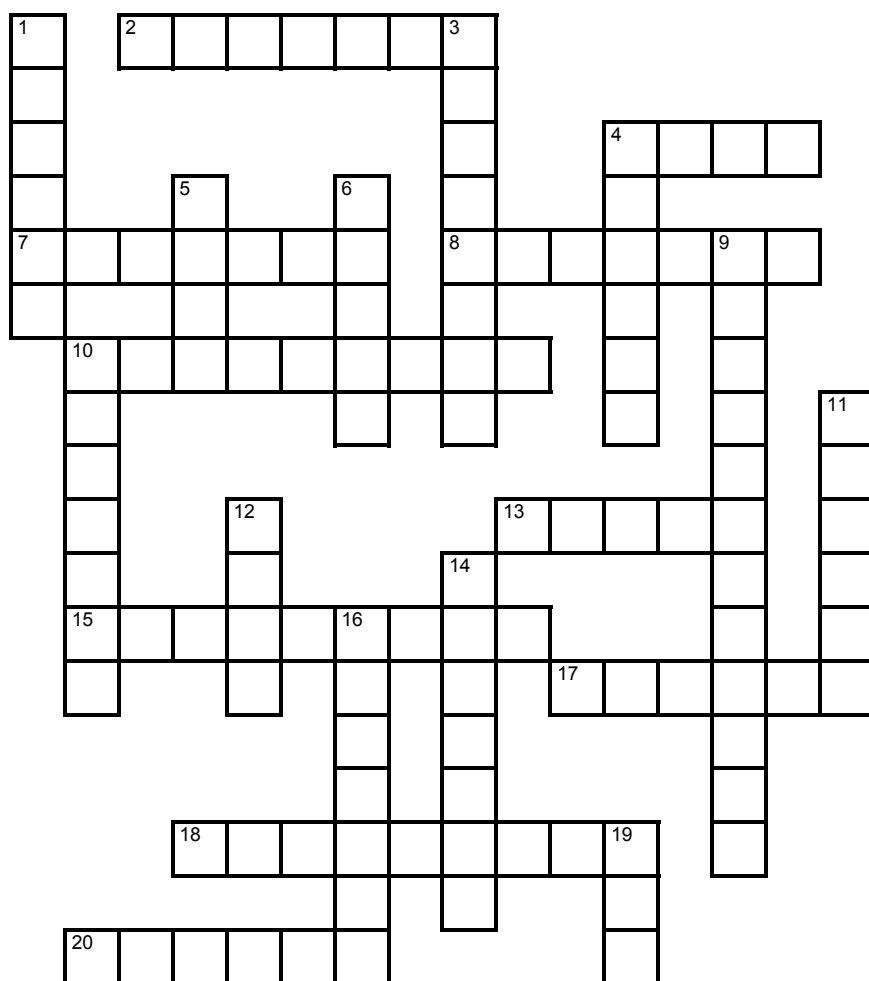
Trevor Higgins is a parent coach and he will give a short presentation which should be very interesting!

We will, as always, also be looking for interested parties for the Parents Association Committee. If you feel you would like to join the committee, please get in touch with us through our Facebook page or send us an email (cscnspace@gmail.com) before 3rd November. We are really hoping to see lots of you there on the night...you might be surprised at how enjoyable and informative the evening is!

by Allison Carter



AUTUMN CROSSWORD



Across

2. Big orange vegetable that grows on a vine.
4. Another word for autumn.
7. The month in the middle of autumn.
8. Many birds do this in autumn.
10. A scary celebration in autumn.
13. The food that the farmer grows.
15. It protects the crops from birds.
17. These turn color in autumn.
18. The first month of autumn.
20. Another word for cool.

Down

1. An autumn color.
3. The last month of autumn.
4. Someone who harvests crops.
5. Autumn weather.
6. An autumn color.
9. A feast in autumn.
10. Gather all of the crops.
11. Red fruit.
12. A yellow vegetable that comes from a tall plant.
14. Kids wear this on October 31st.
16. The opposite of city.
19. An autumn color.