

## Parent's Association Meeting

**Date:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Venue:** Junior School

**Time:** 8PM

**Present:** Ciara Perks, Ann-marie Elliot, Bernie Power, Aoife McDermott, Ruth Prenderville, Sarah Ryan, Sylvaine Doyle

**Apologies:** Grace Garde, Ciaran Doyle, Debra Spillane

### **Fundraising:**

**5K Fun Run/Family Day:** "Pop Up" 5K Run/Walk will be on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm. A Family Fun Day with BBQ and games will take place after run. A meeting will be held Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Junior School to help with organising – All are Welcome.

**Spring Time Draw:** Great response and return of tickets and monies for the Spring Time draw. Thank you to everyone for your support of the draw, it brings in much needed funds to the School. Results of the draws are available in the Junior and Senior schools as well as local shops.

**Non-Uniform Day:** A non-uniform day will take place on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> April. A €2 donation will help raise funds for the Family Fun Day in May. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Sports Day:** This year a Cake Sale with Tea and Coffee as well as a Tuck Shop for the Children will be available at the Sports Day. Weather permitting this will take place Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Uniform Sale:** After a great response last year we will be holding a Uniform Sale again on 30<sup>th</sup> June for anyone who wants to donate unwanted items of uniform. This year we will also be accepting donations of Colaiste Chraobh Abhann uniforms for 6<sup>th</sup> class students entering first year.

### **Principal's Report:**

**September 2017:** 65 places have been offered to students for September 2017. If you require a place for your child please contact the School as soon as possible. We hope to have pupil numbers to gain a 13<sup>th</sup> mainstream teaching post.

**New Build:** We are currently at Stage 2A. After the Department requested Mrs. Dempsey **Sack the Design Team** as their costings were too high, they will now meet with the Department to discuss course of action.

**Parking:** Parent's/Guardians using the Back Gate of the Junior School are reminded that the parking at the back of Junior School is on a Public Road with access required to local housing, driveways and pathways at all times. If further issues arise the gate will need to be closed permanently.

**Staffing:** The Department have announced new arrangements in relation to Resource teaching. This is now giving the School more power to allocate resources. Due to this the School will be able to increase their Resource staff adding one fulltime post and one shared post

Grace Garde will begin working with both the Junior and senior schools in the coming weeks under the Heritage and School programme. Ger Foran will also be working with the Children in the area of recycling and art.

Standardised Testing will begin after the Easter Break for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes.

6<sup>th</sup> Class are currently taking part in a Drug Awareness Programme run by Bray Youth Services, they are finding this very insightful. They are also being included in a DCU Research Programme studying **Fitness in Young People**.

Football/Hurling/Soccer and Basketball teams are all in training for competitions at present – we wish them Luck in all areas. The Soccer team will travel to Arklow on the 29<sup>th</sup> March for their next competitive game.

French lessons are starting back in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Mr.O'Brien's 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classes who joined together with CCA Transition Year students to put on a wonderful performance of Oisín I dTír na nOg. We have a great relationship with CCA and it's students and the school will be linking up again in the coming weeks; 5<sup>th</sup> Class will be doing Irish Dancing and 6<sup>th</sup> class will be taking part in a tra na gceist.

**Family Photos/Junior Infants Photos:** dates for both Family photos and Junior Infants photos will be confirmed in the coming week.

6<sup>th</sup> Class will have their class photos taken Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Full uniform is to be worn.

**ASD Classes:** The Summer programme for ASD classes will run for two weeks in July when the school closes for the summer.

**St. Patrick's Day:** All those marching with the school are to meet at the entrance to Kiladreenan Close at 11.00am. Students are asked to wear something Green and can bring small flags etc. to wave if they wish.

**Feast of St. Joseph:** Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph will take place Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am in St. Joseph's Church – All are welcome to attend.

There will be **NO** Carambola lunches on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> April as school will close at 12.30 for Easter Break. Children can bring in a small snack if they wish.

**Remembering Barra:** We will be remembering Barra and celebrating his Birthday on the 25<sup>th</sup> April with a Tree planting ceremony in the Junior School. Details to follow.

**Next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Junior School at 8pm. Everyone Welcome**