

## **Parents Association Meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 @ 11 am**

**Venue:** ZOOM Meeting

**Present:** Geraldine Keogh (Chair), Michelle McDermott (Secretary), Aoife McDermott, Ciara Perks, Anne-Marie Elliott, Loretto Martin, Ruth Prenderville, Sarah Ryan, Leonie Doyle, Ms Lennon, Mrs Keyes

**Apologies:** Marilyn Fitzsimons

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from previous meetings approved

### **Principals Report:**

- Ms Lennon acknowledges that these are strange and unprecedented times for all.
- Work continues to be sent home via Aladdin. It is noted that some pupils have struggled with the work at times. Focus has now changed from desk work to family time and nicer activities for the coming weeks.
- Week 1 (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June) Wellbeing week. 'Le chéile agus óna chéile' (Together and Apart) Art Project has been launched on the school website. Pupils are asked to take part with artwork to be displayed around the town in coming weeks. Artwork can be left in a box in the school porch this week or a photo can be emailed to the school.
- Week 2 (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June) School Tour week. Pupils will be encouraged to go online to take a virtual tour of Dublin Zoo, the National Art Gallery, the National History Museum etc. Families can watch tours online together to enjoy the experience.
- Week 3 (15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June) Sports week. Mr Keddy and Mr Enright are working on different sports activities for pupils to take part in at home for this week.
- Week 4 (22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June) Celebrate 2019/2020 school year. Pupils will be asked to look back over the year and think of all their favourite things they did, things they can do now that they could not do in Sept 2019 and what they are looking forward to next year. Focus on the positives despite the strange year.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class – Graduation online 19<sup>th</sup> June. Hoodies have arrived and will be delivered shortly. Each pupil will receive a certificate, memory books and treat bags for their graduation. Online quiz to take place 19<sup>th</sup> June. It is hoped to have 6<sup>th</sup> class back in the new term for a school celebration – date to be confirmed
- Awards ceremony for all other classes will be held in September when school resumes
- New Entrants are hoped to be permitted to visit the school in August (to be clarified in due course). Virtual tours will be arranged over the coming weeks. Packs will be sent out to each new pupil shortly.
- A survey for parents regarding Aladdin use has been sent out via Aladdin. Parents are urged to complete this survey as it will help in structuring blended learning for next year if required
- Calendar for 2020/2021 will be issued shortly. This will be a draft as it may be subject to change if Dept of Education seeks to amend dates due to Covid Guidelines. School scheduled to reopen Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 for all pupils
- Reports and teacher lists will be issued mid-late June
- Book fees of €50 per pupil can be paid via Aladdin in coming weeks. Further payment may be sought later in the year when details of books required will be known due to blended learning requirements
- Last remaining Art Exhibition works still held in the school will be delivered shortly to relevant pupils
- Remaining Springtime draw to take place in June
- New Building: All on track with build expected to start in the next school term

### **Treasurers Report & Fundraising:**

- Total sum raised to date €3,582
- Final accounts will be completed for the next meeting scheduled for early September

### **NPC Report:**

- Check website for full details [www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie)

### **Any Other Business:**

- Parents are asked to return any book rental scheme, library and Lift Off books. They can be placed in the school porch or returned in September at the start of the new school year.
- Request for 6<sup>th</sup> Class V's Teachers football match to be held in August to be reviewed by Ms Lennon and once discussed with teachers a decision will be advised
- The school cannot reopen earlier than guidelines allow. We must follow guidelines for social distancing as will be set out when classes do resume. Update from Dept of Education and Skills is due Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Priority as always is to keep children safe and happy at all times

**Next meeting scheduled for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 8pm in the Junior School**  
**We would welcome all current and future parents to attend**  
**as new faces and new ideas are always welcome**