

Parents Association Meeting

Monday 17th of April 2023 8pm @ zoom

Present: Geraldine Keogh (Chair,) Deirdre Lennon (Principal),

Annemarie Elliott Marilyn Fitzsimons Guy Garrett (Treasurer), Aoife McDermott, Ciara Perks **Apologies:** Michelle McDermott

Meeting minutes: minutes from previous meeting approved.

Principal's Report

362 pupils at present. We have a busy term 3 ahead .

We closed at 12.30 on the 28th of April for a Primary Language teacher in-service day . We are closed 2nd of June for teacher inservice day for the new curriculum. SNA staff will complete a First Aid Course on this day.

On Saturday the 22nd APRIL, our SNA staff will complete a Patient Handling & Manual Handling course.

On Wednesday the 19th of April we will have a remembrance assembly for Johanna Power. Thank you to Andrew, Sharon and Gabrielle for creating a memorial mural for Jo in our garden at the back of the Junior School .

Chess classes for 3rd and 6th classes will run for 6 weeks on Mondays after school.

Researchers from UCD will visit the school on Friday 21st April for feedback on the ' A lust for Life' programme which 5th and 6th class completed.

We are delighted to have GAA with Sean on Mondays and Tuesdays and soccer with John and Geraldine on Fridays.

Well done everyone who participated in the talent show. It was a great success. We hope to run this every year .Thanks to the staff of the Parkview Hotel and the judges on the night and of course Ms Ni Laocha for all her hard work and any staff who helped out along the way .

Well done to the girls who won their GAA blitz recently.

Mr Enright is organising a golf team for an event in May in Delgany golf club.

We have our new uniform on display on our notice board outside the Junior school. School crests can be purchased from Fiona.

Mr O'Brien is ordering new library books for senior school.

Carambola is always making changes to their menu. If there are any problems with logging in Fiona will help you if you contact the office .

Best wishes to Mrs Broughan and Ms Monahan as they go on maternity leave. Ms Ni Giolla Phadraig is covering for Mrs Broughan. Ms Browner is covering Ms Monahan 6th class .

We are hoping to hold a school fun day, in memory of Johanna Power, in May or June. Date to be confirmed.

Puppet show for all classes on the 9th of May. Thank you to the PA for funding this activity.

Springtime draw finished on Thursday 27th of April thanks to all for contributing.

We ask parents not to take photos or videos at the Assembly's going forward. Thank you.

Fundraising

Our current Balance is E8150.57

Sport equipment bought by the PA committee came in at E1645.44

The parents association will be funding the ice cream van again this year .

We are also looking into buying new yard games for our school.

Alpacas will visit the school in June. This activity is for all classes . Thank you to the PA for funding this.

Our Sponsored walk will take place in June. We are hoping that each child will raise 5 euro (or 10 Euro for a family). Payments will be collected on Aladdin.

On Thursday 1st of June we will hold a non uniform day . As this is a fundraiser activity, we are asking for a 2 euro donation.

NPC Report: check the website

Reminder - No parking on double yellow lines outside the Junior School. This is very dangerous for pupils coming out of school, especially at 1.40 when we have no traffic warden.

Next meeting will be held on Monday 15th of May at 8pm. We would welcome any new faces or ideas. You can contact us at parents@newtownprimary.ie