

## **Parents Association Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 8pm**

**Venue:** Junior School

**Present:** Geraldine Keogh (Chair), Michelle McDermott (Secretary), Ruth Prenderville, Loretto Martin, Aoife McDermott, Ciara Perks, Marilyn Fitzsimons, Ms. Lennon

**Apologies:** Ann-Marie Elliott

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

### **Principals Report:**

- Pupil numbers currently 368
- Junior Infants enrolment for 2020/2021 – numbers currently 34
- Welcome to Ms D'Arcy who started in Senior Infants
- Ms Caulfield will take over Ms Nolans 4<sup>th</sup> class from 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- We wish Ms Donlan well as she has recently resigned her permanent position in Newtown Primary
- Congratulations to Ms Broughan on the birth of baby Annie
- Congratulations to Ms Nolan and Mr Keddy on the birth of baby Donagh
- Best of luck to 4<sup>th</sup> class who will perform Oisín of Tir na nÓg on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Junior and Senior School will have perform songs and poems for St Catherines on Thursday.
- Soccer, GAA and Basketball are all continuing
- GAA Blitz will take place on Thursday.
- Burns by My Side, reading programme with an assistance dog, continues
- Festina Lente are continuing to visit the school with ponies for the students to meet and groom
- First Confession will take place for 2<sup>nd</sup> class on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March
- Lá Glas will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March with students encouraged to wear something green
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class music will visit the Mermaid Theatre on Wednesday. Many thanks to the teachers and students from Coláiste Chroabh Abhann who have invited us to their musical.
- Paralympian footballer Gary Messit will visit the school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March to provide a skills demonstration and take part in a Question & Answer session with the senior school students
- Staff training with Middletown centre for Autism is continuing
- GAA 5-star training for teachers has commenced.
- **The school is following the Department of Education & Skills guidelines regarding Corona Virus and will continue to monitor the situation very closely. All classes have had lessons on good handwashing practices and overall hygiene matters**

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

- Final profit from recent Disco was €696.85
- Final profit from Christmas Cards was €272.50
- Profit from the Spring Draw so far is €1,245
- Table Quiz – Student Council are working on the questions for the quiz which will take place on Sports Day
- Art exhibition will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March with an opportunity for parents to purchase their child's artwork
- A reminder that the clothes collection will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### **NPC Report:**

- The Arts Council has opened a funding initiative to help schools build on art and creativity in schools
- Delates on what to tell children about Corona Virus
- BEACONS – Bringing Education Alive for our Community – the teaching council is looking at a model for better communication between schools and the community
- Check website for full details [www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie)

**A reminder that the school is closed on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March for In Service Training**

**Next meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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**