

Parents Association Meeting

Date: Monday 14th March 2016.

Venue: Junior School Time: 8pm

Present: BOM Rep: Ann Marie Kelly, Mrs Dempsey, Bernie Power, Ruth Penderville, Suzanne Breslin, Ann-Marie Elliott.

Apologies: Gillian Gillan.

Fundraising: Art Work: All paintings have been returned to the "Art Images" company. Thank you to parents for your support. Also we would like to extend a big thank you to the parents who provided refreshments during the exhibitions.

Over 300 tickets have been sold for The "Spring Time Draw". Thank you to all the families and to the wider community who have supported us again this year.

Principles Report:

School Build: the Department of Education have agreed to provide us with Emergency funding of €75,000 for the repair to the roof in the senior building. They have cancelled our Summer Works Grant which we were going to use to update the heating system in the junior school. Tendering is now underway and we hope to have to roof replaced/repared over the summer months.

A letter will be drawn up from the BOM to request that the council build a pathway right around from the back of the school.

September Term: There will be two Junior Infant Classes and two senior Infants classes this following September. 48 places have been accepted by new children. We will have 303 students on our role but another 4 children are needed to guarantee us 12 teachers.

Mr Keddy 3rd & Ms Gillick's 4th classes will take part in a study in relation to homework. Throughout the month of April both cases will have no homework to do at home, it will be carried out in class every morning to see if there is a need for children to continue to carry out homework at home.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: The children are asked to meet at Killadreenan Close at 11 to walk in the Parade. Parents of the smaller children are asked to walk with them for safety reasons. There will be a party in the Druid's Well car park afterwards.

Congratulations to Mr. Keddy & 3rd class for his production of Tir Na Og. There was a great turn out by all the parents and the play received an excellent write up in the "Wicklow Times". Well done to everyone involved.

Thank you to the 3 families that have come forward and have offered to facilitate a programme where students will come from Spain and attend our school. The students will integrate with 5th class students.

Congratulations to the Students who took part in The Irish Board of Speech & Drama Exams. Thank you to Ms Keenan for all of her help in preparation. Subsequently 3 students will be presented with Gold Medals this year. The students were from 2nd, 4th & 6th Class.

School Tours are now being booked, monies can be paid into office, and also book money can also be paid off for next year.

Swimming: Places still available for mixed group after Easter Holidays. Please register interest as soon as possible.

Carambola: After speaking to 5th & 6th classes the menu has now changed. Log onto their website to change your child's lunch if wish.

Playschool: It has been arranged that the trees at the back of the playgroup will be cut down and removed.

Confirmation: 29th April the students will be confirmed. Due to popular demand the students will wear their uniform for confirmation as and from next year **2017**.

Communion: Two ceremonies will be held on the 14th May, due to the number of children in each class. These ceremonies will see 52 children receiving First Holy Communion. Just a reminder to the parents of 3rd class, that they will be required to provide refreshments and facilitate tea and coffee for these services.

NPC: Check out their website for updates on Religious Beliefs & Ethics as a live debate among a panel explore the curriculum in our primary schools on the 14th March at 8pm. SSI (Secular Schools Ireland) will open 3 new schools in Dublin later this year, which will not be run under the Catholic Patronage.

Other News:

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Liz Gill all the best for her retirement on the 15th of April. For anyone who does not know Liz, she has been part of the community since for over 30 years, running the FAS and CE schemes. Thank you to Liz for all of your continued help and support.

Girlie Carthy has been the Lollypop Lady in our community for like Liz a number of years. We would like to wish Girlie all the best for her retirement. We thank her for keeping our children safe crossing the road in hail, rain and snow!

A coffee morning will be held in coordination with the East Coast Coffee Morning on the 8th of April. Tea and coffee can be purchased and a donation given to help desperately needed monies to support patients and families of those who have cancer. This is a worthy cause so if you have a few moments you can drop into the senior school hall and support. The event is being organised by our SNA staff with the help of 5th class.

Pilates organised by Ms Hurley will run in the Parents room Monday mornings at 9.30.

Ms Hurley has been our Home School Coordinator for a number of years now but sadly has to hand this title over to another member of staff this year. Ms Hurley has provided countless classes, courses and liaised with parents and teachers over the past 5 years. We thank Catherine for all of her help and wish her all the best as she returns to a teaching post.

Dates to Remember:

Mid Term: School will close from the 17th of March until the 4th of April for Easter Holidays at 12.30. Children can be collected from 12.00 to alleviate traffic congestion. Remember no carambola lunch that day.

April 8th Non uniform day.

Next Meeting: on Monday 11th April 2016 in the Junior School at 8pm. Everyone Welcome.