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Scoil San Treasa Parents Association newsletter



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Welcome

The parents association would like to extend a warm welcome back to a new school year and an extra special welcome to the new junior infant parents. Hopefully all your little ones have settled in easily to school life. The parents association in the school works throughout the year to supplement the education of students with extra-curricular events or activities, to cultivate familiarity among parents through organized events and fundraising activities, and to work alongside the principal and board of management in an effort to maximize the educational potential of all students. This newsletter will bring you up to speed on the events and initiatives the parents association will be involved with this year. New members are always welcome to join the parents association so if you have any interest in doing so please speak to your class representative.

The PA Committee: Who are we?

Eimear Griffin (Chairperson)
Jenny Scully (Secretary)
Lesa McDonagh (Treasurer)
Edel Robinson
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Catherine Byrne
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Last year we fundraised **€9, 376** towards

- Educational and sports equipment
- Internet safety talks
- Biodiversity school visits
- Charity
- Communion party and reception
- Guest speakers
- Voucher & gifts of appreciation for support staff of the school
- Butterfly project
- Graduation



Upcoming Events

Sponsored walk & family fun day

To welcome the new school year and indeed all of the new junior infant parents to the school community we will host a sponsored walk and family fun day in Deer park on September 30th from 2-4pm. There is always a super turnout for this event no matter what the weather and it provides a wonderful opportunity to mix with other parents from the school. The walk, a DJ, face painting and organized games will provide fun for all so bring a rug and a picnic and join in the action. Sponsorship money/cards can be brought along on the day.



Guest Speaker evenings

In October we will kick off our 'Guest speaker evenings'. Our survey of the Scoil San Treasa parent body has revealed a number of topics that parents would like covered in these talks so we are at work searching for the most appropriate speaker to deliver this first talk. We will host a second guest speaker evening in April. As you know from previous years, these talks have been very well supported and received.



Wine & cheese evening

We aim, again this November, to host our annual wine & cheese night. This year we hope to change it up a little so stay tuned for further information. As always, everyone who attends will have the opportunity to sample great wines, delicious cheeses and, most importantly, to spend quality time with other parents from the school. There will be entertainment provided by a DJ and hopefully by some of the talented parents within the parent body. There will also be a raffle with fantastic prizes sponsored by local businesses and by parents within the school.

Christmas shopping trip

For the keen shopping enthusiasts amongst you we will be organizing a coach, to coincide with the week of 'black Friday' sales, to take a group of parents to Kildare outlets. The coach will leave the school after the kids are dropped off and will return in time to pick up the kids. What happens in-between?? Prosecco, canapés, lots of shopping, great discounts and VIP treatment!



Christmas card project

With our festive hats on we will coordinate the Christmas card project again this year. The children will design Christmas themed images that will then be made into cards. Parents will have the option to purchase packs of these cards. In previous years the designs included everything from Christmas trees to sniper snowmen and they are guaranteed to put a smile on anyone's face. Money raised from this project has previously been split 2 ways between the parents association and a local charity.



Cake sale

Nothing could be sweeter than our annual cake sale in the school hall. So in February, Parents and children will be asked to come out in force to bake and buy delicious treats



Communion & Graduation

The summer term is certainly a time for celebration in Scoil San Treasa with the beautiful students of second class making their first holy communion in May and with the sixth class students graduating from primary school in June. Every year the parents association assist with a graduation reception, provide a communion party for the communicants coordinate a reception for the communicant's families and decorate the church beautifully for the occasion and we will be doing the same again this year. Needless to say we cannot do all of this without the help and support of the parent body so we will be calling on your support at this time.



Quiz night

We will organize and coordinate a table quiz fundraiser in May that is guaranteed to bring out the competitive streak among parents. Time to start studying if you want that competitive edge!

REMINDER!

The Scoil San Treasa **AGM** will take place on Monday 15th October at 7.30 pm. All parents are warmly welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be hosting a tea & coffee reception at 7.15



Education enrichment projects

Over the past number of years the parents association have aimed to enrich the primary school experience for students of Scoil San Treasa. In 2017 we put to use an 'incubator' bought for the school by the out-going 6th class students and undertook the task of incubating eggs and hatching chicks. This summer we purchased butterfly kits and set up a display in the school foyer. Our parents association 'butterfly expert' upskilled on all things butterfly and brought each class along to the display during school hours to explain the various stages of the butterfly life cycle. I'm sure many of you witnessed the fascinated little faces peering in at these butterfly nets every morning before school waiting for the new stage of the butterfly life cycle. Eventually, we saw the much-anticipated butterflies hatching from their chrysalis and gaining strength in their wings. The highlight of the project was a butterfly release ceremony in the grounds of the school. This, we hope, was a wonderfully memorable and enriching experience for our students. Teachers also got on board with the project and created butterfly themed art work with their classes all of which added to the butterfly theme in the school foyer and hallways. Check out the foyer later this year when we hope to display photographs of this project. We are very much looking forward to rolling out an exciting new project next spring/ summer. All thoughts and ideas in this respect are most welcome.

School Library

All classes from 1st class upward visit the library on a weekly basis (Tues-Thurs 9-12). Parents volunteer to support the running of the library and to support children in selecting their books. The library is of enormous benefit to the children in the school and relies heavily on parent volunteers to run successfully. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping out, new recruits are so valued and welcome.

