



Scoil San Treasa Parents' Association

Summer Newsletter, 2017

Hi all, welcome to the Scoil San Treasa (SST), Parents' Association summer newsletter. As the school year draws to a close, we thought it would be a good time to fill you in on the various activities we have organised and supported throughout the academic year and also to let you know more about the Parents Association and what we do. **We've had a busy year...**

September



To kick start the school year, we organised a **'Sponsored Walk' in Deerpark**.

We are so lucky to have a beautiful park on our doorstep, so it seems only right that we get outdoors and use it. Despite the rain, spirits were not dampened and we had a great day, with a DJ and family picnic afterwards.

October



Our **'Guest Speaker Evenings'** started in October and proved really informative and popular. We had the pleasure of hearing **Aidan Moran** (Prof.Cognitive Psychology, UCD) and **John Lonergan** (former Governor of Mount Joy Prison and Author of 'Parenting, Raising your child in Ireland today') talk. We look forward to welcoming more guest speakers to the school next year.

November



Always a great social night, our **Wine & Cheese Night** was held in November.

The school was transformed on the night to offer everyone the chance to sample lovely wines and cheeses, with entertainment from the 'Da's' (a band of very talented 'musical' Dads!), a DJ, and a cracking raffle! It takes a serious amount of work to pull it all together, but always proves to be a great night. Remember it for next year!!

December



We were blown away by the popularity of the **Christmas Card project**, where the kids drew beautiful Christmas themed pictures which we then used to create Christmas Cards that parents could purchase. If we survive the summer, we'll do it again next Christmas!

February



Our annual **Cake Sale** went really well, with our bakers coming out in force to support the event, thanks to everyone for baking, buying and most importantly eating!

May



Last year, the 6th Class pupils who graduated from the school bought an 'incubator' as a leaving gift for the school. So, working with the school, the PA took on the ambitious task of **incubating eggs and hatching chicks**. We had to brush up on our knowledge of all things relating to poultry, but once we were confirmed gurus all the children came down to the lobby for a talk and to hold a chick. There was massive enthusiasm from the kids, teachers and parents alike. You can imagine the excitement when our sole surviving chick **'Lucky'** hatched on the 17th May at 2:42pm. To keep 'Lucky' company we had **'Eggward, Bui, Nugget, Pogba, Guggy and Scrambell'** pay us a visit all the way from Offaly!!!

We have raised funds through the various events above and the school Lotto, which helped us to fund the following items for the PA and the school....

Technology:

- iPad Docking & Charging Station
- New Public Announcement (PA) System
- Ladibug Portable Document Cameras * 3

Learning Resources:

- Maths Box Sets * 4
- Heritage Scheme Visits
- Materials to support the Aistear Programme

Sports Equipment:

- 15 Skorts (Skirt/Shorts)
- 20 Helmets
- 30 Uni-Hoc Sticks
- 20 Basketballs,
- 20 GAA Footballs
- 2 Ball Bags
- 30 Soft Balls
- 2 Dodge ball Packs
- 15 Hula Hoops
- 2 Tag Rugby Belt Sets & Rugby Balls
- Cones & 30 Bean Bags

Events:

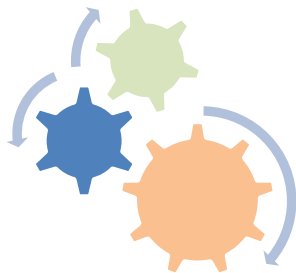
- Holy Communion Party
- Graduation Ceremony
- Incubation Project
- Guest Speaker Evenings

Other:

- New Piano Cover
- Annual Library Software Licence
- PA Insurance
- National Parents Council Subscription

School Library:

All classes from 1st Class up visit the library on a weekly basis (Tuesday and Thursdays 9am - 12pm). Parents' volunteer to support the school library, they check books in and out as well as help the children choose books. The children love going to the library, and ongoing parental support is really important! You don't have to commit to every Tuesday or Thursday, you can do it as and when it suits you. So if you are interested in helping out, please contact the school. We're always looking for new recruits!



The wheels keep on turning 😊...check out the **events that we recently held over the past few weeks and are due to hold at the end of June.**

20th May – First Holy Communion: Every year the PA, with the support of Parent Volunteers, put huge effort into preparing the church for the 2nd Classes Holy Communion. They put on a fantastic party for the communicants and provide a great spread for the families offering tea and coffee and food to about 300 people. This year was no exception, a truly lovely day was made even more special thanks to the efforts of everyone involved!

29th May – Table Quiz: Our annual Table Quiz was held on the 25th May, upstairs in Union Café, let's just say a lot of people found out how 'much' or 'little' they knew!!! It was a good night and great fun.

June - 6th Class Graduation: The PA also supports the hosting of the graduation ceremony in the school. The evening allows the children, parents and teachers to get together to mark a significant milestone in their children's lives. It is a lovely evening!



About the Parents Association...

The Parents' Association assists with the education of our children by organising and helping with extra-curricular events in the school. We want to help Parents to get to know each other and the school through fundraising activities. We're always looking for new members, so why not join up and get involved? If you are interested or would simply like to volunteer to help out at an event, please let any member of the PA (listed below) know. We're on Twitter, you'll find us at #SST_PA. We also regularly update the 'Parents' pages on the www.sstreasa.ie website, so check out our activities there. Most importantly we would love to receive your feedback and any suggestions you may have, so feel free to drop us a line at sstparentsassoc@gmail.com.

Good luck to our 6th Class Graduates who are moving on and to everyone else we hope to see you all in September for another busy school year! Thank you for all your support, have a great summer.

From the Parents Association 2016/2017

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