

Newsletter

September 2016 – February 2017

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



The Newsletter is back!

After a short break we are very pleased that the Newsletter has returned. It is our intention to publish a newsletter monthly to keep you up to date with recent and upcoming events.

Events from September '16 – February '17

➤ *Junior Infant Coffee morning:*

Lovely to see so many parents getting together for a welcome cuppa and a chat this year. A great turnout!

➤ *Junior Infant Photos:*

A very big thank you to Design Works Photography for doing this year's school photos. Well done to all the Junior Infants and thanks also to the helpers on the day who made sure the 'shoot' ran very smoothly.

➤ *Math Week:*

This is a week where for 20 mins each morning (9.10 – 9.30) a few parents from each class (Senior, 1st & 2nd) go into a given classroom to play math related games with the children. The children really enjoyed this year's maths week. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped out this year and made the event a great success.

➤ *Christmas Cards:*

The children did an amazing job on their Christmas cards this year! Huge thanks, on behalf of the Parents Association, to everyone who bought cards this year. A grand total of over €1500 was raised from the sale of the cards!!

➤ *Christmas Collection for SVP:*

Thank you to all the people who gave so generously to the St. Vincent de Paul collection in December too. There was a very good response this year.

➤ *Santa Visit:*

The Santa Visit went down very well as always with all the boys and girls in the school and a special thank you to Santa himself for taking time out of his busy schedule to see them.

Upcoming Events



➤ *Annual Cake Sale 17th February '17*

Yes it's that time of year again and the children absolutely love cake sale day! Once again, we are looking for baked goodies to be dropped into us on the morning of Feb.17th from 8.30am for sale that morning.

- Sale on from 8.50am until sold out! All the children will have an opportunity to attend the cake sale during the morning to buy something if they wish.
- Maximum spend of €3 per pupil.
- Please remember to give children an empty lunchbox or container on that day to bring home any buns or cake they buy at the sale (to save any squishy mess arriving home!!)
- Also, any containers that are sent in with baked goods i.e. cake tins etc. that need to be returned, please label them clearly and they will be available to collect when cake sale is over that morning.

➤ *Fun Walk 10th March '17*

This is a lovely time for children to get out and about for a nice walk around the locality with their class and teachers.

- All children to wear tracksuits and suitable footwear on this day and appropriate coats etc to allow for the particular weather on that day!
- A donation of €2 for the walk is requested and drinks will be provided on the children's return.
- As it is close to St. Patrick's Day, the children can wear any green regalia they have, eg. green hats, hairbands etc

Upcoming Events contd.

➤ Food Dudes 27th March – 31st March '17

This is an event aimed at allowing the children to try new fruits and veg. A selection of fruit will be brought to each class every day for the children to try.

New Buddy Bench

A special new bench has been installed at St.Patrick's Junior School. It was funded by Friends of Autism/ADHD and constructed by Balbriggan Mens Shed.

The idea is that, if any child is lonely at lunch time, they can sit on the bench and others will know they would like a friend. It can fit a gang of kids, it's bright and colourful and comfortable to sit on, and it is specially angled to be easier to chat!

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Notes from the Principal



ROAD SAFETY

As the evenings are lengthening and children are able to play outside for longer, we ask parents to remind all children about safe behaviour around traffic, when using bicycles, tricycles, scooters or flickers, and when crossing the road. We want all our pupils to be safe this spring!

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Our school participated in the **Operation Transformation 10 @10** on the 10th of February last. We all assembled in the yard and we did 10 activities for one minute each. It was great fun as well as being healthy. Well done to Ms. Dungan who organised it and to all who participated.

We are posting children's active news on the noticeboard in the halla to celebrate personal achievement in activity. If you achieved a personal best in sport or activity let teacher know and it might get a spot on the board!

GREEN SCHOOLS

We would like to thank all parents for supporting our Walk to School week last week. Some Junior Infants actually walked all the way from Kelly's Bay so well done everybody!

Winners of the "Design a High Viz Vest" competition are displayed in the halla at the moment.

Sixth Class pupils are helping us to present our next action day for global citizenship and energy. They are demonstrating experiments which show how climate change happens.