

# Newsletter

## APRIL 2016

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



### UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS:

#### ST.PATRICKS DAY FUNWALK

All the children really enjoyed getting out and about for the annual fun walk. 'Go raibh mile maith agaibh' to all the teachers and parent-helpers on the day for their support too. Just over **€400** was raised.



#### CAKE SALE:

Well....what can we say! Another fantastic sell-out Cake Sale this year. Thank you so much to everyone who baked bought or made something for the sale and to everyone who supported it too, buying something or making a donation. And the final tally for the total raised was a whopping...**€1300!!**

### SCHOOL-YARD MAKEOVER!

With the funds raised, meetings are underway now to put those monies to really good use for the children. There are some lovely ideas being looked at to 'cheer up' the schoolyard for the children e.g. 'buddy-benches', a stage, planters and painted ground features.

Please get in touch with any member of the Parents Association if you have any cool ideas or thoughts on the Yard or pm us with them on the Facebook page. We would love your input/suggestions.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:



- **COMMUNION BREAKFAST  
SAT 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**
- **ANNUAL FUNDAY!  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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## Parents Association Members and Contact Numbers

### *Notes from the Principal*



It has come to our attention that there are still outstanding payments due to the school for Arts & Crafts. It is imperative that we receive these monies as the stationary, materials and equipment required is a large expense on the school. Payments can be made in instalments or handed into the office. Many thanks.

### **Art Exhibition**

Congratulations and well done to everybody involved in our Art Exhibition which ran from April 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Every child in the School contributed at least one piece of art to the exhibition and the resulting display was truly beautiful.

Thank you to those who organised and helped to hang the artwork, to all who attended the exhibition and who wrote lovely comments in our Visitors' book.

### **Easter Raffle**

Our Easter Raffle this year was a great success.

€800 was raised and the proceeds were divided equally between two worthy children's charities namely: *Bumblance*, *The Saoirse Foundation* and *Laura Lynn Ireland's Children's Hospice*

Thank you to the members of school staff who organised the event so well.

### **Breaking News!**

We have just been informed by An Taisce that our school's application for the International Green Flag Award has been successful!

This is Green Flag number six for our school and truly reflects the hard work, commitment and dedication from all involved - children and adults alike. A special word of thanks, appreciation and congratulations to teachers: Ms. Emma Grimes and Ms. Michelle Spillane.

### **Active Schools Flag Update:**

- Teachers recently took part in BeActive training which took place for 2 hours after school. The activities learned are now being trialled with classes during their PE time.
- The children on our Committee have come up with our Active Schools slogan: ***Be Active Every Day, In a Fun & Healthy Way!***
- Active Week : Our Active Week will take place from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. It will include our annual Sports for All day and a number of other activities. We will need parent help with this, especially for Sports day. A note will be sent home closer to the date.

