

Newsletter

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St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



UPDATE ON RECENT EVENTS



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. Any surplus cakes were donated to various places...Holmpatrick National School, St.Michaels House and the Community Centre. The final tally for the total raised was a whopping...**€1510!**

DATES FOR THE DIARY:



- **COMMUNION
BREAKFAST
Sat 20th May**
- **ANNUAL FUNDAY!
Friday 9th June**

FOOD DUDES:

Food Dudes Week has been a great success! Well done to all the children who were really enthusiastic and enjoyed eating grapes, strawberries, cucumbers, peppers, carrots, pears, oranges and apples over the week. Thank you to all the people who helped out and gave up their time. Special word of thanks to Willie McCormack for all his support also.

SCHOOL-YARD MAKEOVER!

There was great excitement this month as the work was completed on the school yard. The children love the new play areas. Fantastic achievement for all involvement.



ST.PATRICKS DAY FUNWALK

All the children really enjoyed getting out and about for the annual funwalk. 'Go raibh mile maith agaibh' to all the teachers and parent-helpers on the day for their support too. Just over **€485** was raised.

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Notes from the Principal



ASAP ACTIVE SCHOOL:

Many thanks to Mrs. Dungan, the teachers and the parents who support the ASAP and who will be volunteering their time for this after school activity. Well done also to all our active pupils who are featured on and around the Active Schools noticeboard in the halla. Fingal Co. Council is currently providing conditioning training to 1st classes (and one 2nd class) and all classes involved are enjoying it immensely.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE:

Seachtain na Gaeilge was a great success again this year. Lots of activities took place in every classroom. Each class had an Irish Dancing lesson with Mrs. Keane. Junior classes were treated to a concert of Irish music from some of our past pupils who are now in the Senior School, while musicians from the Community College played for an appreciative audience of 1st and 2nd class pupils. Everyone in the school enjoyed speaking as much Irish as possible and each day the Gaeilgeoir an Lae from each class got special recognition and a small prize marking his or her achievement. Maith sibh a pháistí!! Special thanks to Ms. Keane for organising all our Seachtain na Gaeilge activities – Maith thú Ms. Keane!

Easter Raffle:

A huge thank you to parents who were so generous in buying tickets to the Easter Raffle. Thanks also to Rosemary and teachers who organised the raffle and sold the tickets. We raised an enormous €1,000 all of which will go to the BUMBLEance. This will make a real difference to the lives of seriously ill children all over the country.

GREEN SCHOOLS:

Many thanks to Ms. Grimes and Ms. Spillane who organised a very successful Green Schools Action Day with the help of the Senior School and especially Mr. Quigley's Sixth class pupils. Both Senior and Junior pupils learned lots about Energy and Global Citizenship on the day. The Action Day is part of our work towards achieving our seventh Green Flag – a great achievement for any school and especially so for a junior school.

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!

BUDDY BENCH

The Board of Management wishes to thank Friends of Autism and ADHD in the town who sponsored our new Buddy Bench which has pride of place in our yard. It is being used to very good effect. Míle Buíochas!

NEW LOOK YARD

The Board of Management also wishes to thank all parents who, through the good offices of the Parents' Association, provided a much needed facelift to our yard. The Phonic Frog, Mirror Me, Stage and Map of the World are very popular at yard time and brighten up the yard nicely. Míle Buíochas!

HAPPY EASTER

The BOM and staff of the school wish all parents a happy and safe Easter. School re-opens at 8.50 a.m. on Monday the 24th of April.

