

Parent Newsletter

October 2020

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents Association



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the October edition of the Parent Association newsletter—our first one of the new academic year.

A special welcome to all our new Junior

Infants parents, especially parents who are new to the school.

2020 has been a strange and different year for all. Unfortunately this has also impacted on some events that we would have organised for parents and our children around this time of year; our Junior Infants Coffee Morning and our infamous Halloween Children's Disco, to name but a few.

But we hope to be able to run some fundraisers for the school again very soon, all of which will be run in a safe manner and adhering to all Covid 19 compliant guidelines.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Ní Chróinín, Ms Dungan, and all the wonderful teachers, SNAs, Leoancha and Michael for making our children's return to school run so smoothly, and in such a safe way.

We have enclosed contact details for all our PA members. Should you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a helper or join the PA, please get in touch. We always welcome new members to join the PA Team.

We hope you all have a lovely Halloween and mid term break. Stay safe.

Please follow and like our [Facebook page](#) to keep up to date on all our events and activities.



ROLE OF MEMBERS OF THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

← To make all parents feel they have a part to play in the school, and a contribution in helping to make their child's years in school a positive time in their lives

← PA plays a vital role in building a strong community between the school and the parents

← Fundraising for the School

Outdoor Play Space

In April 2019 we completed the development of the front garden, which we are sure you will all agree is a fantastic addition to the school.

It is a lovely space for the children to go and have calm time and read stories with their teachers. This was funded by monies raised from a past Wine & Cheese event organised by the PA and supported by the parents, teachers, Ms Ní Chróinín and local businesses.

And now, more than ever, with us all being encouraged to keep outdoors as much as possible, it is amazing to have this lovely space for the children to enjoy outside. Each class has dedicated time slots, organised by the teachers, so everyone gets to enjoy this wonderful natural space.



Christmas Cards 2020

This is a brilliant and unique fundraiser for the school, where the children get to showcase their amazing artistic skills and have them printed and made into Christmas cards.

Your children have been working very hard with their teachers to create the most gorgeous cards. And it is a lovely way for you, as a parent, to keep one as a keep sake each year.

More details will be available to all parents after the mid term break.

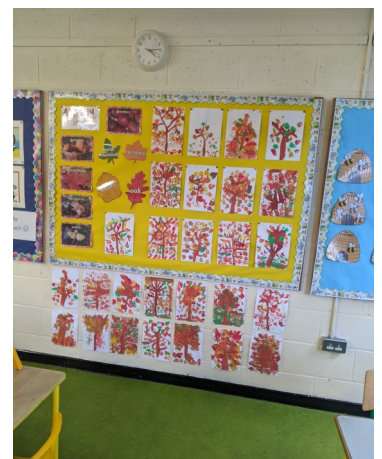
Many thanks for your support in advance.



Classroom Arts and Crafts

As we don't currently have the opportunity to go into school, we thought it would be nice to show you the amazing Halloween artwork and activities that your children have been doing in their classrooms with their teachers.





Halloween Competition

Enter our Halloween Drawing & Colouring Competition and be in with a chance to win 1 of 4 vouchers for The Bubble Room worth 15euro. Send your entries to pa.stpatsjnr@gmail.com or post up on our Facebook page.

Competition ends at 6pm on November 1st and there will be 4 winners picked (1 from each year).

We have included some Halloween colouring and drawing sheets on the next page but feel free to create your very own if you wish.

Best of luck and have fun!



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Notes from the Principal

The staff of St. Patrick's Junior School are all delighted to be back at school with our fabulous pupils who bring so much joy to our days.

We want to say a huge “Maith Sibh! Well done!” to all the children who have been so good at following our safety rules. You are all so good at washing hands, sanitising and staying within your bubbles throughout the school day.

Thanks also to all parents of the school who have given us amazing support in our efforts to re-open safely and to stay open safely, as well as your support in all the other aspects of school life!

Wednesday the 21st of October was National Lámh Day. Lámh is a signing language, always used in conjunction with speech, which can help children and adults with communication difficulties to express themselves and to be understood. All our pupils learned a few Lámh signs on the day. Why not ask your child what sign they learned in school this week?

