



ST. PATRICK'S  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Parent Association

### Welcome Newsletter

September 2022

# Welcome

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope you all had a nice, safe Summer break and your children are all settled into their new classes.

A special welcome to all our Junior Infants children, parents and guardians, who are new to the school.

For parents who are new to the school, and whom may not be familiar with a Parents Association, we have highlighted a few points to the right here on the role of the Parents Association. We have also included some information on events we have run in recent years, which will give you an idea of where the monies raised at the events go towards.

The PA Newsletter will be circulated to you each quarter, where we will keep you up to date on all events and PA news.

Many thanks,

*The Parents Association*

## The Role of the PA

- To make all parents feel they have a part to play in the school, and that they can contribute in helping to make their child's and our children's school years a positive time in their lives.
- PA plays a vital role in building a strong community between the school and parents.
- Fundraising for the school.

## Join the PA team

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with school events.

If you would like to help or join the PA Team, please get in touch with us.

We always welcome new parents. You will find our contact details near the end of this newsletter.

If you have any special skills or interests and you would be willing to use these to help out, please let us know.

# Past Events & How We Use Donated Funds

## Halloween Disco

Halloween is a time when we love to get dressed up and do some spooky dancing and singing at our Halloween Disco in the Halla.

All the children love this, and it really gets them in the mood for Halloween.



## Christmas Cards

Our Christmas card fundraiser is always a great success every year. Each child gets to design their very own Christmas card that is unique to them, and parents get an opportunity to purchase these lovely cards.

Thanks to the parents support in the past, we have raised funds from this event to go towards other fun events for the children.

We will be running this event again for 2022.

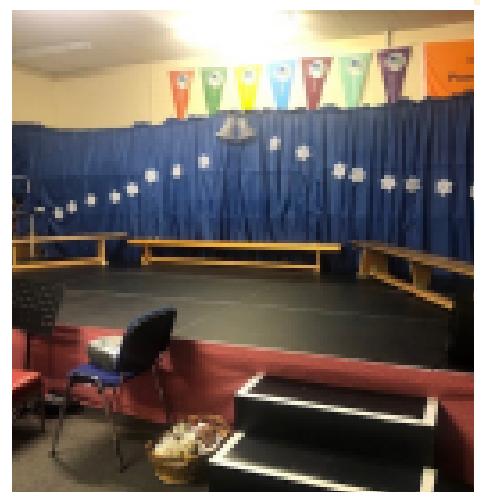
More details will be available to all parents soon.



## Table Quiz

This is usually a much anticipated and fun event in the PA Calendar; our annual Table Quiz in Skerries Harps (usually around March /April).

Monies raised in the past from this event alone went towards the purchasing of the stage in the Halla (pictured here) and the much loved STEM products for the school, including 'Bee Bots' which help the children learn basic coding in a fun and interactive way.



# Outdoor Play Space

In April 2019 we completed the development of the front garden, which 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.

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.



# Junior Infants Photos

Organising the Junior Infants children photos is something we love to be a part of. Your child starting Junior Infants is such an important milestone, and it is lovely to mark this with a lasting photo as a keepsake.

# Santa Claus visits to School

We normally receive a special report from the North Pole that Santa will be visiting our children in school before the end of the school term in December. We hope to welcome him again to St Patricks Junior School this Christmas.

# Communion Breakfast

This is a lovely event organised by the Parents Association to celebrate the First Holy Communion girls and boys, and normally takes place on the morning of the First Holy Communion in the Halla.

Parents have been amazing in the past helping with this event —be it in set up decorating the Halla, volunteering to make tea and coffees, to baking cakes for our boys and girls.



**Above are just some of the events that the PA has organised for the school in the past. We hope it gives you a glimpse of what we do.**



Calling all Junior  
Infants Parents

Save the Date for the  
Junior Infants Parents  
Coffee Morning

Day: Friday September 23rd

Place: School Halla

Time: 9.30am

This is a great way to get to meet parents from your child's  
class and get a glimpse of the school.

# Walking Bus Initiative

The Green School Team are looking to set up a ***Morning Walking Bus Initiative***, which helps promote regular exercise for the children and works towards reducing traffic congestion.

It is a lovely idea to help keep us all healthy and fit, as well as help the environment.

Further details will be sent via email to all parents soon.



# Join the Parent Association Team

We are always looking for  
volunteers to help out with  
school events.

If you would like to help as a  
volunteer or join the PA Team,  
please get in touch with us.

We would love to welcome you!

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