

SCOIL MHIURE NA TRÓCAIRE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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We hope all the children have settled in well to a new school year. A special welcome to the new Junior Infants and their families, as well as those families who have joined further up the school.

Who are we?



We have a lively, positive committee committed to working together for the best possible education for our children.

Chairperson: Emma Taaffe

Vice-Chairperson: Nadine Borza

Treasurers: Debbie Carolan & Gráinne McNeice

Secretaries: Faye McGuinness & Nicole Malone

The full committee includes:

Alan Duff, Avril Myles, Ciara Byrne, Edel Lennon, Elaine Kearney, Emma Clements, Gráinne Fogarty, Jenni Duffy, Jennifer McEntee, Joanne Carroll, Linda Thorne, Tara Mullarkey, Tracey Dempsey, Vicki Carberry and Vicky Carrie.

What do we do?



Our PA plays a vital role in bringing parents, staff, and the wider community together to enhance our children's educational experience. We:

- ✓ Meet once a month – very informal, friendly, and open to everyone.
- ✓ Provide a forum for parents to share ideas, make suggestions, and be part of decision-making, such as reviewing school policies.
- ✓ Raise funds to support extra resources or activities.
- ✓ Plan fun events for the children.

There's no obligation to take on a role or volunteer at every event, join in as much or as little as you can!

Being part of the PA is a wonderful insight into school life and a great way to meet other parents while making a real difference.

Our AGM will take place in the school hall on
Monday 12th October at 7.30pm.

Come along, meet new people, and see what it's all about, no pressure, just friendly faces and good ideas!

If you'd like to get involved but can't attend,
please email us at:

parentsassociationsmnt@gmail.com



A Very Special Farewell

At the end of November, we will say a very fond farewell to our much-loved Principal, Mrs Sweeney, who will be retiring after dedicating more than three decades to our school, our children and our families. During that time, she has overseen huge changes and many important milestones, most recently guiding the school through the challenges of Covid and the transition to becoming a co-educational school.

Mrs Sweeney has always set exceptionally high standards, inspiring our pupils to achieve highly academically, while also embracing the many opportunities our school has to offer. Under her leadership, our children have been encouraged to reach their full potential, both in the classroom and beyond, with opportunities to take part in a wide range of activities, initiatives and experiences. Her calm, organised and caring approach has ensured that our school has always been in the very best hands.

Her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment have left a lasting mark on our school, and she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community.

We would like to thank Mrs Sweeney for everything she has done over the past 35 years and wish her every happiness as she begins this exciting new chapter.

And, of course, we cannot say goodbye to Mrs Sweeney without thanking her for her regular Aladdin reminders! We're not quite sure how we'd manage without those timely messages to remind us about everything we had forgotten we even needed to remember!



What We Achieved in 2025-2026

We have been absolutely blown away by everyone's support over the past year, especially with regards to the success of our School Lotto since it launched in February. A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. It has been fantastic to see our Jackpot already won, lots of €20 weekly winners, and plenty of very happy children enjoying their sweet treats!

Thanks to your incredible support, we have been able to put funds raised directly back into the school and provide some lovely extras and opportunities for the children.

Over the past year, we have:

- Provided new PE equipment for the school.
- Treated all the children to an ice cream from the ice cream van.
- Contributed towards Move to Improve sessions for the whole school.
- Continued to support the cost of music lessons.
- Helped cover the cost of 6th Class hoodies.
- Helped to spread a little extra Christmas magic over the festive season.



The PA has some events they look forward to helping with every year - the tea and coffee (and tissues!) we give to parents and family on the first day of school for Junior Infants and the Grandparents' Day Afternoon Tea for 2nd class pupils. We also hold the much loved Book Fair, Sponsored Walk and Christmas Raffle annually.

"The little things we do today can create the biggest memories tomorrow."

Our Goals for 2026-2027

This year, we have already installed an exciting new outdoor climbing wall, giving the children another fun and active way to play and challenge themselves.

We also aim to:

- Create a 'Sensory Pathway', providing a fun, interactive space to move, reset and regulate during the school day, while developing balance, coordination, motor skills and confidence.
- Provide a brand-new basketball kit for our school team.
- Fund 'The Code Lab' - A 6 week program to introduce 3rd class to the world of coding.
- Subsidise "Move to Improve" sessions for the whole school in January.
- Plus, lots more treats and surprises for the children!



We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all our families for your ongoing generosity and support throughout the year. Your contributions, no matter how big or small, make a real difference in the daily life of our school community.