

Parents Association Summer Newsletter 2025

Hi everyone, what an amazing year it has been. So many things have happened, from fun events to meaningful support to the school. This would not be possible without the incredible teamwork of the Parents Association, the generous support from local businesses in our community, the teachers and staff of Four Masters N.S, and of course the amazing parents and guardians who showed up, volunteered, donated and helped in so many ways. This newsletter is a little look back at what we have achieved over the last year.

Online Lotto - A Huge Success

We are thrilled to share that this year's online lotto has been a huge success so far. Although we are only in our 7th week it has already brought great fun and excitement each week. In our first month alone we raised a whopping **€642.91** after prizemoney which will go directly towards our school fund. Thanks to the projected funding in the coming year the school hopes to replace old carpets in two of the classrooms with marmoleum. This is just one of the examples. Although it is summertime our weekly Lotto draw continues. All our lucky winners over the summer will receive their weekly prize when the school reopens in September. Unless however you are lucky enough to be our first ever Jackpot winner which now stands at €750 , you will be contacted directly to receive your prize money. Some of our lucky winners so far were, Bernadette Gallagher, Geraldine Maxwell, Georgina Mc Manus, Rosanne Rooney, The Saunders Family, Clodagh Loughlin, The Mulligan Family, The Monahan Family, Donna Mc Gowan, and last weeks winners The McCrory family. Thank you all for your support.

A special shout out to our school secretary Edyta for helping to organise the Lotto and keeping it running smoothly every week.

Successful School Uniform Swap

On Monday last we held our first ever 'Uniform Swap'. The idea was for families to donate, exchange or just pick up a gently used school uniform. We are happy to share that it was a huge success and we will definitely be making this an annual event. Thanks to the generosity of families dozens of uniforms found new homes, reducing waste, promoting community spirit and reducing costs for families.

Thank You for Supporting our Shamrock Fundraiser

We are thrilled to announce we raised **€542** for our school fund. Special thanks to the teachers, parents, and volunteers who supported this event. 'Together we are growing a greener, stronger community - Leaf by Leaf'.

Swimming Support from the Parents Association

We are pleased to share that the parents association contributed **€ 3,852** towards this year's school swimming lessons. That's €21.40 per child with 180 children participating. The contribution subsidised the transport and the cost of the swimming lessons. This in turn reduces the cost for families and makes school experiences inclusive, enriching and accessible to our children. Thanks for the support!!

Skipton- Postponed , New Date To Be Announced in September

Unfortunately the weather was not favourable for the comeback of our school skipton this year. We look forward to making this a fantastic and energising event in September. So keep skipping over the summer everyone. At least it will give us more time to prepare and ensure maximum participation.

April Clothes Collection

Thanks to all the families and even the wider community for donating to our school clothes collection. Your generosity helped raise **€256** towards our valuable fund for our school.

Ice-cream Surprise On Sports Day

This wonderful treat was sponsored by the Parents Association, which cost **€355**. I think you will all agree it was thoroughly enjoyed !! It was a thank you to the children for their energy, effort, and great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Pre-Packed Swimming Kits

This is just a little reminder to keep aside any outgrown or no longer needed swimming gear for September. Items include full swimsuits, swim trunks, goggles, hats, towels, and waterproof bags. The Parents Association are hoping to put together some pre-packed swimming kits for some families in our school for the next swim term.

School Event Support

Some parents or guardians may not be aware of the various costs the Parents Association have to incur throughout the school year. That is why we decided to share some examples of these costs and also why your support is important to us. Your generosity allows us to give back in a meaningful way at various school events. Thank you for your support

- ***Choir bags €80, Christmas Decorations for Children €52, Parents Association Insurance €215, Paper Cups/Plates etc. €344, Lotto Promotion Printing €389.25, NPC renewal € 90, Selfie Frames for Confirmation & Communion, Refreshments for Christmas Concert, Grandparents Day, End of Year Graduation etc.***

Second Class School Tour- Subsidised by Parents Association

We are thrilled that every year the parents association are able to help fund the 2nd class school tour. Thanks to your continuous support we were able to give **€714** towards the costs of their tour.

Christmas Card Fundraiser

Thank you to the children for their wonderful artwork and to all the families who placed orders a total of **€496.60** was raised.

Our First ever 'Festive Walk into Christmas'

In December we planned our first festive walk into Christmas, with the plan of making this an annual event for the children to enjoy. It was probably one of the biggest highlights of our year on the Parents Association. Although once again the weather was not on our side for the walk to take place but that did not dampen the kids spirits. There was carol singing, a fun quiz and of course Santa's surprise visit with his special gift for every child. What a wonderful memory.

School Concert Raffle

Our hugely successful and annual Christmas concert raffle raised an outstanding **€4,132.95**. The generosity and support from families and businesses made this possible. The refreshments, home baking from families and the wonderful hospitality make this day so enjoyable for all.

Grandparents Day 11th March

This year the Parents Association put out all the stops for our wonderful family day. We were involved in the catering, hospitality and setup of our school gym. With huge thanks to Charlie our caretaker who without him none of these events could take place. We catered for a huge crowd on the day and the feedback from families was so heartwarming. The positive relationship we have between our school, home and community was very evident that day.

Thank you to Marie Downey our Parents Association Treasurer

We want to thank someone very special Marie. She has been a steady presence at so many school events over the years. Often working quietly in the background. Whether she was preparing food, setting up, or simply jumping in whenever needed, Marie has done this with calm, kindness and no fuss. We will miss you Marie.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful Parents Association Team but we are always looking for new members to join our amazing team. Never feel your input would be too little. Just ask any of our existing members its a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents in the school and also to have great fun while volunteering.

Enjoy the Summer Holidays from all the Parents Association

