



Kilnerin National School Parents Association Newsletter

October 2024

Welcome

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school term. We'd like to give a warm welcome back to families who are still with us and to the families that are new to our school. Kilnerin National School is a great school community to be part of and we hope you and your children will have many happy years. We now have 140 families in our school community.

We are also very grateful to teachers and staff for assisting the children settle back into school so well again this year.

We would also like to thank our previous PA Chairperson Michelle Timmons, PA Secretary Trish Kelly and PA members Samantha Nash, Caroline Bardon and Fiona Hughes for their commitment, dedication and volunteering their time so generously throughout the past number of years, your efforts are very much appreciated.

The AGM of the Parents Association took place on Thursday, 12th September in Shamrock Hall where an update was given to attendees regarding the past year's events and finances. This was then followed by feedback and discussions of various other topics. Following the AGM, a new Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer were elected for the upcoming school year.

We are delighted to introduce our enthusiastic committee of volunteers for 2024/2025.

Paul Guy (Chairperson), Premilla Menon-Gorby (Secretary), Aine O'Sullivan (Treasurer), Noelle Ireton, Stephanie O'Loughlin and Darren Brien.

We would also like to thank parents who have signed up to help us with upcoming events and parties over the next year.

€ Split The Pot Fundraiser €

Congratulations to our recent winner – Ben Mulhall



This is one of our main fundraisers in helping us provide extra fun activities and treats for the children throughout the school year. This is held on the last Friday of each month. It has always been generously supported by our community. We would like to thank all parents for their continued support and hope new parents will get behind this very worthy monthly fundraiser.



Thinking of joining the PA or even just to volunteer at events...

We need you!

We are busy planning fun events and we would love your help. Your involvement is as much or as little as you want. Whether it's joining the PA or volunteering to help at school events, donating prizes or simply offering suggestions, the benefits this offers our children and school are enormous.

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Suggestion Box

We are continuously looking for new fundraising ideas, suggestions or even feedback and would love to hear from you, the parents and children of our school. The post box (split the pot box) at the school gate beside shamrock hall is available as a suggestion box and is checked regularly. Don't be shy!

Coming up...

Parents Coffee Morning – Come join us from 9am to 11.30am, Friday 11th October 2024, Shamrock Hall



A recap of last year



The PA are in full swing planning plenty of fun initiatives for the children as the school year begins however here is a gentle reminder of what we got up to throughout 2023/24 school year:

October

Halloween Spooky walk in the woods school party. The children dressed up in their Halloween costumes and walked from the school to the spooky woods. Weather conditions were ideal to make this an enjoyable experience for all involved. Upon return to the school the children attended a **Halloween party** in the Shamrock Hall with fun games and treats.

November.

Christmas themed raffle. There was an endless list of prizes donated that lots of happy children and parents won to bring home. We would like to extend our thanks to everyone that helped gather prizes to make this a very successful fundraiser. Thank you to all the local businesses and parents who supported this raffle - € 1,867 was raised.

December

Christmas party. The children's annual Christmas Party was held in the school. Due to an unforeseeable power cut, it was not possible to go ahead in Shamrock Hall. This did not deter Santa as he arrived by Garda escort. The children met Santa, played fun games and got a selection box to take home. A heartfelt thanks to all those who went above and beyond to help make this happen.

February

Grandparents Day. This was held in the school after 9.30am mass in Kilanerin church. This gave grandparents an opportunity to visit their grandchild/ren, classroom and meet other grandparents. Tea, coffee and refreshments were provided by the PA and was a great success. Thank you to all those who provided some freshly baked goods and some nice shop treats.

March

Walk to school and WOW (Walk on Wednesdays). This was a combination of walking to school where it was safe to do or Park & Stride to school. This was one of the best ways to start the day with multiple benefits to children's physical and mental health.

St Patrick's day parade. The school participated in the Coolgreaney St. Patrick's Day parade. The children proudly marched through the street holding the school banner in unexpectedly warm welcome weather. An enjoyable morning all round.

Wellness week woodland walk. The school participated in a woodland walk as part of wellness week initiative.

April

Easter egg hunt. With the help of 6th class, the PA hid toy eggs around the school for the children to hunt. This proved to be a fun exercise for the children and all children got to bring home a chocolate Easter egg.

May

Communion teas/coffees were kindly served by 1st class parents. A wonderful tradition and greatly appreciated by children and parents in 2nd class.

June

Sports day. The children had a great sports day on the school grounds with the PA arriving with lovely treats of an ice-cream from Murphys Gala. Huge thanks to Murphy's gala for providing treats for these lucky children.

To assist in the smooth introduction of the **new PE uniform**, the PA held several try on sessions. This assisted parents in determining the right sizes to order and gave us an opportunity to listen to valuable parental feedback. I think we can all agree the new uniform has been a wonderful success and looks great.

Other events include the library opening, junior infant teas and graduation teas

Our Motto:

"United together, we make a difference for the future of our children"