

Letter from your Parents' Association.... It'll only take 2 minutes to read!!



November 2020

Hello to all Parents/Guardians of children attending Scoil Bhride, Clane. We are just introducing you to this year's Parents Association Committee and letting you know about the events that we organise in the school every year and we are asking for your help with our fundraising for the year ahead.

Introducing the Parents Association Committee for 2020/2021

Colette O'Byrne (Chairperson)	Ciara Early
Avril Dixon (Vice Chairperson)	Rita Mackey
Caoimhe Gaine (Secretary)	Jenny Mousley
Ciara Carroll (Assistant Secretary)	Siobhan O'Brien
Noel Delaney (Treasurer)	Dervilla Callan
Sharon O'Rourke (Assistant Treasurer)	Cara Ronan
Mags Lennon (Minutes Secretary)	Niamh Doolan
Marina Jordan (Website Manager & Graduation Yearbook)	Ailish Sheehan
Mandy Connolly (Graduation Yearbook)	Leonie Wilson
Evelyn Andrews	Triona Quinlan
Louise Johnston (Teachers' Rep)	

The Committee members were elected in the school at the AGM in October. The Committee meet once a month online @8pm. Check the Parents Association section of the school website for more information; www.scoilbhrideclane.ie

What does your Parents Association Do?

- Organise Talks for parents with guest speakers on relevant topics for parents
- Review school policies in conjunction with Principal and BOM
- Organise Annual General Meeting
- Organise and fund Christmas events in the school for the pupil
- Organise and fund First Communion parties, cake and flowers for the church
- Organise and fund Confirmation flowers in the church
- Prepare and fund Graduation Yearbook for 6th class
- Organise Graduation Party for 6th class
- Maintain the school website and provide some training for teachers
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Uniform exchange at book sale if required
- Donate any left over money from fundraising activities to the school for the benefit of the pupils (in 2018/2019- €4500 was given to the school from PA Funds)
- Fundraising Activities- Non uniform days x2 and the Annual School Sponsored Walk

We Need Your Help for 2020/2021

In April 2020, due to Covid 19, we were unable to hold our major Fundraising Event- the annual School Sponosred Walk. As a result, the PA funds are running low and we have only have **€635** in our bank account at present. This will not be enough to cover the annual Christmas activities for the pupils and all of the activities that we normally undertake which are listed above. We are having a No Uniform Day on Friday November 22nd in our efforts to raise some money to fund the Christmas Activities. We are asking parents/guardians, if you can, to donate 2 euro per family/child and if you are in a position to donate a little more, we would be extremely grateful. All money collected by us is for the benefit of your child/children in the school.

Please see outlined below the projected average cost of funding PA Activities this year and our projected income from No Uniform Days. We are hoping to hold a Virtual Sponsored Walk/Run as a Fundraiser to replace the Annual Sponsored Walk in April 2021.

Opening balance (Sept 2020)		€1040.00
<u>Income</u>		
Winter Woollies Day (<i>Nov 2020</i>)	€390.00	
Valentines No Uniform Day (<i>Feb 2021</i>)	€390.00	
Virtual Walk (<i>April 2021 – unknown amount</i>)	€0.00	
<i>Total Income (projected)</i>		€780.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		
NPC Membership (Sept 2020)	€100.00	
NPC Insurance (Sept 2020)	€205.00	
Bank Charges (Oct 2020)	€100.00	
Christmas Events for Pupils (<i>projected</i> based on 2019)	€1700.00	
Graduation/End of year expenses (<i>projected</i> based on June 2019)	€500.00	
Talks for Parents (NPC) (Jan-May 2021)	€100.00	
Flowers Communion (projected)	€350.00	
<i>Total Expenditure (paid + projected)</i>		€3055.00
Expenditure to exceed Income (DEFICIT)**		- €1235.00

****Without the inclusion of the Virtual Walk the PA will have a projected deficit of €1235.in 2020/2021**

We really appreciate any support you can give to Scoil Bhríde Parents Association this year in our fundraising efforts. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter,

Colette O'Byrne
P.A. Chairperson

Caoimhe Gaine
P.A. Secretary

Noel Delaney
P.A.Treasurer