

St. Colman's B.N.S. Parents' Association

September 2019.

NEWSLETTER/REPORT 2019

Dear Parents,

Our A.G.M. is Monday September 23rd at 8p.m. This year we lost some members as their children were in 6th so we are urging as many parents as possible to come and join the association. We particularly welcome parents of our 1st class pupils. We meet about 3 or 4 times a year and we would love to see new members coming with refreshing ideas to help fundraise in the school to subsidise our school activities. If you cannot attend the meeting but are available to help out during the year with activities you might give your number to one of the committee members or contact the school. For those who fear they will get a job if they attend a meeting – be assured all jobs are given to volunteers! You will see from the activities the association is a very sociable group with emphasis on fun and the best interest of the school and your children is at their centre. So please come and support your school and your child.

During the past year

- We printed Christmas Cards designed by the children themselves.
- At Christmas time we went singing with the Lorraine O'Riordan Gospel choir outside the Credit Union raising a total of €918.69
- We also helped fundraising through the sale of shamrocks. As you know the shamrock is supplied by Irish Plants International Athlone, with each shamrock sold realising €2 for the school.
- We had a Church Gate Collection which realised €773.27
- In May we helped organise the After Party on the day of the Holy Communion and making it a very special, memorable occasion for the children.
- We are aware that the school has invested in a set of English books to deliver their Literacy Lift Off Programme. Some of us gave a hand to cover the books for this initiative.
- We also held a very successful Primary School Quiz in March. It was a funfilled night and we made a profit of €682.
- We also supported the Green Schools Committee in the used clothes fundraiser. We believe this was a very useful activity allowing people to clear out their wardrobes. We look forward to another clear out in the future.
- The Book Fair takes place in our school every two years and members of the Parents' Association help out at the school over the course of the days the Book Fair takes place.

Activities subsidised

Swimming & Music €2,842 €24.50 per pupil

- Our Annual Sports Day took place in June in Kanturk Rugby Club. Thanks to all who provided baking for the Coffee Morning. A special thanks to the people who helped out on the day serving the teas and coffees. We held a raffle on the day raising €371.00
- Remember! The Parent's Association is a group of parents all of whom give their time to support their child's school. We really urge more parents to join us this year to suggest new fundraising ideas and to help out when possible. All money that the Parent's Association raises goes directly back to your child's school. You do not have to commit to every meeting and you will not be given any unwanted job, but if you could attend our A.G.M. on Monday 23rd we would be delighted to welcome you on board.

Yours sincerely,

Parents' Association

