

update



February 2018

We are over half way through the school year and we have been busy organising lots of events. Here is an update of what's been happening over the last few months and we also have some upcoming events for you to watch out for.

Junior Infants 2017

We hope all the junior infants enjoyed their first term in school and have settled into school life. The Parents' Association were delighted to be able to offer some refreshments for parents on their first big day. There were also plenty of tissues available if needed!!!

A Junior Infant Class List with phone numbers is available from the Parents' Association for arranging parties, play dates etc... If you want to include your number on this list please contact us at our email address below with your child's name, teacher's name, parent/guardian name and phone number. If you want to avail of the list, please email us.

Parents' Association Annual Subscription
You have recently received a request for our Annual Subscription. Could you please return any outstanding donations in the envelopes as soon as possible. We know these are difficult times and we sincerely thank you for your past generosity. The money raised helps both children and schools.

What do the Parents' Association do?

Every year The PA is involved in organising and supporting a variety of events in both schools. These include:

- * Providing Refreshments for Parents/Guardians of Junior Infants on their first day at school
 - * Organising Guest Speakers
 - * Running Table Quiz for Children of Bishop Galvin
 - * Organising Second Hand Uniform Sale
 - * Running Bake Sale
 - * Organising Confirmation Albs
 - * Hosting First Communion Reception
 - * Hosting Graduation Reception with a Commemorative Gift for all the Children
 - * Providing Prizes for the Hand Writing Competition
 - * Organising Christmas Cards/Calendars
 - * Hosting Pizza Party for Successful GAA Teams
 - * Providing Financial Support for Maths Equipment, School Jerseys, Buses for Extra Curricular Activities, Board Games, etc....
- We appreciate all your support in helping us provide these services for the children of both schools.

Parents' Association email address: shanahangalvinpa@gmail.com

AGM November 2017



The Parents' Association A.G.M. was held in November. This was an ideal opportunity for you to learn more about both schools and meet other parents. Both principals spoke about future plans for the schools and the excitement as the new building is starting to take shape. The attendance was very disappointing, we would really like to see more of you attend future meetings in support of both schools.

The Parents' Association run many events throughout the year for the children and we would really appreciate any help you may be able to give us. Please email us if you can help out at any of these events - see address below.

This year our guest speaker Siobhán O'Rourke spoke on 'Good Enough' Parenting & the 'Perils of Parental Guilt' which proved to be very popular with all those who attended the meeting.

Walk on Wednesdays - WOW!

Now that Spring is just around the corner, why not leave the car at home and walk to school. The 'WOW' programme - 'Walk on Wednesdays' is a great way to keep active and energizes both you and your children for the day ahead - give it a try!

Traffic, Parking & Safety

Parking around the school is an ongoing issue - The local bus route may be compromised because the roads around the school are impassable due to illegal parking! Please park responsibly, do not park on zig-zag or yellow lines, do not park in the 'set down' area, do not block driveways. Always cross the road at the pedestrian lights, set a good & safe example for our children, thank you.

Upcoming Events



Bake Sale

This year's bake sale will be held on **Friday February 23rd**. The children love this event and we look forward to seeing all their wonderful creations. It might be a good idea to bring in empty tins or containers for bringing the cakes home safely! Make sure you mark them clearly with your child's name! More details will be given to you nearer the big day!

Remember - NO NUTS ALLOWED and if your child has any allergies, please mark their container clearly.

We will need volunteers to help with the Bake Sale as it is a very busy event. If you can help out, please email us at the address below, Many Thanks.

Easter Raffle & Hand Writing Competition

Every year both schools run an Easter Raffle and a hand writing competition. The Parents' Association donate lots of Easter Eggs and Fun Pencils to help celebrate all the children's hard work.

Further Down the Line.....

We look forward to help with organising the following events in the coming months; Communion Reception, Confirmation Albs, Table Quiz, Graduation Ceremony.

Please help out if you can spare an hour or two!

GAA

Our boys and girls did really well in their football matches before Christmas with the boys getting a fantastic win. The Parents' Association helped them celebrate afterwards by hosting a pizza party - we hope to be having more pizza in the future as our hurlers and camogie players start their tournaments!

Your Parents' Association Committee are:

Chairperson: Siobhán McCormack
Vice Chair: Tara Mullen **Secretary:** Pamela O'Reilly
Brian Caffrey, Miriam Kenny, Siobhán Leonard, Audrey Priestley
Rebecca Rogers, Helen Shanahan, Ellie Turner, Nicki Walsh