



CAIRDE NA SCOILE

Newsletter

Deireadh Fómhair 2017



Welcome back to school everyone from Cairde Na Scoile and a big welcome to all new parents whose children have started in the school this year. We are delighted to inform you that we have lots of exciting things planned for this school year and are pleased to share some of them with you in this newsletter. Firstly, we would like to update you on our recent AGM and the new committee members.

AGM

The AGM was held in the school on 19 September 2017. The school year 2016/17 proved to be another successful year of events and activities, all of which were greatly supported by the outstanding parent cohort at GSBB, go raibh míle maith agaibh gach duine.

The calendar of events throughout the year was, by all accounts a great success and in particular; the 'Run a Muck' challenge, the 'Bia Blasta' cookery book (20 copies still available from office @ €15 each), and the children's Halloween Disco were notable highlights. Alongside these, the Communion and Confirmation receptions were both very well received. We aim to run all events and activities at the lowest cost possible and we acknowledged at the AGM that many of these simply could not run without the generosity of the parents.

We are pleased to report that a cheque in the amount of €14,088 was handed over to the school. These funds will go towards new wall mounted activities for the school yard, the purchasing of four new hearing systems for use in the classrooms and audio-visual technology for the school.

New Committee 2017/2018

The new committee for Cairde 2017/2018 was formed on 24 September 2017 and includes a variety of parents from all pupil levels within the school. The new committee consists of 16 parents. We are happy to report that both our Chairperson and Vice Chairperson have stayed on in their roles for another school year. We would like to express our gratitude and recognition for the outstanding work of last year's committee, and in particular, those members who have chosen to step down this year. Contact details for the roles of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer have been included below. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee at any time should you have any questions or suggestions for Cairde.

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The first meeting of the newly formed group took place on 26 September 2017 and there are already some great plans underway for another fantastic year.



Halloween Disco!

The first event of the year will be the Halloween Fancy Dress Disco. This year we have teamed up with Temple Street Hospital, 'Trick or Treat for Temple Street' and 50% of funds raised on the day will be donated to Temple Street. The disco takes place on Friday 27 October 2017 and the details are as follows:

What?	The GSBB Halloween Disco 2017
When?	Friday 27 October 2017
Where?	The disco will be held in the 'spookily' decorated h�alla!
How Much?	The cost of this event is €5 per child and a maximum of €10 per family. Envelopes will be sent home on Monday 23 October in the schoolbags to be returned on or before Friday 27 October.
Extra Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fancy dress!• Children's goodie bags will be given to every child attending• The 'Spooky DJ' will be on hand to spin some eerie tunes!

Bag to School

Bag 2 School is a textile collection initiative, which is aimed at helping schools like ours to fundraise for worthwhile causes. To find out more about Bag 2 School, see their website http://www.bag2school.ie/irl/about_us/.

Our first bag to school collection for this school year took place on Thursday 28 September and was a great success. A total of €340.88 was raised and we would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who donated. Two further collections will take place in January and May 2018, which we will update nearer the time.

Christmas Cards 2017

The Christmas Cards 2017s have been completed and sent to 'Christmas cards for schools' for printing. Samples will be sent home together with an order form as soon as possible.

April 2018!!! Main fund raising event planned for 2017/2018

We are very excited to announce that arrangements for a large social event are well underway for 2018. The event will take place during April 2018 and promises to be lots of fun. Date to be announced soon! Please save the date in your diaries and keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details over the coming weeks.

Get involved

Finally if you would like to get involved with any of the events this coming year; helping out on the day (i.e. setup, serving teas/coffees, clearing up, collecting funds, selling tickets etc.) please let us know – we'd be delighted to have you!

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