

19/10/2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Due to the current restrictions on gatherings it was not possible to hold an AGM of the Parents' Association this year. Given that many members of the school's Parents' Association 2019/2020 had just assumed new roles when - in early March - their tenure was cut short, the Board of Management has agreed that the current committee may continue in their roles. We would also still like to extend a welcome to anyone who would like to join the committee, we foresee that any meetings in the near future will take place via Zoom.

We would like to sincerely thank the outgoing committee members for all they did during their time on the committee.

Chairperson - Mary Claire Hogan Assistant Chairperson - Charmaine McGowan	Principal - Diarmuid Hennessy	Pat O'Regan
Secretary - Claire Horan Assistant Secretary - Kate O'Shea	Teachers' Rep.- Amy Lennon	Katie McNelis
Treasurer - Paul Hannan Assistant Treasurer - Avril Rath Sandra Boyd	Helen White Louise Griffin Dunphy	Andrea Lawton

Activities in which Parents' Associations have been involved include:

- Organising information/social events for new parents
- Organising social events for children
- Arranging talks on topics of interest to parents
- Preparing school calendars
- Providing support/organisational input to school events
- Channelling parents' views on school policy issues to the Principal/Board
- Contributing to school newsletter
- Organising fundraising events for the school
- Organising the Book Rental scheme with Ms Hurley

We look forward to celebrating **Halloween** this year by creating a seasonal atmosphere and spooky entrance to the school to mark the mid-term holidays.

We are currently compiling the ever-popular **School Calendar** for **2021**.

We are hopeful that Santa will find a way to say a special hello to the children in Scoil Mhuire na nGrást in the lead up to Christmas.

We would like to express our gratitude to Cork County Council for the work they have done on the road to the school; cutting back hedges and the installation of bollards makes a significant improvement to the **school walkway**. The PA Committee intends to work with the school on the attainment of the **Green Flag** for travel as part of an active and healthy lifestyle. We hope that we can contribute to further improvements to the approach to the school.

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out in various ways during the year; without the valuable support of the 'Friends of the Committee' and indeed all parents in the school, these events and activities would not happen.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite parents to join the committee or volunteer as a 'Friend of the Committee.' Any new members or friends may email the school at belgoolyngs@gmail.com or contact anyone on the PA Committee.

We look forward to working to support the pupils, staff and the school in the upcoming year.

Yours faithfully,

Scoil Mhuire na nGrást Parents' Association