

22/09/2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The AGM of Scoil Mhuire na nGrást Parents' Association will be held on **28th of Sept at 7.30pm sharp** via a Zoom webinar. Parents/Guardians will be emailed the related link, just prior to the meeting. This meeting will last an hour and is a great way to become familiar with the valuable work of the PA. Please find agenda attached.

We will open with a talk from our Guest Speakers. We are fortunate to have **Ger Rice**, Health Support Worker, and **James O Mahony**, Co-Ordinator with **Kinsale Youth Support Services**, available to share their experience in supporting many young people, parents, and the general community. They have helped many local families in dealing with and overcoming various difficulties. They will outline the avenues that parents can access via KYSS and how the process works.

Many families live in challenging circumstances, many struggle to cope without support, and many need a bit of help to make progress in their lives and choices. Our Team have experiences engaging and developing effective professional relationships with young people and adults so that KYSS can provide tailored support to meet the needs of individuals. Our work creates a new holistic way of working between schools and other support services, fusing a traditional educational/health service approach with a youth work approach. This gives the person time and space to help them work through the issues that are preventing them from achieving and enjoying day to day life. Our Health Support Worker will tailor the support to meet the needs of everyone; offering mentoring, coaching, family support, counselling, liaison with schools, supporting individual to gain confidence and skills and more. We are happy to answer any questions on the night that parents or school staff may have for us.

Following the talk, the PA committee (2020/2021) will provide an overview of the finances of the committee and then outline the work and the achievements of the PA. We are very proud that we have been able to continue the valuable work of the PA and have contributed positively to the school life of all our children even under Covid restrictions. We are most grateful to all the 'Friends' of the committee who have helped make this possible.

As you are aware all parents and guardians of children attending the school are part of the Parents' Association, with the committee tasked with co-ordinating the events. With an eye to the future, we need to ensure that we can continue to organise these initiatives and consequently we need two people from every class to join the committee. We have all found that the committee has been a wonderful way to get to know people locally and contribute positively to our children's experience of school. The children look forward to events run by the committee every year and it will not be possible to hold them without this additional support. The work of the committee, who currently meet on Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm, benefits the children and parents of the school in many ways, and we are happy to welcome new members at any time.

In this regard, you are now invited, having sought the consent of the proposed nominee, to nominate a fellow parent to join the PA 2021/2022 committee.

Please find attached link to the nomination form on Google Forms:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSQ5WVO2WH7AmkkX7rudpho_Isz1yCvQ67cQYT07ICg5I8yw/viewform?usp=pp_url

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The Parents' Association Committee