



Parents' Association May 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

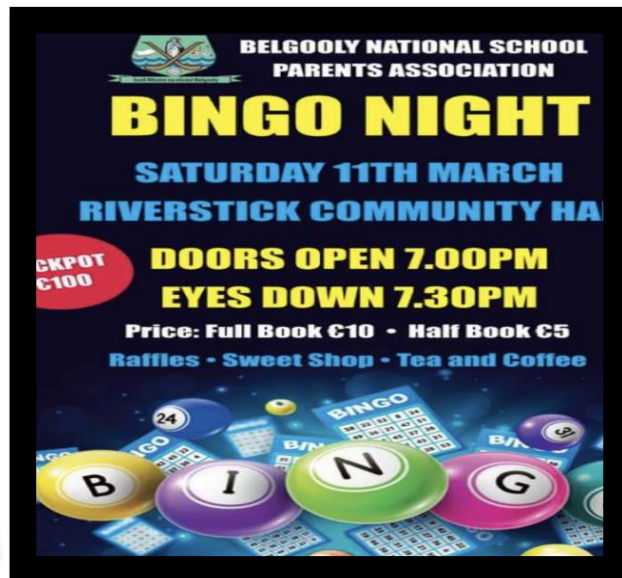
The Parents' Association Committee are very proud that we have been able to continue to support the school and to run events for the children. Here is example of some:

1. Decorating the school for Hallowe'en.
2. Organising and distributing the fundraising calendar.
3. Decorating the canopy area for Christmas in time for a visit from Santa.
4. Contributing to the KYSS Parents Night Talk in Acton's Hotel
5. The very popular Family Bingo Night.
6. Communion Blazers Storage and distribution
7. Contributing to the 6th Class graduation celebrations with food and hoodie
8. Funding for drums for the sensory garden and working on an upgrade to the sensory garden with Mrs Hickey and 'The Garden Angels'.
9. Helping with the new Free Schoolbooks Scheme.
10. Organising Ice cream Van for the Annual Sports Day

The wonderful support that you have shown has meant that the Parents' Association made a financial contribution to many important aspects of school life including for example:

- Support for the upgrading of the school library (€5,000)
- Funding for the drum set in the Sensory Garden(€1,040)
- Contributing to the purchase of interactive display screens (€2800)
- Contributions to school trips/tours (€900)
- Sixth class hoodies (€665)
- Contribution to school broadband costs (€300)

Some Pictures of the work done in the school year





These have all been very successful and added to the colour and enjoyment of the children's academic year. We would appreciate any help that parents can give. As you are aware, all parents of children attending the school are part of the Parents' Association, with the committee tasked with co-ordinating the events.

What is our goal?

✓ Our goal is to be your voice and to collect ideas and suggestions to continue to support and better our school. We would also like to invite parents to be part of this wonderful school by participating in meetings and events we have lined up for the future

✓ To continue to generate and execute fundraising ideas and plans

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 benefits the children and parents of the school in many ways, and we are happy to welcome new members at any time.

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The **AGM will be held on Thursday, 21 September 2023**, with refreshments. The committee currently meet in person on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm. Please find attached link to the form to become a Friend of the Parent's Association.

[Become a Friend of the Parent's Association 2023/2024 - Google Forms](#)

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a 'Friend of the Committee'. This support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out in various ways during the year; without the valuable support of all parents in the school, events and activities would not happen.

There are more volunteer forms available in the school office for anyone who would like to kindly volunteer their time or, if anyone wishes to join the committee, they are very welcome to do so.

All parents are welcome to contact anyone on the PA Committee at any stage.

We would like to thank our newest members for coming on board this year and we look forward to working to support the students, staff, and the school in the upcoming school year (2023/2024).

Yours faithfully,

Secretary: Susan McCarthy **Assistant Secretary:** Helen Kidney

Scoil Mhuire na nGrást Parents' Association

Chairperson: Charmaine Mc Gowan

Treasurer: Paul Hannan **Assistant Treasurer:** Anthony Clough