



# *from the* **PARENTS GROUP**

**June 2017**

*Summer will soon be here!!!*

## **WHAT IS THE PARENTS GROUP?**

The end of the 2016/7 school year is just around the corner. It has been a busy year for the newly formed Parents Group and we'd like to take this opportunity to more formally introduce ourselves.

The **goal** of the Parents Groups is to support the school and our children by connecting with each other and the school community, by participating in shaping the school environment, by educating ourselves and each other on issues affecting our children, and by communicating with each other and the school on a regular basis.

## **OUR YEAR in REVIEW**

The Parents Group has been working behind the scenes on a number of projects this year.

- We ran the **Book Fair** which received phenomenal support. Sales exceeded €3,000 which was converted to books for the school.
- After listening to parents concerns, we held an **Internet Safety Talk**, delivered by the **National Parents Council**.
- We reached out to local businesses and were able to get some fantastic prizes, some were raffled at the **Winter Show**, raising funds for the school.
- Our **Table Quiz** was a great success, with teachers, parents, and friends flexing their brain matter to answer some fun and interesting questions, raising money for the school.
- **Whole School Evaluation** – The Parents Group were asked to participate in the WSE and provide feedback in relation to our experiences with the school.
- **Healthy Eating Policy** – the Parents Group developed this policy, promoting healthy choices in our kids' lunchboxes.
- **Policy Review** – the Parent Group reviewed various school policies, such as the social media and the use of mobile phones and electronic devices policies.
- **Sport Day Prize Draw** – The Parents Group handed out **ice pops** to the kids as they left school and ran a **prize draw** on Sports Day where three students went home with a little something extra in their school bags.

## **TIME TO SPEND SOME MONEY**

We are delighted that we are now in a position to make purchases for the school! We are making €1,000 available to the school for the purchase of graded readers

and KNEX sets. We are so excited! This is possible because of your support. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The school year isn't finished yet! The kids are busy in the last week of school and the Parents Group will be helping in any way that we can to make this last week just as memorable as the first. If you're around and would like to help out, you're more than welcome to join in the fun.

- **6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Ceremony**  
Tuesday, 27 June @7:30pm – We will be serving tea, coffee, and baked goods.
- **Used Uniform Collection** – There are boxes at the school entrance for used uniforms during the last week of school. **Used Uniform Sales** will take place on Wed., 5 July & Wed., 12 July 1:30-3:30 and are looking for volunteers to help run the sale.
- **Last Day of School** – Thursday, 29 June @12pm, we'll be handing out treats to the kids as they leave for their summer break
- If you would like to donate prizes for the Parents Group to use for fundraising, these are welcome anytime. Please email us.

## **THANK YOU!!!**

None of this would be possible without the support of the entire school community, especially the many parents who have volunteered their time and energy this past year. Thank you to everyone and we look forward to seeing you soon.

## **CONTACT US**

We want to hear from you. Questions? Concerns? Comments? Want to get involved? Please email.  
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