



Parent Teacher Association

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PTA Minutes: Wednesday 9th November, 2016

Attendees: Glenn Sherry, Niall Tuite, Martha Fanning, Steve Hiles, Aideen Hartney, Emma Laffan, Andrea McNamara, Gill Davis, Vanessa Fitzgerald, Shirley Thornton

Apologies: Shameela Lyons, Adeleh Davis

1. Correspondence
 - a) Letter of thanks from Shameela Lyons for the funds from "Give up your Screens"; the benefits are already being seen in the classrooms.
 - b) Teachers will be represented at December, February, April and June PTA meetings.
 - c) Request from school for PTA to fund cost of Cyber Safety talk for 3rd-6th class pupils and parents on January 31st. Agreed by PTA. Fee of €350 covers daytime talk for pupils and evening talk for parents (open to all parents).
2. BOM and PTA officers meeting
Next BOM/PTA meeting w/c 14th Nov (since postponed to w/c 21st). PTA and ECA accounts already on the agenda. PTA agreed to: -
 - a) seek update on Voluntary Contribution, including clarity on claiming tax on previous contributions.
 - b) query Parent-Teacher meeting timings (school day/outside school day).
 - c) clarify steps involved in formal permission to improve existing playground.
Volunteer sought to lead Playground Development.
3. ECA update
ECA teachers' payments, as well as pupil/payment reconciliation, in progress.
4. Treasurer's update
No payments since October PTA meeting. Roughly €5,000 in account. **PTA agreed to invest in the short term to improve play facilities in the yard. Priorities included fixing the basketball net (this has since been purchased via private donation), purchasing a "buddy bench" and painting/improving bike shed.**



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5. PTA Activity update

Term 1 - Autumn / Winter term			
Event activity	Date	Lead organiser	Comment
School Calendars 2017	Available for sale at Winter Fair	Emma Laffan/Niall Tuite	Supplier required sponsors logos and class photos for Friday 11 th Nov.
Christmas cards	Orders by Wednesday 16 th Nov. Collect at Winter Fair	Gill Davis	Agreed to ask parents to proof cards.
Children's crafts	Children's crafts: 9.15 - 10.30am Monday 21 st - 5 th /6 th class Tuesday 22 nd - 1 st /2 nd class Wednesday 23 rd - 3 rd /4 th class Friday 25 th - JI/SI Parent helpers required	Gill Davis leading (gilld152@gmail.com)	Fee agreed as €5 per pupil or €10 per family. Children to bring their money on their craft day.
Parents night out	Fri 18 Nov	Niall Tuite	Gleeson's from 8.30pm, bar in the Willow Room reserved (restaurant area)
Winter Fair	November 27 th Sunday 11.15-2.30	Gill Davis leading	Lots of volunteers required. 4-5 for Saturday night (9-11pm) and 10+ for Sunday morning set up and during Fair. All help welcomed (even if you only have an hour to spare). Sign-up sheet in school porch.
Post carol service mince pies and wine mulled	Thurs 22 Dec	Martha Fanning and Vanessa Fitzgerald	In hand.

6. PTA website

PTA Events are now on the website. Minutes to be posted to PTA tab of website.

7. AOB

- a) PTA meetings: Gleeson's on Mondays 5th Dec, 9th Jan, 6th Feb, 6th March, 3rd April, 6th May and 12th June. (NB 6th May a bank holiday, may shift to 8th May).