

ST. LAURENCE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

PARENTS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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November 2020

The parents committee would like to welcome everyone back after an exceptional long and unexpected break from school due to the COVID-19 pandemic!

The Parents Committee would like to thank all the pupils, parents, grand-parents and staff who have generously helped and supported our fundraisers throughout the unexpectedly shortened 2019/20 academic year. It was extremely disappointing for all to have the academic year cut short as a result of the closure of school buildings due to the COVID 19 outbreak.

The 2020/2021 is a very different year for all of us!! Due to the ongoing government restrictions the Parents' Committee's fundraising activities this year will be limited, but we are in regular contact with the school and hope in the near future we can arrange some fun fundraising activities for the kids to enjoy again.

We are delighted to be able to go ahead with the monthly Non-Uniform Days, which proves to be a big hit with the pupils. The funds raised from the non-uniform days will go towards the cost of Literacy initiatives within the school.

Even with the early closure of school, We had an extremely busy start to the 19/20 academic year and raised a fantastic total of **€5,581.23** through the following fundraisers.

- ☺ Non-Uniform Days / Halloween Cake Sale (Junior Building)
- ☺ Dublin City Marathon / Christmas Calendars
- ☺ Copper Coin Collection (Some classes managed to fill a jar before lockdown)

Unfortunately we missed out on a number of our popular fundraisers in the school, the Easter Raffle, Senior Building Cake Sale, the Football Marathon, non-uniform days and copper coin collection. Also disappointingly, the outgoing 6th class pupils who were unable to have their end of year celebrations and 6th Class Graduation Party! As a small token to remember their time in St Laurence's, all of the outgoing 6th class were given a Class of 2020 school t-shirt.

All children from junior infants to 6th class benefit from & are involved in activities funded by the Parents Committee.

From your support of our fundraisers, you were able to pay for:

- ✚ PowerHour Literacy Programme (Senior Infants and 1st Class programme)
- ✚ €50 funds for each teacher and resource teachers for additional supplies for pupils/classrooms
- ✚ Basketball
- ✚ Exercise with Music
- ✚ Buses
- ✚ Hot Chocolate and sweets for all Carol Singers
 - Funds raised this year €666.18 for St Francis Hospice
- ✚ Reindeer Food provided for all pupils in the Junior Building at Christmas time
- ✚ School t-shirts for the outgoing 6th Class pupils

The Parents Committee is made up of volunteer parents who work together with the school to organise events and raise much needed funds for the school. We also provide support at school events throughout the year.

The Parents Committee would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout this uncertain time.