



Newport Convent Primary School Parents Association AGM 9th October 2023

WELCOME:

Welcome to the 2023/2024 AGM of the Convent Primary School Parents Association

AGENDA:

- Recap of 2022 AGM
- Chairpersons Report – Mary Gavin
- Secretary Report - Rosina Coleman
- Financial Report 2022/2023 - Murtagh Crawford
- School Principals Address - Miriam Foley
- Election of the new Officers & wider Parents Association Committee
- AOB
- Close

2022 AGM:

The 2022 Meeting was held on October 4th and the following 2022/2023 PA officers for were selected.

Parents Association Officers in 2020/2021 were:

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| • Chairperson | Mary Gavin |
| • Deputy Chair | Vacant |
| • Treasurer | Murtagh Crawford |
| • Deputy Treasurer | Vacant |
| • Secretary | Rosina Coleman |
| • Deputy Secretary | Vacant |

Chairpersons Report

What does a Parents Association do?

Our Parents Association is affiliated to the National Parents Association of Ireland where we have a network of support for the group. The Parents Association works with the principal, staff and the board of management to build effective partnership of the home and school. The Board of Management has two representatives from the Parents Association elected by the Parents and those are Frank Eivers and Marie Nolan which is place until December 1st. Nominations for new board members will be sought later this month.

Our Aim:

Our primary aim is to raise funds and that enables the school to carry out extracurricular activities.

During the year we organise fundraising events i.e. Clothes Collection (formerly bag packing pre-COVID), a Church Gate Collection, and our largest income earner in the year is typically our Raffle. The range of fundraisers can vary year on year and will be determined and organized by the committee members in consultation with school principal. Using these funds raised, the PA support a wide range of activities during the academic year. In previous years a wide range of activities have been supported, further details in Secretary's report below.

The Parents Association can invite speakers to address the parents on issues, which are topical or relevant from time to time. In the past, we have had some very interesting talks on Internet Security from Children of the Digital Age who gave a very eye-opening talk on internet safety for both parents and pupils. We welcome suggestions from parents on speakers/topics of interest.

The PA arrange pupil insurance with the help of the €50 donation provided by parents at the beginning of the school year. This is for pupil's personal accident insurance, which provides 24/7/ 365 cover.

Secretary Report:

Clothes Collection:

A recent addition since COVID, the clothes collections have proved very successful, in the last academic year there were two, October and June which collectively yielded a return of €511.25, the next clothes collection is booked and will take place on **November 10th 2023**.

Annual Easter Draw

The planned Christmas draw has been moved to Easter for the past two years and was a great success yielding a huge return of **€3470** The draw relied on the whole committee to secure donations, arrange, and sell tickets and prepare hampers and prizes for the day. Importantly, this fundraiser and the success reflects the enormous support of local businesses and parents in the school who generously donated prizes making the event and providing a healthy balance to the PA account for the coming year.

Church gate Collection

In April we held the annual church gate collection which earned **€625.60**, again a generous offering from the wider parish in support of the PA.

Communion Party:

In normal circumstances the Parents Association host a Communion Party for the girls and boys school the day after Communion. This is a lovely event and has increased in numbers over the years. Under COVID restrictions, this party has not happened in the past 4 years but in lieu of a party the PA have given the communion class party bags to mark their special day. We are hopeful that 2024 Communion class will enjoy the party arrangement so successfully run in the past in agreement with School Principal.

Other events:

- PA funded the internet safety talks given by Zeeko
- An Exploration Dome visited the school for 2 days in June and all classes got to enjoy the Exploration Dome
- PA funded Irish Dancing classes for all classes for 4 weeks.
- PA part funded hoodies for 6th class as has been done in the past few years, this is a great memento to those students as they finish their time in the school.
- Ice cream van visiting the school to mark the end of the year.

A summary of the range of past activities supported by PA pre-COVID

- Zumba classes
- Mindfulness
- Yoga
- Gymnastics
- Nature talks

Financial Report

Newport Convent Primary School Parents Ass.
Balance Sheet 22/23

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Credit Union Opening Balance		€	
01/09/22		5,200.76	

NEWPORT CONVENT PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2022/2023

Income			Expenditure	
Insurance Money	€ 1,890.00		Allianz Insurance	€ 1,772.80
Cash4Clothes October 21	€ 187.25		Arachas	€ 215.00
Easter Draw	€ 3,470.00		Hoodies	€ 420.00
Church Gate Collection	€ 625.60		Cyber Safe Kids	€ 410.00
Cash4Clothes June 22	€ 324.00		Ice Cream Van	€ 305.50
			Communion Bags 21	€ 75.00
			Irish Dancing-Brian Shinnors	€ 2,100.00
			CE Printing	€ 140.00
			Exploration Dome	€ 1,100.00
			Mural Costs	€ 400.00
Total	€ 6,496.85		Total	€ 6,938.30
Credit Union Closing Balance 31/08/23		€ 4,759.31		
Total C/B		€ 4,759.31		

Principals Report:

Mrs. Foley to provide an overview from the Schools perspective

Election of the new Parents Association Committee

The support and dedication of the exiting committee officers and members is highly appreciated and has been essential to maintain knowledge and continuity in this crucial support to the school.

Thanks also to all the current committee members for their time and ongoing dedication to this committee. Without their help, we would not be able to carry out all the good work.

We are appealing for new members to join to allow us to continue the work of the committee since many sitting committee members will have children leaving the school next year.

- Nominations / Election of Committee 2022 / 2023

Officer Role	Names
Chairperson	Mary Gavin
Deputy Chair	
Treasurer	Murtagh Crawford
Deputy Treasurer	
Secretary	Rosina Coleman
Deputy Secretary	

Recognition and Thanks

Again, we would like to thank everyone for attending this meeting.
 To Miriam and all the staff at the school
 To all the parents who supported fund raising throughout the year.

AOB

Schedule meetings for the year ahead.

Regards,
 Mary Gavin – Chair, Murtagh Crawford – Treasurer, Rosina Coleman - Secretary,