



# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER  
2023 / 2024



# Bake Sale 2023



The Student Council ran their first bake sale as a fundraiser for new yard equipment for each class. The Parent Association were delighted to support the student council with this wonderful event. The committee were on hand to help coordinate the drop off of all the cakes and with the sale itself.

It was a huge success thanks to the student council's hard work, the parents' contributions of wonderful baked goods. And best of all, the day ended with lots of happy sugar filled students



# Tesco Community Fund

Thanks to the amazing Tesco Community Fund initiative, we received 1128 euros, which has been allocated to support our school and students.

We sincerely thank our local community for their enthusiastic support and contributions of blue tokens.

This achievement wouldn't have been possible without you!





# Spooktacular Savings Costume Swap

Our Halloween Costume Swap Shop was a huge success, reducing waste and saving parents on spooky style.

Parents rummaged through their costume boxes, giving gently used costumes a second chance to shine again. Keep an eye on our Instagram (@stpatricks\_parent\_association) for details on future events like this!







# Toy Show



The Toy Show is widely regarded as the kickoff to the Christmas festivities. To add to the excitement, the PA Committee went the extra mile by purchasing, assembling, and distributing Rudolph hot chocolate packs, complete with marshmallows, for all the children to enjoy as they settled in to watch the show. It was a thoughtful gesture aimed at enhancing the magical experience of the event and spreading joy throughout the school community during the holiday season





# RSA



We sourced Hi-Vis vests and armbands for children walking and cycling to school in winter 2023. These were distributed to Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 3rd, and 4th classes on November 7th, with extras given to 5th and 6th classes.

The PA also partnered with the Road Safety Authority to provide road safety talks for 3rd to 6th class. Each session took place in June.

We hope these sessions were informative and beneficial for all involved







# Yard Sport Equipment



One of the first tasks the PA set out to do was to supply yard equipment for our busy bees, the importance of active and safe play is well documented and we were very pleased to offer bundles to each class filled with soft balls, hula hoops in varying sizes, skipping ropes and chalk to bring the yard to life with active play





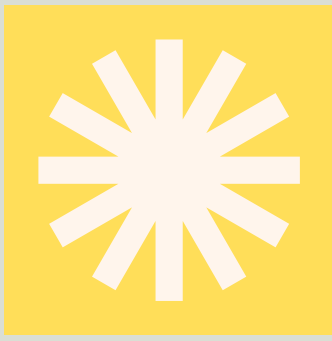
# Music Equipment



We were very happy to supply the school with a trolley filled with instruments for all pupils to enjoy, to be used for music related projects throughout the year







# Table Quiz

A huge thank you to all the parents and the school community who supported the Quiz on Friday, 1st March. The first quiz organized by the PA Committee was a fun and successful night, raising €2705 for the school. Thanks to the local businesses and the GAA for donating prizes and providing a venue.

We appreciate the parents and teachers who participated and bought raffle tickets. Special thanks to those who helped with setting questions, scavenging prizes, MC'ing, correcting, collecting, totting scores, and ensuring everyone had a great time. We look forward to our next event in the autumn and hopefully an annual quiz





# Easter Egg Hunt

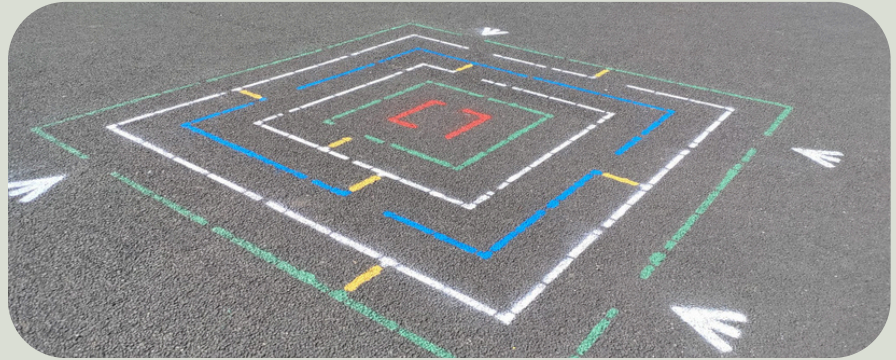
The Easter Bunny delivered lots of treats before the Easter Holidays in March this year, taking over this lovely tradition from the school the PA supported the bunny by supplying enough chocolate treats for everyone, the bunny was kept busy but had plenty of helpers at hand from the committee to support







# Playground's Colourful Makeover



The Parent Association aimed to create a more engaging playground space for children during breaks. Inspired by other schools' painted games, we borrowed stencils from Kildare County Council. With paints, volunteers and support from the school community, we transformed the playground into a cheerful and colourful space in just a few hours. We're thrilled with the results and delighted to see the children enjoying their bright new playground





# Safe Routes to School



On May 2nd a group of parents held a school community meeting in the Kildrought Lounge to discuss safe routes to school for our children. In attendance were school parents, local councillors and representation from local estates and the school management. Items discussed included current route hazards and remedial efforts carried out, alternative options and associated challenges. There was an insightful and engaged discussion which was encouraging and a number of follow up actions agreed





# ✿ Communion Sweets ✿

All children in the communion classes for 2024 received treats sponsored by the PA on the Monday after the big day, everyone enjoyed the treats on this annual 'chill out day' in class where the children who made their communion get to show off their clothes with their class mates







# Darkness into Light

Children from the school were asked to take part in an art exhibition for Darkness into Light under the theme 'What makes you happy'.

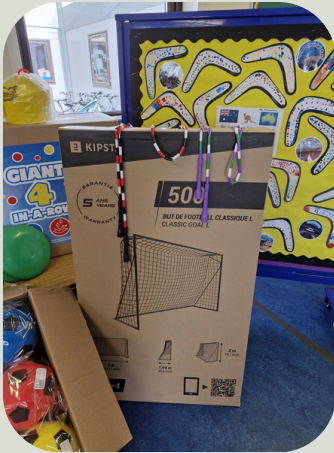
The PA sponsored the initiative with vouchers from The Learning Lab and treats given to the artists







# Kildare County Council Grants



Kildare County Council supported the Parent Association this year with numerous grants. The Festival Grant enabled us to book DJ Jay for the International Picnic, Jay played a variety of songs from multiple nationalities which had the children and parents dancing by the end of the day and there was funding for the drinks station where we provided cordial drinks encouraging everyone to refill their reusable bottles instead of single use plastic cups which was very successful. The Community Grant funded the Sports Day Week with lots of fun outdoor games and activities for the children to enjoy, all items will be used again for other fun events in the new school year to come.

Thank you KCC!







# Bake Sale 2024



The student council hit the sweet spot again and had a very successful 2nd bake sale in June 2024, supported by the PA Committee and school staff once again. This annual event is proving to be really successful and gives the students the opportunity to raise funds for items close to their heart





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# Sports Day (week) 2024

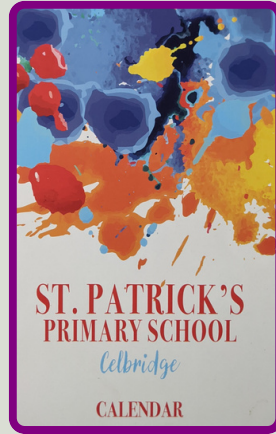
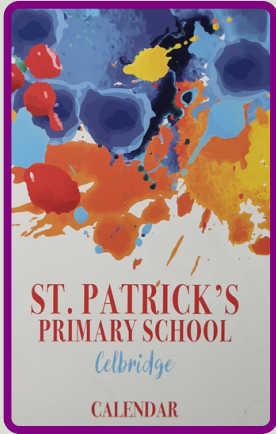
Ice lollies, cordials and ice creams were all sponsored by the PA as well as some classes having access to hired giant games depending on the class schedule. The PA secured a grant from KCC to purchase more outdoor fun games for this event, equipment which will be available to use in times to come which will be of benefit to the children for outdoor play



# \*\*\* School Calendar \*\*\*

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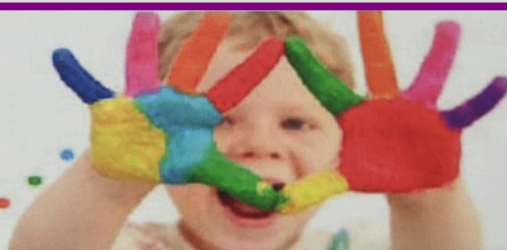
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We have achieved a lot already and we are just getting started, this PA only formed in March 2023 as an idea but really started to 'work' in September 2023. We are still finding our way, we need as much support as we can get and we are open to new ideas, new ways of thinking, multi nationalities. We want everyone to feel represented

You might come for one event that is important to you or you might decide to join the monthly meetings not knowing what you want to do but willing to help, it is totally flexible

The 2024/2025 school year presents a lot of new opportunities for us to expand what we do, we hope you can come on board...





We are always looking for new ways to raise funds, we are especially interested in options that take pressure away from parents so if we can get support from local businesses again for 2024/25, the companies we all work for perhaps who may be able to sponsor events, social events like the table quiz or grants through Kildare County Council / Local Property Tax funds again these are all fantastic ways to raise funds

If you have any suggestions / ideas for fund raising and things to fund raise for in the 2024/2025 school year please get in touch!







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