

June 2017

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for the support which you have given the Parents Council over the school year. We also wish to thank Mrs. Cosgrave, Mrs. O'Rourke and the staff for their continued assistance and support. We would also like to thank the Board of Management for their ongoing support. We wish Mrs. Cosgrave a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her in September.

A Special Note of Thanks!

A member of Clonegal NS Parents Council, Breda Murphy is pleased to advise that she has completed the London Marathon (April 23rd) and raised €1,250 for Clonegal National School. Many thanks for your wonderful contributions. A draw for €50 was also held and the winner was Gerry Darcy, Celbridge, Co. Kildare (a work colleague of Breda's) who has kindly donated his winnings back to the school. Many thanks to Gerry for this very kind act. Therefore, a total of raised €1,250, was handed over to the School on June 27th to support the Social, Personal and Health Development/Education Program (SPHE).

There are so many people to thank but we would especially note the following:

- To the previous Parents Council;
- To the parents that assisted at the Halloween party;
- To all the parents that contributed with gifts for the Christmas Raffles;
- To the parents that packed up the Christmas hampers;
- To the parents that spent a couple of hours each selling tickets for the Trolley Raffle;
- To those that supported us financially throughout the year;
- To those people in the community that made venues available and assisted with any of our activities during the year.

Just to remember that all parents give their time voluntarily for the benefit of your children so we really do appreciate all the time that parents have provided throughout the year. Please find an overview of some of the activities that went on over the year below.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer Holiday and hopefully we will see you all in September!

Many Thanks,
Catherine O'Brien (Chairperson)
Breda Murphy (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Cosgrave (Secretary)

Fundraising Events

Split the Pot (ongoing)
Christmas Raffle (Nov/Dec 2016)
Trolley Raffle (June 2017)
Marathon Run (Breda Murphy)

Support to School

September 2016 – Money raised in 2015-2016 was used to buy three more computers for school.
Mindfulness & Yoga Class – The Parents Council made a contribution of €500 to the school to assist in the cost of running this course.
23rd April – Breda Murphy (Secretary) ran the London Marathon to raise money for the SPHE Program. She raised a huge €1,250.00

Events – For Children

October 28th 2017 – Halloween Party (light refreshments, DJ & venue provided)
Christmas Event – Organised Santa to visit to deliver Selection boxes and personalised letters to the children – Set up Santa Grotto
June 2017: Sports Day – Bouncy Castle & Ice-Cream
June 2017: Class Mugs to 6th Class

Events – For Parents

November 15th - Internet Safety Training
January 26th - How to Encourage your Child's Mental Health and Wellbeing
June 27th - Tea/ Coffee after Raising of Blue Star Flag

Miscellaneous Items

Other Expenses included – Banking Fees, Insurance & National Parents Council Membership
A new Parents council e-mail address was established – clonegalparents@gmail.com

Meetings

September 2016, 24th November 2016, 03rd February 2017, 15th February 2017, April 2017 & June 2017.