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Kilbeg NS Parent Association 2021/2022 Newsletter September 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On behalf of the Parents Associations I would like to thank you all for your support in our fundraising events held in 2020 and early 2021, which even though it was a challenging year we did manage to raise a significant amount of funds and are on target to reach our goal of €5000.

The Parent Association held an Annual General Meeting on the 2nd September 2021 via Zoom where we discussed the following items:

Committee Members:

An Election took place and the following persons were selected:

Chairperson	Cathriona Cassidy
Vice-Chairperson	Gina Reilly
Secretary	Isobel Uradnikova
Vice-Secretary	Kim Brosnan
Treasurer	Olivia Nulty
Vice-Treasurer	Paula Clinton

I would like to thank all of our committee members on taking on the roles and giving up their time and effort to ensure we can continue.

Who are we?

The committee is made up of six people; some of you may not be familiar with who we are so below is a brief introduction:

Chairperson Cathriona Cassidy:



Most people will know me as Treeny O'Brien from Carlanstown but I am now living and married to a Kilbeg man! I have two children; my son is in First Class. I joined the committee when my son started in Junior Infants, and found it very beneficial as a new parent to the school to get involved with the PA and assist with fundraising. It was also a great opportunity to meet other parents and build up a relationship with the school staff. I enjoy the role as chairperson and I am delighted to be elected chairperson for another year.

Gina Reilly – Vice Chairperson



My name is Gina Reilly and I live in Moate. I have two children in the school. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work with our excellent PA in furthering the interests of Kilbeg school and its students.

Secretary-Isobel Uradnikova

I have two children in Kilbeg School. This is my second year getting involved with the PA; it's been great getting to know the other parents and a bit more about the school.

Kim Brosnan-Vice Secretary



I'm Kim Brosnan (nee Sheerin) from Robertstown, and I have kids in Second Class and Senior Infants. The parent's association has been great for me as a blow-in! Looking forward to working towards the outdoor classroom this year. I'm always impressed with the parents' involvement in the school

Olivia Nulty-Treasurer



I have three children attending Kilbeg NS - they are in Fifth, Third and Senior Infants. I joined the PA initially in 2015 when our eldest son began school. I found it really helpful in getting to know more about the school and their requirements and how we as parents can assist through fundraising / organising events etc. I am currently the Treasurer for this school year.

Paula Clinton-Vice Treasurer



I have four children who attend Kilbeg NS. I joined the Parents Association six years ago and have enjoyed helping with many activities during this time from Christmas raffles to school walks. Throughout the years I have seen the benefits of the collaboration between the parents and the teachers through the various projects we have undertaken. I look forward to more exciting projects this year as vice treasurer.

Role of the Parents Association:

Some parents in particular those new to the school may not be aware of the role of the Parent Association. Our purpose is to provide a structure through which the parents/guardians of children attending Kilbeg National School can work together for the best possible education for their children. The Parent Association will work with the Principal, staff and Board of Management to build effective partnership between home and school.

The Aim of the Parent Association is to enable parents to play their part in ensuring provision of the best possible education for their children and that this is achieved through the Associations' programme of activities. The Parent Association will promote the interests of the students in co-operation with the Board of Management, Principal, teachers and students, in accordance with the provisions of the Education Act, 1998.

All parents or guardians of children attending Kilbeg National School will be deemed to be members of the Parent Association.

We are also affiliated to the National Parents Council and they have a very useful website which I would encourage you visit:

<https://www.npc.ie/primary/parents-associations/role-of-a-parents-association>

We have an agreed constitution, which can be made available to any parent/guardian if they wish to view it please do get in touch.

Accounts:

It is always lovely to get a clear understanding of where our money went, so here is a little breakdown of our fundraising from 2020/early 2021:

<u>Income and Expenditure for the Year 30/09/2020- 30/06/2021</u>			
	€	€	€
INCOME			
Opening balance 01/09/2020			€400.00
Christmas Raffle		€2,118.00	<u>€2,118.00</u>
			€2,518.00
EXPENDITURE			
Bank Fees (Sept, Dec, Mar & June)	31.12		
Christmas Raffle Prizes	181		
NPC Membership	45		
6th Class Gift - Cathriona Cassidy	25.35		
6th Class Gift - Paula Clinton	<u>€36.00</u>	€318.47	<u>€318.47</u>
Closing Balance as at 30/06/2021			<u>€2,199.53</u>

Fundraising:

The target again for this year is to raise as much funds as possible to be used towards an outdoor classroom/space that can be used by our pupils, which has a number of key benefits for both Physical and Mental Health. Given our current restrictions, we will be unable to host any events at present however any non-uniform days we will be put towards this goal.

Mrs O'Connor has confirmed that they hope to hold six non-uniform days: Halloween, Christmas, World Book Day, St Patrick's Day, Easter and Summer. If anyone has any ideas as to how we can fund-raise within the current guidelines please do get in touch.

Communication:

The Parent Association would like to communicate to each family after each meeting. A newsletter will be issued and made available on the school website. We can also be contacted on kilbegparent@gmail.com.

We have a Facebook page called Kilbeg Parents Association- if you have not joined yet, please find us on Facebook!

We held our AGM via Zoom and it was very successful and we seen an increase in numbers attending it which is great, our plan is to continue with our meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend, so that your views and ideas can be shared.

Finally, a huge thank you to each of you and to our wonderful teachers and support staff, all of whom make our school a fantastic place for our children to be. Let's make 2021/2022 another successful year, thanks again for all your help and support 😊

Many Thanks,

Cathriona Cassidy

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