

The Scoil Nuachabháil P.A. would like to wish the whole school community a happy new year. This is our first newsletter of 2020. We hope that it will bring you up to date on activities which will be happening over the next few months. We welcome your feedback at pascoilnuachabhail@gmail.com

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School Facebook Page

After a lot of research and discussions, The Board of Management have decided to set up a school Facebook page as a way of communicating school activities and achievements with the wider school and parish community. It is intended initially to pilot this by limiting posts to content relating to information on activities and achievements in the school and also posts displaying student work. If any parent would like to give their feedback on this proposal they can do so through the school email or the Parents Association email address given above.

School PE uniform

As agreed last year, the school will be introducing a new PE uniform. This new PE uniform will be in place for the academic year September 2020.

It is intended to be a complete track suit i.e. both P.E. top and P.E pants- as is the case in most other schools. The school Principal is currently researching the options available and suppliers in order to get the best and most affordable solution.

Events 2020

The Parents Association sent out feedback forms before Christmas in relation to ideas for fundraisers. There were some great ideas among the responses. For the remainder of this year we have decided to run three fundraising events based on this feedback. However, we have gathered all these suggestions in one document and this will be passed on to future P.A's in the school. The following are a list of events which will run throughout the remainder of this school year with provisional dates:

- Bag Packing in Garvey's Castleisland (Saturday 14th of March)
- Bake Sale (Sunday the 5th of April)
- Fun Walk and Obstacle course (May)
- First Communion Day – reception at school after mass (16th May 2020)
- New Juniors Open Day (around May bank holiday)
- Graduation (June)
- Sports Day (June)

Music and Musical Instruments

In order to increase activity in the area of music in the school it has been proposed by parents of the school, that we put out a request for donations of new or old/previously loved musical instruments. If you have or know any of your extended family or friends that might have any type of musical instruments that they would like to donate to the school, they would be greatly appreciated.

*"Tell me, and I forget.
Teach me, and I may
remember. Involve
me, and I learn."
Benjamin Franklin*

As you are aware all the kids have started drum sessions in the school over the last few weeks.

In addition, guitar lessons will begin once again in the school for kids in 3rd to 6th class. A charge of €45 (15 lessons x €3) per lesson will be collected at the beginning of the course.

Drama

As you probably already know, all children had drama classes with Maggie before Christmas. The funds raised from the Church Gate collection were used to pay for this.

Spanish lessons

The school is hoping to introduce Spanish in the coming weeks for students in 5th & 6th class initially, with a view to extending the lessons to younger children if possible.

YOGA Classes

The school is currently trying to organise yoga classes to all children in the school.

Plans for use of Funds

The Parents Association is currently compiling the wish list of ideas of what to spend the fundraising money on. The list was quite long and varied and final proposals will be passed through the Board of Management along with the list of three proposed fundraisers, over the next few weeks.

The School Yard

The Principal informed the Parents Association of the school's intention to carry out some development works to the school yard/playground. Some of the proposed planned improvements are:

- Repainting the yard markings for the basketball court and the hopscotch areas etc.
- Clean the yard surface
- Add railings around the yard