2018 PTA AGM REPORT

Welcome to this years PTA AGM. A particular welcome to all the new parents. Please be aware that by having children in the school you are automatically a member of the PTA. The committee is formed from the parents in the school, so we would like to hear your opinions and ideas. If you want to be involved and didn’t get to fill in the form, let me know. At the end of the meeting please approach any of us with any questions we did not answer as part of the AGM.

Thank you for attending. We have tea and coffee and biscuits available.

Review of 2017/2018 activities

This year we joined the National Parents Council. We intend to renew membership each year from now on. The Nation Parent’s Council has a number of training courses available. We are planning to book the NPA committee training for this school year. The NPC website has a lot of information available that is useful to parents so we may make other training available or  leaflets from the council available to parents and the school as considered appropriate by the new committee and the board of management.

This last year the school noticeboard went up. The PTA covered part of the costs and now has a section of the noticeboard available for its use. The PTA will email notices to Annette in the school office.

The PTA whatsapp group was created. It’s purpose was to make it easier to organise events, give information, get feedback and arrange for volunteers.

The School Website was completed. There is now a PTA section available for use for information, events and fundraising efforts. We will include the link in the report that will be sent to the list after this meeting.

<https://smnslimerick.ie/education/parents-association/>

https://smnslimerick.ie/parents-association-news/

We sought donations from local businesses, Griffin College donated 300 euros.

Dr.Jerome Aan de Weil kindly gave a history talk for the school building fund. The topic was “Ireland’s post-war aid to Europe, 1945-1950”. It was hosted by the 1 Pery Square hotel for free, which was kind of them. There was a large turn out on the night.

The International Food Fair ran for the second year. It was a nice opportunity for the children to explore other countries and for everyone to share their home countries culture and food. It raised a large amount for the building fund. We are looking for some ideas this year to make it a bit easier on the school.

We ran a Table Quiz in Bobby Burns. Daire was the MC for the night. We got a fair turn out from the local community, and some nice donations from local businesses. Between the quiz and the raffle it raised 725 euros.

We started the ‘Buy a brick’ campaign which is still running. It was advertised through posters and letters. Donations could be sent into the school or through Paypal. Previous students and parents were very generous.Two ads were posted in the news link  church magazine which was sponsored by teachers in the school: Sheila, Sally and Sandra. If you could take a poster and put it up in your workplace that would be very helpful as fund raising is still ongoing.

We ran the clothing collection twice last year. Once for the winter term and once at the end of summer. Old clothes were brought to the school and the school got some money from it. We advertised it outside of the school for one of them, however we found the effort involved did not lead to a high rate of return.

The Family Fun day ran again. Last year it contributed to the school building fund. There was a strong turn out and it was very popular. Many parents contributed but a special thanks to Niamh’s efforts in ensuring all the stalls had enough volunteers.

The Saint Michael's NS History committee dissolved and presented 500 euros to the School along with some history books.

A social walk was ran to help parents get to know each other. It started from the school gate on a Friday.

The after school club, mobile phone ban and computer security talk was discussed by the PTA committee and the board.

Planned Events and Fundraising Efforts for 2018-2019

* Table Quiz
* Coffee Morning
* Caroling
* Bag Packing
* International Food Fair
* Family Fun day
* Buy a Brick

We want to run the summer clothes collection again this term. We have a date in November booked, however clothes can be dropped off before that date.

Is there any events not mentioned that the parents would consider useful to them? Is there any fundraising ideas anyone has they would like to suggest?

Dates.

Next PTA Meeting Tuesday, 16th October, 7pm.

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| **St Michael's National School ATP Account statement** |
|  | **Details** | **Amount** |  |  |  |
|  | Bank Balance at February 1, 2018 | €6,487.63 |  |  |  |
|  | **Lodgments** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Griffith College Donation | €300.00 |  |  |  |
|  | History Talk | €520.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Food Fair | €1,370.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Eva Mathew | €0.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Table Quiz | €725.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Carol Singing | €0.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Buy a brick | €13,851.71 |  |  |  |
|  | **Total Lodgements** | **€23,254.34** |  |  |  |
|  | **Expenses + Transfer** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Transfer to School Account | €19,300.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Government Stamp duty | €3.50 |  |  |  |
|  | Sundry expenses | €26.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Bank Advices Fee | €40.86 |  |  |  |
|  | Bank Charges | €4.90 |  |  |  |
|  | Stamps & stationery | €200.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Printers | €92.10 |  |  |  |
|  | NPC | €65.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Stamp | €100.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Envelope | €0.00 |  |  |  |
|  | **Total Expenses** | **€19,832.36** |  |  |  |
|  | **Account Balance** | **€3,421.98** |  |  |  |
|  | **Bank Balance as at 09 July, 2018** | €3,421.98 |  |  |  |
|  | Difference | -€0.00 |  |  |  |
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