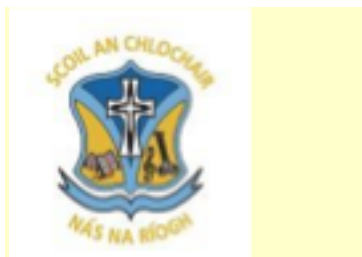


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Parents Association Newsletter

It's Your PA

Please Join us!

"Get involved,
make a
difference"

1st Tuesday of
every month
20h00-21h00 at
the school

[mercyconventpa@
gmail.com](mailto:mercyconventpa@gmail.com)

Keep an eye on
the "parents"
page for useful
resources

Hello and welcome, to the first Parent's Association newsletter of the new school year 2019/2020. We look forward to an exciting year as we continue to plan and fund activities for our children and the school. Thank you to Ms. Jacqueline O'Reilly for all her support throughout 2018/2019 and to all the long term members of the PA for supporting the students and the school. We say thank you and goodbye to those parents leaving the PA following their daughters graduation to secondary school and we welcome some new members to the PA.

Buy a Brick

Our Buy a Brick fundraising campaign is ongoing with the aim to supplement funding provided by the Department of Education. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Total raised so far is €28,740.00. For more info and to buy a brick please visit the website at www.mercyconventprimarynaas.com/buy-a-brick

AGM

The AGM was held on the 2nd of October- thank you to all those that attended. There was a very interesting talk by Dr Maureen Griffin on social media and online safety. More information can be found on her website at www.mgmstraining.ie. Her guide for parents can be found on the parents page of the website.



2018/2019 Fundraisers

Many thanks to all the students, their parents and their teachers who assisted with all the fundraising events held in the 2018/2019 school year. The Spelling Bee, Halloween dress up, Bag 2 School and Christmas Carol Collection raised a total of €11,791.00.

Halloween

All Ghosts, Goblins & Witches were invited to a spook...tacular event at the bewitching hour of 9am on Friday 25th October 2019. It was Halloween dress up day – and the students dressed up and raised money for the school. It was a batty success and €805 was raised for



the new school. Well done to all the students and their families.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The Christmas Shoe Box collection was a great success. Thank you to all the students and their parents who we hope had fun putting their boxes together. The children who receive your shoe boxes are affected by poverty in different ways. The children may come from families with very little income, while others live on the margins of society or in areas affected by conflict. The boxes bring joy and excitement to children living in often difficult situations and you

have helped to do that again this year! Thank you!



Bags to School

Bags 2 School is a company that specializes in good quality secondhand clothing that can be re-used. The 12th and 13th of November saw students bringing in bags from home all to the benefit of the school. Thank you for sorting out your cupboards and donating- it is always appreciated. The total raised was €528.40. The winning class was Ms. Sweeney's – they received new Christmas decorations for their classroom which they were delighted with.

Dates for Your Diary

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held in the Church of Our Lady & St. David on Tuesday 17th December at 19h00.

The PA will be shaking the bucket for our school build on the night!

Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January – the school is closed for the December break.

If we may take this opportunity to wish you all well over the Festive Period and all the very best for 2020.

Mercy Convent Parent Association