



WELCOME TO THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Parents Association is the structure through which parents/guardians in the school can work together towards the best possible education for their children and as a parent/guardian with a child in the school you are automatically a member of the Parents Association. The Parents Association works with the Principal, Staff and the Board of Management to build effective partnership between the home and school.

The Parents Association comprised of parents/guardians of students of Breaffy National School. We aim to have around 6 meetings during the school term and always welcome new members who wish to get involved.

MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATION

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic Parents Association here in our school. Our Principal George Moran attends our meetings, updates us on school events and the work of the Board of Management. We are regularly updated on school life, school projects both curricular and extra-curricular not to mention our forthcoming extension that will greatly enhance the great facilities that our children enjoy.

Recently we were briefed and updated on the new Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and what that entailed. We are regularly updated on the building project and look forward to it starting.

There will be a library/computer room and three extra resource rooms when it is complete. This is currently going through the planning stages. The money has been sanctioned by the Department of Education.

There exists a strong relationship of co-operation and goodwill between the Principal and the Parents Association that adds to the community feel of our school. The Parents' Association also appreciates the good work of all the staff in our school.

We would like to thank the Board of Management and our Principal George Moran for their support to the Parents Association Committee over the years.

We would also like to thank all the parents who have supported the school and the work of the Parents Association so far this school year. Without the committed, kind and caring parents/guardians, teachers and school staff who are so consistent with their support, our school would look and feel very different.



Carta Party

The Parents Association also introduced a Carta Scheme. Its aim is to reduce the cost of buying birthday presents. All parents are requested to put just €5 into birthday cards and when hosting a birthday party to let other parents know that they are having a "Carta Party".



SO FAR THIS YEAR



Halloween

The Parents Association organised a Halloween dress up day, this was very successful and the children all enjoyed participating in this spooky event. Some teachers even joined in the fun.



Christmas Concerts

We assisted the school selling raffle tickets and any help that was needed on the nights of the school concerts.



Easter

We ran the very successful annual Easter Disco, all children had a great time.

All money raised from the Halloween dress up day and Easter Disco will go towards upcoming events.



Internet Safety Talk

Following the success of our recent Internet Safety Talk for parents and workshops for all pupils from 1st to 6th, a second talk from a different presenter has been booked for Monday 14th May. This presenter, Trish O'Sullivan has three teenagers and has experience in the area of cyberbullying. As this topic is so important with all the recent media attention on smartphones, cyberbullying, smartphones age restrictions and exposure to inappropriate material along with gaming addiction. Full information sheet has been sent home with your child on Wednesday 23rd April. Copies on [twitter@breaffyns.ie](https://twitter.com/breaffyns.ie).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Communion

Each year on the day of the communion the Parents Association host a reception in the school hall for the communicants and their families and a second reception for the children on the following Monday morning. The School Hall is transformed into a warm reception room with sandwiches and cakes galore! The parents from all other classes are asked to help out by donating sandwiches, cakes, buns and help serving the teas/coffees.

This is a great opportunity for the children to meet with their friends and have some pictures taken together. It is also nice for the parents/guardians to get a well-deserved cup of tea/coffee after the hectic morning most families will have experienced.

All help is greatly appreciated for this event, so if you can donate sandwiches, cakes or buns, help with the serving of tea/coffee for this special occasion please don't hesitate to contact the Parents Association.



Graduation

Each year the Parents Association organises a Graduation Party for our sixth class children and their families. We are very proud of the pupils and wish them nothing but success as they continue their life journeys into secondary school. Gó n-éirí go geal libh go léir!