

# **Breaffy National School Parents Association**

The Parents' Association of Breaffy National School has been in existence for many years. It is an active and enthusiastic association with an annual programme of activities including fundraising, information seminars & celebratory events.

The aim of the Parents' Association is to provide a forum for the parents/guardians of children attending Breaffy NS to work together, in partnership with the Principal, Board of Management and the whole school community, to help provide the best possible education for the children in the school. The parents association comprises all parents and guardians of each child in the school. Once a child is enrolled in the school, parents/guardians automatically become members. The Parents Association is represented by the following board of officers.

Chairperson;	Caroline Sweeney
Deputy Chairperson;	Geraldine Lunn
Secretary;	Fergal Moran
Treasurer;	Clare Curry
Deputy Treasurer;	Celia Rattigan

## **Meetings**

Meetings are generally held every two months, in order to discuss parents' issues and to plan upcoming events. Parents are informed of the meetings in advance via the school text messaging service.

## **Annual Activities**

- **September** - Coffee Mornings for Junior Infant Parents (Sept 19)
- **October** - Halloween Dress-Up Day (Fundraiser for PA)
- **November** - AGM (Letter sent out to parents)
- **December** -
  - Santa Visit to School.
  - Christmas Jumper Day (Fundraiser for Local Charity)
  - Sunday Afternoon at the Movies (Fundraiser for PA)
- **January** - Gathering of Spot prizes for upcoming events. (Letter sent to parents seeking unwanted Christmas Gifts)
- **February** -
  - Lego Competition (10<sup>th</sup> Feb -Fundraiser for PA & Fun Event for the kids)
  - Parents Seminar on Mental Health and Wellbeing.(Feb 13th)
- **March** - Quiz night 29<sup>th</sup> March (Social Get together for Parents/Fundraiser for PA)
- **April** - Easter Disco (Jnr & Snr) (Fundraiser for PA & Fun Event for the kids)
- **May** - First Communion After Party on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May & on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.
- **June** - Graduation Party for 6<sup>th</sup> Class Children.

## **Ongoing Projects**

The **Cárta Scheme** was introduced in Breaffy NS by the Parents Association in 2016. The Cárta Scheme is a voluntary scheme which originated in Cork. It is aimed at reducing the financial burden on parents and others when it comes to birthdays. Instead of buying presents, parents are asked to put €5 into a card. In this way the birthday child can purchase a present of his/her own choice.

The **Road Safety Action Group** was started by Breaffy NS Parents Association. Although a lot of work has been done a lot more needs to be done. This project is ongoing.