

St Laurence's NS Parents Association NEWSLETTER



BACK TO SCHOOL 25/26 edition

The Parents Association wishes everyone a warm **welcome back** to school and a special welcome to all the new junior infants and their families. We have so many activities in mind, planned, or continuing on from the last school year and look forward to sharing them with you.

- Drop us a line at parents.council@sallinsns.ie
- Visit our page on the school website where you will find useful information and past newsletters <https://sallinsns.ie/parents-council/>
- Check out our noticeboard, installed near the main entrance gates by our caretaker Kevin Bagnall
- Join the WhatsApp volunteering community using this QR Code



Events ALREADY held this year

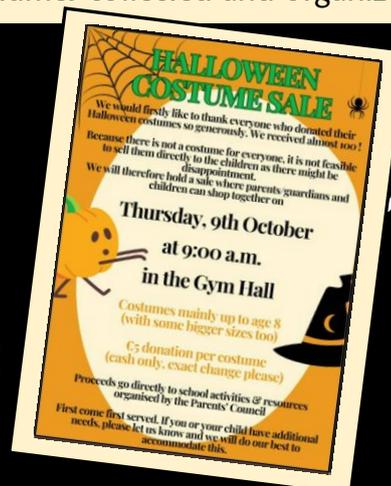
- ✓ Junior Infants Welcome teas and coffees
- ✓ 6th class Bog Trip (€1300 contributed by the PA)
- ✓ Halloween costumes swap shop (funds raised tbc)

Projects underway

- ✓ Reading club for second class children being coordinated
- ✓ Halloween walk fundraiser, end of October
- ✓ Pre-loved Book Collection, end of November
- ✓ Used clothes collection, start of December
- ✓ Recycled Bottles bank initiative
- ✓ Garden refresh
- ✓ Big yard upgrade
- ✓ Spare cents collection
- ✓ New fundraising drive
- ✓ Communications revision and links into social media

Activities ALREADY completed so far

- ✓ Garda Vetting process revised and updated
- ✓ Parents Association webpage refreshed
- ✓ AGM completed: 2 council members stepped down and new council members voted in
- ✓ Accounts revised
- ✓ Newsletter published
- ✓ New volunteers onboarded
- ✓ New Junior Infants WhatsApp class admins in place
- ✓ Halloween costumes collection with over 100 costumes collected and organized for sale



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COLOUR PARADE

On 25th June the PA helped the school organise and host our second annual Colour Day Parade. Ms Kelly, delivered an engaging speech ahead of the reveal, reminding us of the meaning of the day:

‘More than just fun or celebration – it’s about recognising and honouring the values that make our school special, especially kindness ...

Not just the kindness you show when someone’s watching, or when there’s a reward in sight, but a deeper kindness – the everyday, consistent, genuine kindness that makes our school a safe and joyful place to learn and grow’



The Parade was a great success. Everyone was thrilled at the reveal and the winning house colour, **Red**, were delighted to lead the whole school to the GAA grounds for some musical games. The community joined en-force and it was fantastic to receive so much support.



Special mention to [Supersmileyparties](#) for the balloons and the amazing reveal trophy.

Also to Claire Anne and the [Green Roots Project](#) for the music, banners and flags, to [Sallins GAA](#) for opening up their grounds, to our school warden Cheryl and our community Garda, Seamus, for assisting with the traffic and to all our volunteers for making it a fantastic day.



6th CLASS GRADUATION TEAS & TREATS

On Tuesday, 24th June, we hosted teas, coffees and treats for 6th class children and their families and friends, following the traditional end of year mass in Our Lady & the Guardian Angels Church in Sallins, that marks the end of the children's primary school journey.

This was the first graduation ceremony held by the Parents Association, and it was much appreciated by everyone. So, we are hoping to make it an annual occasion.

Many thanks to [The Cupcake Kitchen Ireland](#) for baking wonderful cupcakes for us again.

A huge thank you, as always, to all our amazing volunteers on the day: we couldn't run these events without you!



If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter about activities organised for the students through the school, or promote a business through donations, please get in touch with us: parents.council@sallinsns.ie

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