

Parents Association Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

- Christmas coffee morning
18th Dec 11.30 to 12.45
- Panto 13, 15, 16 & 17 Feb
- Red Mills Race Day
16th Feb
- Confirmation 10th March
- Communion 19th May

Parents Association Constitution passed.

On Tuesday 27th November the parents association constitution was passed. This can be seen on the new school website which will be available to view at www.gowranns.ie next week or alternatively a hard copy can be requested from Nuala at the school office.

Parents Association 2012/2013

A Cháirde,

As we near the end of 2012 we wanted to thank you all for your support during the year and update you on some things that have happened since our last newsletter.

The Halloween dress up day was a great success and raised €323 in aid of Enable Ireland.

All class representative roles were filled following the board of management AGM held on Tuesday 27th November. There is a list of names for each class and their contact numbers overleaf. Thanks to all those who have accepted the role, your help is much appreciated.



Email: parents.gowran@gmail.com

Before we finish up for Christmas we would like to invite you to a coffee morning in the parish hall on Tuesday 18th December from 11.30 to 12.45. (just before the Christmas Carol service) in aid of the local branch of the St Vincent De Paul.

In the new year we are hoping to hold our annual cake sale and we have permission to carry out a bucket collection on Red Mills Race Day on Saturday 16th February which will go towards the buses for the 2013 school tours.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh A Cháirde

The PA Committee

Committee Members 2012/2013

Chairperson
Ursula Brennan 085 1021279

Secretary
Bridget Nolan 086 1510535

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Louise McCurdy 086 2318184

Public Relations Officer
Mary Delahunty 086 3935499

Committee Member
Deirdre Fenlon 087 9955644

Committee Member
Breidette O'Donnell
086 8556282

Committee Member
Mick Kenny 087 9152333

Helping your kids learn Irish

Following the Board of Management AGM Michéal O Mairtín former principal of Gaelscoil Osraí gave a talk in ways to help you child with Irish.

His main point was to try and speak Irish to your child as much as possible at home, so that they can see that it is an active language. Michéal felt

that lots of parents don't speak Irish because they are afraid of making a mistake but urged us to do it anyway as it would be a huge benefit to our children to hear the language spoken. He also mentioned a number of websites that we could be used to help reacquaint us with what we learned in school ourselves. The most helpful one is a site called www.isfeidirliom.ie and has a number of online classes that you can do for free. On the night we were given a full page of website addresses that can help us with Irish so there is plenty of help available if needed. If you missed the talk but would like a copy of the listing please contact any member of the committee and we would be happy to give you a copy. The school has also produced a booklet with a number of everyday phrases that we can use to get us started and this is available through Nuala in the school office.



New school website coming soon

The kids are currently working hard on artwork for the schools new website which can be viewed at the website address www.gowranns.ie next week. The parents association will have a area on the website where you can see the constitution, all our newsletters and any other updates as they are available.

Handy Irish Apps

- Cúla Caint
- Cúla Caint 2
- Saor Free
- Google Translate
- Irish Word

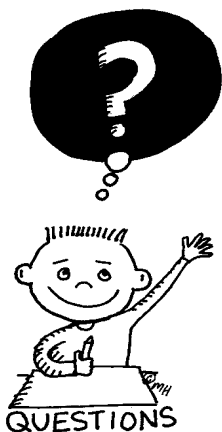
Class Representatives 2012/2013

Class	Representative	Mobile No.
Junior Infants	Mary Patterson	087 2350433
Senior Infants (Mrs Kennedy)	Sínead Keating	087 9074750
Senior Infants (Ms Murphy)	Orla Farrell	087 1315119
1st Class	Louise McCurdy	086 2318184
2nd Class	Martina Sheehy	087 6790429
3rd Class	Eileen McAvinney	087 2889024
4th Class	Olive Darcy	087 6312534
5th Class (Ms Tighe)	Trish Smith	087 2128546
5th/6th Class (Ms Phelan)	Mary Brennan	087 4110738
6th Class	Gillian Nevin	086 1737113

Please check your child's bag and ask them about school notes.

Irish Websites

isfeidirliom.ie
focal.ie
foinse.ie



Dear PA Committee,

Are their ways I can help my child with Irish without needing to use a computer or smartphone?

Dear Parent,

Yes. Is Feidir Liom is also available as a book and can be purchased by phone directly from the Navan Education Centre on 046 9067040. The cost is €11.95 incl postage and they will accept a cheque or a postal order.

Unfortunately, there are no local book shops stocking it at present but the Educational Supplies Centre on Rose Inn Street may be able to order it if there are enough people looking for it. The Educational Supplies centre also carry a range of materials from a company called Graspit that produce a series of laminated charts that could be very helpful.

Suggestions/Comments For The Parents Association
