

UPDATE JUNE 2024

Tirelton N.S.

PARENT ASSOCIATION



Dear Parent / Guardians

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to an end, the Parents Association (PA) wish to share with you a summary of what we have been up to since our last newsletter in December 2023.

It has been a busy few months, working in collaboration with our new school Principal Mr. David Canty, in setting up our new PA committee, identifying our main focus areas for the year ahead and getting some fundraising activities off the ground to support the school.

1. Parent Association Membership

The 2023/24 PA was selected in January 2024. It was great to welcome new members this year, bringing with them lots of new ideas and energy. The committee elected in January is made up of:

- Chairperson: Caroline Giltinan
- Secretary: Sheila McGovern
- Treasurer: Rina O'Brien
- Additional members: Aisling O'Driscoll, Emma O'Leary, Lorna Hynes
- Board of Management Parent Representatives: Therese Corkery, Adrian Kelly.

The incoming PA for future school years will be selected at the AGM which will be held in September.

2. Christmas Movie Night

The Parents Association hosted a Christmas movie night for all school children on December 21st. An evening with Christmas favourite 'The Grinch' on the big screen, treats and all your friends was a great build up to the holiday season. And of course, a chance for parents to finish the last-minute Christmas shopping!

3. Used Clothes Collection Fundraiser

A used clothing collection took place in January/February. Not only was this a great opportunity to dispose of unwanted clothes and declutter for the new year, but it also raised €560 for the school! Thanks to everyone that contributed and to Tirelton Hall for facilitating the collection.



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4. Community Fun Walk/Run – A Great Success!!

The Parents Association hosted the inaugural Community Fun Walk/Run on Sunday April 28th at the Kilmichael GAA grounds and surrounding Gearagh. The purpose of the event was to raise much-needed funds to support the re-development of the school playing pitch.

Walkers and runners of all pace and age enjoyed glorious sunshine in the beautiful Gearagh. Home baked treats, a cuppa and conversation followed in the clubhouse, with numerous prizes on offer for the raffle kindly sponsored by local businesses. The Fun Walk/Run was an enormous success and a thoroughly enjoyable event for all the community. A total of €2,762 was raised.

Tirelton NS Parents Association wish to thank Kilmichael GAA, all the sponsors and participants for their generous support and not forgetting the home-bakers for the delicious treats! Special mention to Lochlann, Finn & Ciaran first three home in just under 28 minutes!

All money fundraised this year is to support PA events and the agreed school priority i.e. the redevelopment of the school playing pitch. Due to the success of these 3 fundraising events (Children's Movie Night, Used Clothing Collection and Community Fun Run/Walk), we hope to run them on an annual basis going forward.



5. School Jerseys

The school staff and the PA identified the need for a new set of school jerseys for sporting events. Cognisant of the cost involved for a set, the PA sought local sponsorship. We approached our nearest neighbour, Fire Duct Systems, who were delighted with the opportunity to support the school and sponsored the entire set of jerseys!

A special note of thanks to Tony Horgan, Project Supervisor at Fire Duct Systems whose daughters Caoimhe and Sinead attended Tirelton NS previously, for securing this very welcome sponsorship. We can all agree the jerseys are fabulous and the children can represent the school with a new sense of pride! Tirelín Abú!



6. Tirelton NS Parent Association AGM

The annual general meeting of the Parent Association will take place in September 2024 where the incoming PA 2024/25 will be elected, date to be confirmed later. We encourage all parents/guardians to attend, this is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference.

7. School Partnership

The Parents Association works in partnership with the school and in particular the Principal Mr David Canty. We wish to commend David for his openness to hearing the needs of parents voiced by the PA and supporting our collective ambition to support and enhance the school. The progress achieved in scoping out and securing a potential after-school service for the school is testament to this.

Wishing you all an enjoyable & restful summer break.

Tirelton NS Parent Association
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