

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - October 2016



Congratulations

The Parents' Association would like to congratulate the Senior Rugby Team who turned dreams to reality by not only reaching the semi-finals of the McMullen Cup and the Vinnie Murray Cup but also bringing home the Anne McInerney Cup with their impressive 17-8 win over Ardee Community School in Donnybrook on 12th February.

The team spirit, sheer determination and commitment this group of players have shown has undoubtedly been the strength of this side.



MEITHEAL LEADERS

"Meitheal" means 'working together'. Each 1st year student is allocated a 6th year student who will help to support him/her to settle into secondary school life. The Parents' Association pays for all Meitheal members to undergo a leadership training programme which is run by appointed diocesan leaders during the summer holidays. This in itself indicates the willingness and genuine efforts of senior students to concern themselves with the welfare of juniors in our school.

School Lotto

The school Lotto is underway again for the 2016/17 school year. Every two weeks our school lotto draw provides a chance to win the jackpot amount on that date. The jackpot currently stands at €6200. The proceeds of our school lotto allow us to fund and support our students in so many ways. Funded projects last year included:

- Senior Prefect Training
- Parents Talks and Seminars
- Meitheal Training

- Careers Evening for students
- Awards Day—plaques and medals
- Sports Equipment & Jerseys
- First Responders Training
- LC Presentation Evening

None of the above would have been possible without the support of you, the parents, who have contributed so generously to our lotto year after year. Our yearly subscription is only €30, for 18

draws. Sincere thanks to so many families who have contributed so far this year. However, in order for us to continue supporting the school we appeal to every family to contribute to our lotto, and help us help your child. Tickets cost €2 per draw. Please contact your Parents' Association representative.

LOTTO DRAW DATES 2016/17			
OCTOBER	4, 18	FEBRUARY	7, 28
NOVEMBER	10, 22	MARCH	14, 28
DECEMBER	6, 20 (dble)	APRIL	25
JANUARY	10, 24	MAY	9, 23, 30

Golf Classic

The ever popular Coláiste Bhríde Golf Classic celebrated 15 years when it was held in Coollattin Golf Club on 10th June, 2016, approximately €5000 was raised from this annual event. We wish to express our thanks to all the teams who took part and to **Coollattin Golf Club** and their wonderful staff. Special thanks goes to our super **sponsors Ashdown Park, Amber Springs Hotels and Candy's Gala Carnew.**

The committee wishes to acknowledge the enthusiastic support of Mr. Kevin and Ms. Eleanor Lee who give their time and energy to this annual event. Our committee members also contribute greatly and we look forward to the continued success of our golf classic.

Next years event takes place on Friday 10th June, 2017.

Awards Day

The school's Awards Ceremony is held in May each year. This is a very special occasion when the entire school comes together and celebrates academic and all other achievements of individuals, classes and teams throughout the school year. Students receive formal acknowledgement of their endeavour. The Parents' Association is delighted to be associated with this special event.

Leaving Certificate Presentation Evening

This annual event was held in The Ashdown Park Hotel, Gorey on the 23rd January 2016. The Parents' Association was delighted to celebrate and honour the achievements of the Leaving Certificate students of 2015.

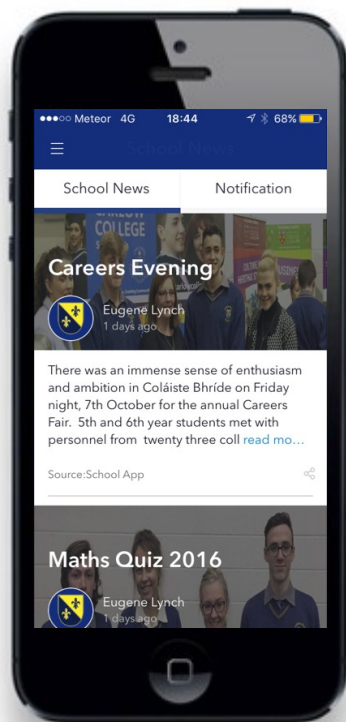
This years "Students' Choice Award" went to Ronan Byrne. This award was sponsored by the Parents' Association and Bank of Ireland. Ronan also won Student of the Year. We would like to wish him every success as he begins his studies in UCD, studying Quantitative Business, Finance & Economics

Tickets for Class of 2016 students and their parents will be available shortly from the Parents' Association.

Digi Draw

The Digi Draw returns for a fourth time in April 2017. Previous prizes have included iPads, Smartphones & PlayStation. This years prizes will be announced soon and all students will be asked to sell lines.

2016 winners were: 1st Sandra Leonard (iPad), 2nd Charles Redmond (Mini iPad), 3rd Patricia Fogarty (Bluetooth speaker), 4th Jane Doyle (iTunes vouchers) and 5th Anne Byrne (iTunes vouchers). Congratulations to all.



New School App

As part of our commitment to improving efficiencies and security in our school, while making life easier for parents, we are introducing a new school app. This enables parents, teachers and pupils to stay abreast of school events and activities on their smartphone. You will be hearing a lot more about this in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2016

15 *CB Interschool's Showjumping, Barnadown*

November 2016

10 *Open Evening*

January 2017

21 *LC Presentation Evening Ashdown Park Hotel, Gorey*

February 2017

12 *Model Exhibition*

March 2016

14 *Parents' Association AGM*

April 2016

Digi Draw

June 2016

9 *Golf Classic Coollattin Golf Club*