

# Scoil Mhuire, Knockraha Parents Association Newsletter



November 2023 – PA Committee

Term 1 Update

## Warm Welcome

Big Welcome to our First PA Newsletter. We would like to give a special welcome to new parents to the school, whether your child has just started in Junior Infants or if they have joined existing classes. We look forward to getting to know you all.

We held our annual AGM at the beginning of the term where our new committee was voted in, we also reviewed the PA finances, information shared on the roles of the committee, along with updates from Ms. O’Sullivan. We are delighted to introduce to you to our new committee below.

The committee also attended training from the National Parents Council this term to ensure all our committee are trained and understand their roles.

We are really excited to share with you all the activities that we have planned over the school year and are looking forward to using this newsletter communication forum to help keep you informed.

## Meet Anmarie Byrne (Chair Person)



Big Welcome to Anmarie Byrne who has been voted in as this years Parents Association Chairperson. Anmarie has 2 children attending Scoil Mhuire. Kayla is in third class and Cillian is in Sr. Infants. We have asked Anmarie a few questions to help you to get to know her a little better.

### What in your opinion is the role of the Parents Association Committee?

The PAC is a group of parents that work with our school on behalf of all parents to ensure our children's' journey through primary school is the best possible experience It can be for education and engagement.

### Why did you decide to join the Parents Association Committee?

I am a working Mom and wanted to be involved as much as I could with the school and to meet other parents, joining the PAC was a great way to do it. I am originally from Tipperary, so becoming involved also helped me to get to know more people in the village.

### What will the focus of the PA be for this year?

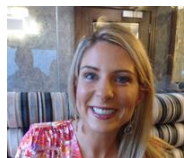
With new and experienced members, one focus will be to listen to everyone's voice on what's working and what could be improved within our committee. The group is also focused on putting new processes in place and working on our communication updates, for example this amazing new newsletter.

# Term Update

## Meet the Officers



Annmarie Byrne  
Chairperson



Aine Kelleher  
Secretary



Ann Marie Byrne  
Secretary



Yonne Holland  
Treasurer

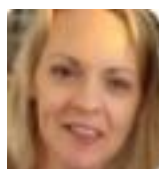
## Meet the Class Reps



Angela Casey  
Junior Infants



Leoni Lee  
Junior Infants



Deirdre O'Sullivan  
Sr. Infants



Rita O'Callaghan  
Sr. Infants



Michelle Murphy  
First Class



Michelle O'Brien  
First Class



Stef Carroll  
Second Class



Rachel Reid  
Second Class



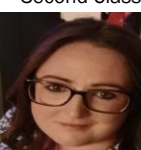
Elaine O'Callaghan  
Third Class



Regina Kelleher  
Third Class



Aine O'Connor  
Fourth Class



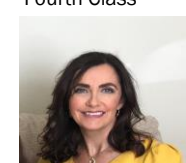
Kelly Murray  
Fourth Class



Lorraine Mulcahy  
Fifth Class



Suzanne Scriven  
5<sup>th</sup> Class



Ann Marie Byrne  
6<sup>th</sup> Class



Caroline Coughlan  
Sixth Class

## Upcoming Events

- **Christmas Tree** – The tree has been kindly sponsored again this year by Pete's Christmas Tree Farm, Knockraha, to bring some Christmas cheer to the school and village.
- **Pyjama Day** – was held in the school on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The children had lots of fun in preparation for The Late Late Toy Show.
- **School Calendar** – These have now been distributed to all students. Thanks for all your support.
- **Christmas Cards** – Collection of €8 per pack of cards has now been collected and the cards are currently being printed. They will be sent home with pupils in the coming weeks.
- **School Concert** – This is scheduled for Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. We would like to invite all parents back to the school for some tea, cakes and raffle after the concert
- **Christmas Raffle** – We will be holding a Christmas raffle for both adults and children again this year. Children can join the raffle at a cost of €2 per child and €5 per adult.

## Cake Sale Bakers

Our monthly cake sale is a great fundraiser. Below are the months that each class will be asked to Bake

- September 29<sup>th</sup> – Ms. S Clynch
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Ms. S Walsh
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – Ms. C Callanan
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Mr. K Leahy
- January 26<sup>th</sup> – Ms. K Walsh
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ms. S Ni Bhuachalla
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Ms. S Clynch
- April 26<sup>th</sup> – Ms. S Walsh
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – Ms. C Callanan
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Mr. K Leahy

## Financials

We have raised a lot of money in the past year for Scoil Mhuire Knockraha and to ensure full transparency, all details will be shared with the parents of Scoil Mhuire, Knockraha.

## Closing Note

We hope you have enjoyed this terms newsletter. We are always open to feedback and suggestions from parents. Please feel free to reach out to your class rep or anyone in the committee if you have any suggestions. From all at the Parents Association Committee, we wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

*Merry*  
*Christmas*  
& **HAPPY NEW YEAR**