



St. Enda's National School

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Dear Parents

Just a short note this week -

I had the pleasure of attending both the Board of Management and Parents' Association meetings this week.

Board of Management

The main order of business at our Board of Management meeting was the ratification of the new Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. All schools have to have this done by Christmas so it's great to be proactive and ahead of schedule. Your child's safety comes before everything else in our school.

There was a query regarding the 'child friendly' version of the above document - I'm attaching a copy to show your child. This is part of our display at school.

The Board also reviewed safety protocols around the school. It was decided to reemphasise that all parents/visitors must go to the main door during the school day. There will also be a Log Book introduced to keep track of callers.

In other news, the Board are pressing on with school improvements - we have taken delivery of a selection of plants for the Sensory Garden and we expect 20 tonnes of soil to arrive next week so busy times ahead! We are also expecting a delivery of furniture for classrooms on Monday.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association had their first meeting of the new school year this past Tuesday. It was a very positive meeting with many discussions and ideas shared around fundraising opportunities and other initiatives that will continue to enhance our school. You will hear more from the PA on all of these plans over the next few weeks.

The PA's first fundraising event for the upcoming year is happening later this month. The annual Church gate collection is scheduled for **Sunday 27th September before 10am Mass in Lisdoonvarna**. All support on the morning would be greatly appreciated. Every donation big or small makes a huge difference to our school!

Any parents that would be available to volunteer at the church on September 27th please email palisdoonvarnans@gmail.com

Separately, the PA also discussed the idea of an after school club to alleviate time pressure on some parents. We are actively looking into this and meeting with an outside company today to get an idea of what an after school club would look like.

Robert Keogh – HSCL

Our new Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) has settled in very well and is already making a positive impact. Robert has asked me to share his email address should any parent wish to get in touch -

hscl.lisdoon@gmail.com

Curriculum Work

A couple of highlights so far are that 4th-6th will be taking a field trip and exploring north Clare and the amazing features on our doorstep. This will take place on the 28th/29th (weather permitting) More details to follow.

We are also continuing our Gaeltacht Beag gach Aoine (every Friday) Even a cúpla focal (couple of words) will help with your child's Gaeilge - basic phrases *Dia Dhuit* - *hello*, *Conas atá tu?* - *how are you?* *Go raibh maith agat* - *thanks*, *slán* - *bye* - if we all started using them, you'd be amazed at how quickly children will absorb and add to them.

That's all from me, go raibh maith agaibh agus slán,

Brian