



RETNS Parents Association Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday 10th November 2015

Principal's Address from Mary. Thank you to PA Committee for continued commitment and contribution. 25th Anniversary plans discussed – first term focus on history of school, culminating in Winterfest celebrating 25 years, Art Installation; second term focus on 1916 Commemoration, Flag Raising Ceremony (15/03/15) and Celebration of RETNS today; third term evening celebration of Anniversary with current parents, past pupils and families and daytime celebration with current children. Continued expression from children that they really enjoy when parents come in to share experiences and skills with them, Mary expressed her appreciation also. Possible fundraising opportunities and specific projects discussed. Potential ideas for talks discussed, to bridge both school and home.

Welcome to all Committee Members and Election of Office Bearers for 2015 – 2016. Full PA Committee details available on school website.

An assembly was held for Kim and Laura in October for the children to acknowledge the amazing Art Project in the Shed – they were presented with cards, gifts and flowers by the children as thanks for their hard work and dedication to the project. Enquiry if parents can view artwork for those who haven't yet seen the Shed finished.

Suggestion that Winterfest raffle proceeds go towards provision of "Bus Fund" for classes as needed during the year.

April and May BOM Reports available on RETNS website.

Reminder that parents can post completed YCYSY forms into the PA Post Box outside Junior Infants, electronic version of form to be sent to parents.

Extra Curricular running smoothly, many thanks to Britt and Ailbhe for their hard work and organisation. Class finish dates to be circulated. Gemma is our supervisor Mon/Tues and Sara on Wed/Thurs.

NPC Special Education Conference Saturday 14th November.

Second round interviews currently underway for Principal of SETSS. SETSS will open in temporary accommodation on the site beside Gaelscoil Thaobh Na Coile in Belarmine which is the future permanent location of Stepside ETNS, with permanent location yet to be confirmed.

National ET One Day Together fundraiser successful with RETNS raising approximately €800.

Parent Body Social Evening Friday 20th November at the Glenside, tickets €5 and available each morning, hot nibbles to be served.

Thankyou to everyone who helped make the Halloween Coffee morning such a success, in particular to Sandra for the delicious treats.

Discussion on possible Copper Coin Collection fundraiser.

Walking Bus 1st Birthday Friday 13th November – many thanks to Claire for her organisation, volunteer Bus Drivers and families for their participation over the past year! Ongoing Green School Committee weekly Walking Bus participation survey – updates on school noticeboard. Loyalty cards available with prizes after 4 weeks participation.

PA acknowledged Mary's instrumental role in achieving the Digital School of Distinction award.

Any comments, suggestions or feedback, please contact your Class Rep. Reminder to check website for new information www.retns.ie