



# St. Mac Dara's Parents' Association Newsletter—Christmas 2018



The St. Mac Dara's Parents' Association Committee would like to wish all parents and guardians a **Very Happy Christmas**. The Association is open to all parents/guardians of children in the school, and a voluntary committee meet regularly to plan and implement the activities of the Association.

The current committee position holders are:

**Chairperson:** Julian Glavey

**Secretary:** Noelle Meehan

**Treasurer:** Patricia Cummins



The Parents' Association Committee can be contacted through the school or by emailing **parentsassociation@stmacdaras.ie**. New members welcome!

Any other school issues not relating to PA business should be addressed directly to the school at the following address: **stmacdaras@ddletb.ie**

The committee members have had a busy term, between organizing the insurance cover for students, hosting our AGM and guest speaker, and providing hospitality following the November Remembrance Service. The Debs sub-committee has also started helping the students plan for the 2019 Debs.

Thanks for all your support,

**Julian Glavey (Chairperson)**

## First Year Enterprise Exhibition

First year parents are invited to the annual First Year Enterprise Exhibition, which takes place on Wednesday 19th December. Members of the Parents' Association Committee will be on hand to supply refreshments for all.



## Useful Dates for Parents

**19th Dec:** 1st Year Enterprise Exhibition

**14th Jan :** 1st Year Parent Teacher Meeting

**20th Jan :** Deadline for reduced rate online CAO registration

**22nd Jan :** 2nd Year Parent Teacher Meeting

**12th Feb :** Table Quiz Fundraiser - St. Jude's GAA

Don't forget to check the school website for the latest school news : **www.stmacdaras.ie**



## Raising Funds for the School

The Parents' Association has two main fund-raising activities:

- The voluntary membership subscription of €12 per family.
- The annual table quiz. This year it takes place on Tuesday 12th February.

Some of the items funded by the Parents' Association for the school over the past year or so include:

- Science equipment
- New singlets for the athletics squad
- New desks and chairs for classrooms
- Choreographer for school musical
- New equipment for Resource teaching



## Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for Pupils



Every year, the Parents Association committee members organise personal accident insurance cover for students in the school. This involves a lot of administration work over the Summer and during the first months of the school year. In previous years this was offered through Brennan Insurance, but this year, after careful consideration, it was decided to change over to Allianz Insurance. The premium this year was €13 for 24 hour cover 365 days, with no applied excess. There was a great uptake of the insurance again this year, and we continue to recommend this for all pupils.

## Table Quiz Fundraiser

We are delighted to announce that the annual Table Quiz Fundraiser will take place on **Tuesday 12th February** at 8.30p.m in St. Jude's Club. Your support would be greatly appreciated, and all funds raised will go towards the school.



Donations of prizes will be very welcome and can be dropped into the school in the run up to the quiz.

If you know of any companies/local businesses who would sponsor a round of questions, please let us know.

Last year's table quiz was a great success. We would particularly like to thank the teachers who came along to support the quiz and join in the fun!

A very special thanks to Seán Breheny who has once again agreed to be our quiz master on the night.

## Thanks

A big thank-you from the Parents' Association to Paul Kingston, Noel Donnelly, Cormac Cassidy and all the teaching and non-teaching staff of St. MacDara's for their hard work and commitment to our children.

Míle Buíochas agus Nollag Shona Daoibh  
Go Léir



*Merry*   
*Christmas* 