

St. Mac Dara's Parents Association

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Message from Mr. Ward

Dia daoibh idir thuistí is caomhnóirí agus tá súil agam go bhfuil sibh slán is sláintiúil. I hope you all are well. I d like to thank in advance the wonderful work and support of our staff, students and parents during these unprecedented times. Please continue to support our students and staff in following HSE Public Health Guidelines on sanitisation and infection control. I thank the parents especially for their support and good wishes. The Parents Association continue to support various initiatives in the college and on behalf of the staff I thank them for their generosity. Please support the upcoming Parents Association Easter Egg Raffle if you can. As I write this message, we have welcomed back our 6th and 5th years to in-school learning. The 6th years have registered their options on the LC SEC Portal and are preparing for Leaving Certificate Orals and LC Music Practicals during the Easter break. We look forward all going well to the return of our 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years after the Easter break. Guim gach rath oraibh go léir.

Le gach dea-ghuí

Mr. D. Ward



Easter Raffle

Free to Enter!

We're delighted to offer all parents and guardians the chance to enter a free Easter Raffle. To be in with a chance to win one of these beautiful Easter Eggs, just answer the following question:

Which animal is usually associated with Easter:

1. Bear
2. Bunny
3. Badger

Email your answer to parentsassociation@stmaccaras.ie by **Friday 26th March**. We will not retain your email address once the raffle is over.



Protecting the Mental Health of our Teens

This has been a very difficult time for many of our teenagers, putting even the most resilient to the test. The following link may be useful for some parents to help in the support of teenage mental health.

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/health/four-things-you-can-do-support-your-teens-mental-health>

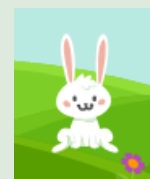
Useful Dates for Parents

29th March - 9th April: Easter Holidays

4th June: Last day of school

???: Meeting for parents of new first years

Please note that some of these may be subject to change so please consult the school website for the latest calendar: www.stmaccaras.ie



Fund-raising

Thanks so much to those who made a voluntary contribution towards the Parents Association at the start of the year. This is the only fund-raising we have done this year, as we were not able to run our usual table quiz. As always, these funds will be used to support school activities and we're delighted to be able to fund a large number of new books for the school library this year.



Thanks

A big thank-you from the Parents' Association to Derek Ward, Ciaran Cassidy, Noel Donnelly and all the teaching and non-teaching staff of St. MacDara's for their hard work and commitment to our children, especially during these very difficult months

Míle Buíochas agus Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh Go Léir.

New Members

We really hope that we can get back to some of our usual activities in the next school year. We'd really love some new members in September. We may even continue to have some meetings on Zoom. If you feel you'd like to be involved, please email us at parentsassociation@stmaccardas.ie and we'll be in touch.

