

New Years Newsletter from the Parents Association!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wishing all a Happy New Year from the Parent's Association. To kick off the year we wanted to update you on the success of our Tractor Run last year and hopefully get some input from all our parents on how we might keep helping to enhance the school for our kids.



Tractor Run 2025

On the 26th October 2025 we held a Tractor Run as our big fundraiser for the year and were delighted to have nearly 90 vehicles take part on the day. Additionally many local businesses supported us with sponsorship of funds and spot prizes, a raffle was run throughout the day and into the evening Halloween party event and a free colouring competition was run for the kids with their entries displayed on the day. We are so thankful for all the support we received and I think anyone who was there will agree it was a fantastic community event.

We are delighted to announce that the final total of funds raised was **€11 946.93**

We look forward to collaborating with the school on how to best spend these funds to enhance our kids' education.



Other fundraising done since Sept. 2025

Steris

Our PA Vice-Secretary, Trevor English, facilitated a donation from Steris. They kindly donated the proceeds from the recycling of scrap metal. This came in at **€2 170**. A massive thanks to Trevor and Steris for this contribution.

Tesco

We were selected in September for Tesco's Community Fund program. We are awaiting a final figure and bank transfer from them later this month. We appreciate the support and hope to apply to this fund again in 2026

Re-Turn Scheme

The Parents Association has an orange Re-Turn bin at the school. Any cans or bottles collected are recycled and the money lodged to our account. Last year we did a big collection in the lead up to Easter and we hope to do this again in 2026.

How is this money being spent and where to from here

- At the beginning of the school year the parents association supplied a second interactive board to the school (one was previously purchased by us in Dec 2024).
- We organised a free kids Halloween party and all kids received a bag of treats on the way out.
- We have donated €2000 towards the cost of a block of swimming lessons for children from 2nd class up, hopefully reducing the cost to households.
- The Mochuda classes are awaiting delivery of a deep pressure body roller purchased by the PA. The cost of this equipment was €730. It will be an excellent tool for sensory regulation.
- **Have your say** - a copy of this newsletter is being sent home in your child's bag. We have included a reply slip and would love for you to give us your thoughts if you have any ideas on how we might contribute to enhancing the school. This can be done anonymously and there is no need to put any name to the reply slip. Please return slips by **Fri 16th January 2026**.
- **Collaboration** - we are also liaising with school administrators as to where they feel we could help. Additionally we will be asking the students for their ideas and input.
- All requests and suggestions will go through our committee for discussion and decision.

Stay Connected and Get Involved

- We have an active Facebook page so please give us a follow:
<https://www.facebook.com/rahanparentsassociation/>
- To get involved, please contact **Tara Buckley (086 445 8266)** or **Ger Lynam (086 819 0518)** or join us at one of our meetings.
- We will be having a meeting in the coming weeks so make sure to keep an eye on Facebook and Aladdin.

Thanking you for all of your support!

Warm regards,

The Parents Association Team

Reply Slip

Have you any thoughts on how funds could be spent in the school?

Would you have any interest in attending talks or presentations on parenting topics? What topics would you find interesting?

Have you any other thoughts or suggestions (besides financial support) of things the Parents Association could do for our school and the larger school community? (things we have previously done are colouring comps, halloween party for kids and adults, tea after First Holy Communion)
