

# ROBERTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter SPRING 2013, ISSUE 1

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Robertstown National School Parent's Association Committee. Through these newsletters we hope to keep you regularly informed of our activities, school events and other important news, over our new term.

## YOUR PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU

All parents of students in RNS are automatically members of Robertstown N.S. Parent's Association. It is the elected Parent's Association Committee that generally looks after the day to day running of the Parent's Association.

The 2012-2013 Committee is  
Caroline Whyte as Chairperson  
Delia Lynch as Secretary  
Sharon Kelly as Treasurer  
Frances Whelan as Vice Treasurer  
Suzanne Dodson for Communication

We would like to remind parents that the committee is still in the process of growing. We are encouraging parents to get involved. Parents can easily express their interest by simply talking to one of the committee or by sending an email to us at [msparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:msparentsassociation@gmail.com)

An important aspect in organizing PA events in the school is fundraising. We would like to extend a very big thank you to all parents in supporting school events. All fundraising carried out by the PA Committee goes directly back into the school, enabling the Board and Principal to provide much needed resources for the school. For example, we had a very successful 2012 year during which we raised 2,900 euro. The school hopes to buy iPads/Tablets for the classrooms to enhance the capacity of the whiteboards.

The PA Committee is required to keep account of all monies raised. A copy of important documents pertaining to the Parent's Association meetings and monies raised, including an updated Treasurer's report and meeting minutes, can be viewed in the School Secretary's (Mona) Office.



### RNS NEWS

The school went 'Green' on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> celebrating St. Patrick's Day. All of the children & parents alike, wore green to school. It was a fun day.



Congratulations to Ms. O'Sullivan's Junior Infants class. The juniors won the 'most green class' award.



Juniors preparing for the Day

### RNS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MISSION

In line with the education act 1998 the Robertstown N.S. Parent's Association shall promote the interests of its pupils in co-operation with the board, principal, teachers and students. We will devise a program of activities, which will promote the involvement of parents in the operation of the school, in consultation with the principal. The act states that membership of the association is open to all parents of the students of the school.

## Event Calendar 2013

### MARCH

Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Easter Bunny Visit & Surprise  
11am School Assembly  
Half Day

Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> incl.  
Easter Holidays

### APRIL

Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

WEEE Ireland Recycling (Donations & electrical goods left at school by Tues 9<sup>th</sup>)

Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup>

Fun Day Planning sub-committee mtg.  
8pm at the school

Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> incl.  
Easter Holidays

### MAY

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> incl.  
School Holidays

Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion, Allen 11.00am

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Class School Tour

### JUNE

Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

School closed for June Bank Holiday

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>

2013 RNS Fun Day

Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

Uniform Shop open at School

Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>

Induction Day for Incoming Junior Infants  
(Juniors & Seniors to finish school at 12noon)

Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>

Half Day for last day of school

## RNS NEWS



Pancake Tuesday this year, February 12<sup>th</sup>, was a 'flipping' great day. While the children enjoyed pancakes, the teacher's competitive side was put to the test with a pancake flipping competition. Ms. Parle (2<sup>nd</sup> class) was the outright winner with 90 pancake flips in one minute. Children were asked to contribute 2 euro each for a pancake. We raised 310 euro on the day.



Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, saw the coming together of books, dress-up and walking to school. Children, parents and teachers didn't let the rain damper their efforts to walk to school, celebrate World Book Day, and dress as their favourite book character. The school has entered a competition run by World Book Day Ireland to win 1000 euro worth of books for our library. Please take a look at our submission photo and event description at 'World Book Day Ireland' FB page and 'Like' our submission.

### **School Uniforms for 2013-2014**

On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> a uniform shop will open in the school. On this day your child can be measured and fitted, and you will be able to place your order. If you order on the day you will receive a 10% discount. A price list will be sent out on our April Newsletter.

## RNS 2013 Fun Day

The Parent's Association would like all willing parents to volunteer to help with the organizing of our 2013 Fun Day. RNS 2012 Fun Day event was a huge success and we plan to organize a similar event this year on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. The 2013 RNS Fun Day will have lots of fun activities for children and parents, but with a little better weather, we predict!



We will put together a planning sub-committee and our first meeting will be held at the school on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. If you have any ideas for stalls and/or donations of crafts, we would love to hear from you. You can simply email the PA committee any time at [rnsparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:rnsparentsassociation@gmail.com).

### **Parent Class Representative**

Are you interested in being the Parent Class Representative for your child's class? The purpose of this role is to establish two-way communication between the class teacher and the parent body. Our children can benefit from greater communication between parents and class teachers. Furthermore teachers will have a channel through which they can communicate with parents. We are now encouraging parents to get involved and put themselves forward for this role. If you are interested you can drop us an email, and we will send you out a role description.