

# ROBERTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter SUMMER 2014 ISSUE 7

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## VOTE NOW... TO PAINT OUR SCHOOL

### Paint Urgently Needed

With the help of the Parent Association the children did a brilliant job creating their entry for the Dulux makeover competition. Their entry is available to view on the Dulux Face Book Page. Please take a look and please 'Like', but more importantly 'Vote' for your school's entry. The entry with the most votes by the closing on June 3<sup>rd</sup> will win paint. If successful in the competition Robertstown School would benefit greatly as there are many areas that need to be painted and spruced up.



- ✓ If you are on a PC or laptop use this link:  
[https://www.facebook.com/DuluxIreland/app\\_131558967051694](https://www.facebook.com/DuluxIreland/app_131558967051694) If you are on a phone or tablet use this link:  
<http://bit.ly/lcp2014>
- ✓ You will be asked to Like the Dulux Facebook page. (You will only need to do this the first time you vote)
- ✓ Find the Robertstown school video. At the moment if you sort by votes, we come up on the first page. (You may need to click the sort button twice)
- ✓ Click on the video to open up the voting screen. Press the vote button underneath the video.
- ✓ Share with your friends and family using the share button at the bottom of the voting screen.
- ✓ Remember to come back everyday and vote again until the closing date of June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### School Fun Day

It is that time of year again for our school's summer Fun-Day event. This year it will be on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>. It will be a packed day of fun activities, including stalls, games, raffle, tea/coffee & cakes etc. All parents, guardians & families are very welcome to attend.



There are many great parents who have helped us out every year. We could not do it without you. We would love to have your help again and we are asking other parents to help out also. If you are available to help out in any way please drop us an email at [rnsparentsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:rnsparentsassociation@gmail.com) We will need parents to man stalls, donate baked goods, contribute ideas, donate raffle prizes etc.

### 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 2013/2014

### June 2014

Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Robertstown GFC Underage Blitz

Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

June Bank Holiday – School Closure

Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Induction for Incoming Juniors  
(Juniors & Seniors will finish school at 12noon)

O'Farrells Uniform shop at school 11am-3pm

*(PLEASE NOTE PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW & PURCHASE UNIFORMS BETWEEN 11:30-12:30 AND AGAIN BETWEEN 2:00-3:00PM. Incoming Junior class parents will need priority from 12:30-2pm)*

Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Parish Sports Day  
Milltown GFC

Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>

School Fun Day

Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Village Fair in aid of Cancer Research

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>

Half Day for Summer Holidays

### August 2014

Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup>

Return to school after Summer Holidays

### Easter Cake & Book Sale

Both children & parents were most generous once again in donating baked goods and books for the Easter Cake & Book Sale this year. Thank you also for all of your support on the day.

We were able to raise €748, some of which will go towards school notice boards for the halls.



Parents were very generous in donating prizes for our raffle. Top prizes included magnificent Easter cakes made by Frances Whelan & Rachel Kavanagh



### Uniforms

Please note the uniform supplier, O'Farrells will visit the school on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 3pm. They will have sample sizes on display. Parents will be able to place and pay for their orders on the day. O'Farrells price list is available on the RNS Website under 'Uniforms'.

Kidstuff in Newbridge have continued to stock our uniform.

A sew-on school crest will be available to purchase from the school for the 2014-2015 school year. We will keep you posted on when they will be available.

### Brand New Uniform Policy

Your Parent Association was asked by the school to get involved in talking about our uniform. Based on parents' feedback we have:

- Found a new supplier (O'Farrells) providing cost savings on all uniform items. For additional convenience, we have kept Kidstuff as alternative suppliers.
- Reduced the number of school specific uniform items with generic, plain coloured uniforms and from this September sew on crests will be available to reduce costs even further.
- Run second hand uniform sales to reduce uniform costs on parents.
- Asked for clear guidance on the school uniform in a separate policy distinct from the Code of Behaviour.
- Researched the uniform policies of over 30 primary schools across the country and sought advice from Barnardos and the NPC (National Parents Council)

Please let us know if there is anything else you would like us to raise on your behalf. The new policy is due to be distributed by the school.

### Village Fair in aid of Cancer Research

A Vintage Village Fair in aid of Breast Cancer Ireland will take place in Robertstown on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. There will be lots of attractions for all the family including a 5k family walk, pony and trap run, dog show, vintage games and more. Your support of this event which marks 10 years of fundraising will be greatly appreciated.

### Robertstown GFC

Robertstown GAA aims to encourage a love for sport and provide an opportunity for each child to enjoy Gaelic games. The underage club promotes the values of fairness, mutual respect, courtesy and tolerance of others.

Robertstown Underage GFC train on Friday evenings from 7pm until 8pm at the Robertstown GAA grounds on Brockagh Road. Children aged 4 years and upwards can join. There is a small annual fee which covers insurance and allows the children to train and play matches. For 2014 the fee is €10 for U18s, €30 for adult membership or €40 for a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 U18s).

Parents can contact the club via Bob Donnelly 086-8473373 or Shane Keely 086 8090175, or by coming down to the GAA pitch on a Friday night and chat to any of the coaches. Coaches are parents who volunteer and the club is always looking for more volunteers. All are welcome.

### Parent Association

The Parent Association would like to say a very big thank you to all parents for your continued support throughout the school year. We look forward to seeing you all at the school's upcoming Fun Day on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Getting To Know Our SNAs

We've been getting to know our wonderful teachers in past issues. Now it is time for our fantastic SNAs!



#### Olive

*Q. What is your favourite colour?*

A. Red

*Q. What is your favorite hobby?*

A. Knitting

*Q. What is your favourite programme?*

A. Nationwide



#### Sheila

*Q. What is your favourite food?*

A. Salad

*Q. What is your favourite colour?*

A. Orange

*Q. What is your favourite hobby?*

A. Tennis



#### Deirdre

*Q. What is your favourite book?*

A. What Kathy Did

*Q. What is your favourite colour?*

A. Blue

*Q. What is your favourite TV Programme?*

A. Fair City

### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> was a very special day for Robertstown NS 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class. Well done to all the children.



### Confirmation Class

Confirmation was celebrated by 6<sup>th</sup> class on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>. The class had a great day and are looking forward to their graduation on June 25<sup>th</sup>.



### Robertstown GFC Underage Blitz

Robertstown Underage GFC will be holding it's annual blitz and perpetual cup on Sunday the 1st June. Our U8s, U10s, and U12s will be taking on teams from Allenwood, Milltown & St. Kevins.

Based on the success of last year's blitz it promises to be a fantastic day of under-age football. The kids really enjoy the day and love the chance to show off their skills. It is also a great opportunity for children and parents who might be interested in joining the club to see how much fun football can be. There will be a BBQ, tea/coffee, cakes, a shop, candyfloss, popcorn and slush puppys!!!. Admission is €4 per car. Hope to see you all there!!! Anyone who can help in any way please let any member of the committee know. All help and support is greatly appreciated and donations of baked goods welcome.