

'To children with love' cards

In December the children took part in an initiative where they drew pictures which were scanned and sent to children in Russian orphanages. The children received beautiful drawings in return. We were delighted to promote kindness and empathy through this initiative.

Scholastic books

Rivervalley CNS has an account with Scholastic books. With any purchase you make over €20 you can nominate the school to earn free books.

Christmas Raffle

With incredible support from the local community and businesses we held our first ever raffle in December 2020. Despite Covid restrictions we still managed to raise a total of €980 for the school.

Communication

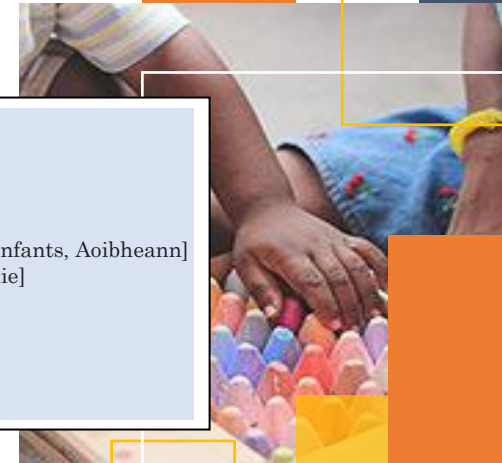
The PA set up WhatsApp groups for each class to allow for ease of communication with parents during the year. A Facebook page has also been set up recently to provide another avenue to update parents on items of interest.

Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

This report provides an outline of some of the key activities and events organized by the Parents' Association during the year.

Committee 2020-2021

Elizaveta [Chair] [Junior infants, Leo]
Mary Kate [Secretary] [Senior infants, Faye]
Suzanne [Co-Treasurer] [Senior infants, Arya]
Catherine [Co-Treasurer] [Junior infants, Luca]
Jo [Board of management, Class PA Rep] [Senior infants, Aoibheann]
Dave [Board of management] [Senior infants, Jamie]
Andreina [Junior infants, Alexandra]
Claire [Junior infants, Sam]
Emily [Junior infants, Isabelle]
Mary [Class PA Rep] [Junior infants, Alex]
Ana [Junior infants, Sophie]



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Active April Challenge

Our Active April challenge saw the children and their families getting out and about and taking part in all kinds of activities to help improve both physical and mental health. There were lots of fun activities including a superhero challenge and a capoeira challenge. The children sent us fantastic photos and videos each week which we compiled into short videos to share with everyone.

The PA event also coincided with the School's Amber Flag initiative and we were delighted that the school was awarded its first school flag – the Pieta House Amber Flag. This initiative promotes positive mental health and well-being in our communities and we were delighted to fully support it. During the week dedicated to focusing on the Amber Flag the children ran 5 virtual marathons and learnt all about the associated cities of Dublin, Johannesburg, Tokyo, Sydney and New York.

Christmas Culture Crawl

In December the children and their families took part in our Swords Culture Crawl which saw them visiting many of the interesting and historic sites in Swords as part of their walk. It was a great way to learn about our local community in a fun way. Along with visiting sites such as St. Columba's well and round tower, Swords Castle, the Old Borough School, the fire station and skate park the children raised an incredible €1,859 through sponsorship for the school.

Book Swap

We were delighted to support our school's little free library which Jim built for us. Please continue to support by dropping off books that you're finished with and taking books you'd like to read.



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Summer Raffle June 2021

Once again we received huge support from both Parents and friends of our children along with local businesses who provided fantastic prizes for our Summer draw.

There was incredible support for ticket sales on iDonate with ticket sales totaling €1,769.50 of which €1,734.30 was transferred to our PA account after fees had been deducted.

Uniform Swap

We were delighted to set up a uniform swap to allow uniforms to be passed on to other children easily. We had great support from parents and more than 120 items were passed on for 're-use' easing the burden on Parent's pockets and supporting our environmental goals.



Rivervalley CNS PA annual accounts

Income

Culture Crawl	1,859.00
Christmas raffle	980.00
End of year grand raffle	1,769.50
	4,608.50

Expenditure

iDonate fees	35.20
Closing balance	4,573.30

Sincere thanks for all your support.

We're looking forward to the 2021/2022 school year and all the new adventures it's sure to bring.

Special thanks to all of the sponsors for our raffles including the following local businesses;

- Image Fitness Training
- The Body Content Airside
- Beech Vista Garden Centre
- Emma Harris Nails
- Pomodoro
- Dublin Meat Company
- Forrest Little Golf Club
- Corrstown Golf Club
- Dunnes Stores, Pavilions
- Glam Beauty Salon
- Pavilions Shopping Centre
- Michael Garry Electrical Supplies
- The Old Schoolhouse
- Supervalu, Pavilions

We also appreciate the support of many parents who also provided prizes for the raffles along with those who rallied family and friends to buy tickets making a great success of our fundraising events.

If you're interested in joining the Parents' Association Committee for the upcoming year please let Ms McArdle know. We'd love to have you join us and welcome input from all parents to help out as our school continues to develop and grow.

