



RIVER VALLEY CNS PA NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2022

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION 2021/2022

Thank you...

We had a very busy and successful first half of the school year which was made possible by the incredible support of our families, friends and local community.

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Christmas Culture Crawl which raised an incredible €1,745 in sponsorship.

Thank you to all those who brought their unwanted textiles to the school as part of our Green-school / Clothes POD initiative which raised €248 in funds for our school.

Our end of year Grand Prize Draw was a huge success with a total of €2,030 raised. Sincere thanks to all those businesses and parents who generously donated the fantastic prizes and to all who bought tickets for the draw.

Upcoming events ...

Active April

After its success last year **Active April** returns with a programme of events planned to help all our River Valley CNS families become more active. The school hopes to re-qualify for the **Amber Flag** which it was awarded last year.

Bike Week

Bike week returns 14th – 22nd May
We hope to build on the success of last September's event and increase participation in cycling.



Let's get all the family Active in April



Green Flag: Litter & Waste – The PA Committee will be organising **another collection** of clothing, underwear, sheets, blankets and paired shoes as part of the **Clothes POD / Green-Schools textile collection initiative**. This programme helps divert waste from landfill but is also a great opportunity to earn funds for the school. If you or your family and friends are sorting out your wardrobes in the coming weeks please put the items aside for us for collection in **March**.



Upcoming events continued...

Culture Month

The PA is hoping to organize events over the course of the month of May to celebrate our diverse backgrounds and cultures. We're in the early stages of planning and would [welcome your thoughts and ideas for activities that we can incorporate](#) in the programme of events.

We plan to send out a very short survey to each pupil to ascertain their heritage to ensure that we represent all nationalities in our planned activities.

Recipe Book

We plan to compile a school recipe book as part of culture month to include favourite recipes from around the world.

We hope that all the children and families will participate by sending us their favourite recipes to include in the publication. We will provide further details shortly.

School Lotto

The PA hopes to introduce a weekly lotto for the school and have applied for the permit to run one. It will operate in a manner similar to those run by sports clubs around the country ... more details to follow shortly.

Green-School Initiatives - Uniforms

Don't forget that we have spare uniform items available to take free of charge as part of our uniform swap initiative.

If you have items in good condition that your child has grown out of please consider donating them to our initiative by dropping them off at the school.

National Spring Clean

National Spring Clean events take place in April and the PA hopes to organize an event in the locality to help keep our environs free from litter. The school and pupils are currently working towards the green flag in the category for litter and waste and this event will support that aim.

Green School Initiatives - Little Free Library

Books in the little blue library at the entrance to the school are free to take away and read. If you have books [for adults or children] that you have finished with please consider donating them to our little free library.

Join our PA groups on [Facebook](#) including our [buy, sell, swap page](#) which supports the re-use of goods we no longer need by helping find new homes for them.

Don't forget that we have our Book Club in operation –

The PA has set up a book club with Scholastic. Order your books for delivery to the school through the following link. <https://schools.scholastic.ie/rivervalley-cns-1/digital-book-club> For every €1 spent on the site the school will receive 20c to spend on books for the library

The PA plans to meet with Ms. McArdle and the teaching staff over the coming weeks to consider how best to spend the proceeds of our fund-raising on equipment and activities to help support our children's education.

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