



MURHUR NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION Autumn 2024 Newsletter



A big welcome back to all parents for the coming school year and an especially warm welcome to the new parents to Murhur National School this year. We wish you and yours well for the term ahead.

The autumn newsletter provides an overview of the fundraising over the past year and details of upcoming fundraising and school events. Overleaf are some Frequently Asked Questions, with further information.

Fundraising in 2023 / 2024

We have had a very successful year of fundraising and have raised €12,107.00 for our school since September 2023.

Our opening balance for 2024/2025 is €11,148.00

◆ The Split the Bucket (STB) draw has raised approximately €7,800.00 over the past 12 months for our school, with the same amount presented in prizes.

◆ 2 x Clothing Collections; €1,112.00

◆ Church Gate Collection; €625.00 ◆ School Raffle; €360.00

◆ Christmas Cards; €700.00 ◆ Halloween Disco; €400.00

A huge thanks is owed to all the parents who volunteered to help out for these and other fundraising events.

Allocation of Funds Raised

Over the past year the funds raised by the Parents Association have gone towards:

- ✚ Bus for swimming from 1st to 6th Class; resulting in a very affordable fee for 6 weeks of lessons.
- ✚ Math equipment and PE equipment for the school.
- ✚ Refreshments for Open Day, Communion Day, Family Day etc.
- ✚ Christmas treats for the children
- ✚ Ice cream van in June
- ✚ Hoodies and graduation slates for 6th class

Fundraising Events Planned for 2024 / 2025

- ✚ The 2024 Church Gate Collection occurred on the 12th & 13th October 2024 and raised €863.95 for our school.
- ✚ Halloween Disco on Monday, 28th October 2024 @ 3.30pm
- ✚ The biannual Clothing Collection – dates to be confirmed
- ✚ Christmas Cards for Schools
- ✚ School Raffle with sponsored prizes
- ✚ The Split the Bucket draw is on every fortnight

Tickets are on sale in these locations:

- Holly's Gala
- Kennellys Hardware
- Noel Stacks Butchers
- The Village Grill
- North Cork Creamery
- Speedy's Bar
- Enright's Bar
- Anna Enright Hair Salon
- Frances Leahy Hair Salon
- Moyvane Bingo

There will be more events planned throughout the school year; watch out for details from the P.A. Committee!

School Events in 2024 / 2025

- ✚ School Open Day - Thursday, 24th October 2024 at 6.30pm
- ✚ Christmas Concert – date to be confirmed
- ✚ Communion Day - Saturday, 17th May 2024
- ✚ Paddy Curtain Tournament – date to be confirmed
- ✚ Family Day – Date to be confirmed
- ✚ 50th Anniversary – Date to be confirmed

THANK YOU

The P.A. Committee would like to sincerely thank all the parents who volunteered for the fundraising events throughout the past year.

Your help and support has made for a very successful year!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Parent's Association?

The Parents Association is the structure through which parents/guardians in the school can work together for the best possible education for their children, alongside the principal, staff and board of management. The main aim of Murhur N.S. Parents Association is to fundraise for the school in order to give the pupils an enhanced school experience and provide fun extras throughout the school year.



Who are the members of the Parent's Association?

All parents/guardians of children currently attending Murhur N.S. are members of the Parent's Association.

How does the Split the Bucket draw operate?

The Split the Bucket (STB) draw occurs every second Thursday at Moyvane Bingo in the Marian Hall. The Parent's Association runs the draw and envelopes are sold in 9 locations around Moyvane and by P.A. volunteers at Moyvane Bingo prior to the fortnightly draw. One entry is €2, with three entries for €5. The total money raised is split 50:50 between the winner drawn and the school; therefore, every time someone wins the draw, the same amount goes to our school.




How can I help?

The Parent's Association Committee regularly notify through WhatsApp & Aladdin of upcoming school events and ask for volunteers to help out with fundraising activities and catering for certain school events like the Open Day, Family Day etc. Don't be daunted by the thought of volunteering! The Parent's Association is a very welcoming and inclusive group and there will always be one of the P.A. Committee present who will explain what is required on the day.

How do I join the Parent's Association WhatsApp group?

The Parents Association have a WhatsApp group where they share lots of useful information and notifications of upcoming events and activities. If you wish to be added to the Parent's Association WhatsApp Group, please fill out your details on the slip below and drop it into the school.

Alternatively email parentscouncilmurhurns@gmail.com and request to be added to the WhatsApp group.

	<p>WHATSAPP REMINDER: If you are not sure, ask yourself these three questions before you post: Is this relevant? Is this necessary? Is this a good time to post?</p>	<p>RULES OF SURVIVAL</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect is two ways • If you can't say it face to face, don't say it! • Never mention names of Children, Teachers, Parents • Always keep to the purpose of the group! • Do not have one-on-one conversations in the group; if your message is for one person, PM them. • Never use groups to air personal grievances.
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Contact details for addition to Parents Association WhatsApp Group:

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

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We would also love to hear of any fundraising ideas you have or any suggestions you have for equipment or activities to enhance the school experience for the children.

<p>Suggestions for Fundraising Ideas:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Suggestions for Allocation of Funds Raised by the P.A.:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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