**NKETNS PTA, AGM 2018**

**Chairpersons Report**

I would like to welcome everyone to the NKETNS PTA AGM tonight. I am happy to present the Chairpersons report for 2017 / 2018. The NKETNS PTA was established on 24th February 2016 and the PTA committee has met monthly since then during school term. This is the second AGM to be held.

The PTA is a member of the National Parents Council which provides guidance related to the structure of the PTA committee and meetings held.

I would like to start my report by thanking the PTA committee for all of their hard work and commitment over the past 12 months. You have all helped in making this a successful year for the PTA.

One of our priorities is to support the schools fundraising efforts so I will begin tonight with an update of the events that the PTA organised and then Gordon our treasurer will provide further details about the income generated.

**Fundraising Events:**

From last AGM held in February 2017 to end of that school year we organised:

**2017**

**March:**

Shamrock sale.

Cinema club.

Thank you to Terri who year after year organises the cinema club with great success.

**April:**

Cookery demo

Thank you to Michael Swan and Maria for organising , demonstrating and entertaining us.

**May:**

Swim a mile NAC was undertaken by Zusa and her daughter Chenga from 6th Class

**June:**

Women’s mini marathon. Arelene, Celine, Suzanne & Elaine ran in aid of the school.

Children’s sponsored walk.

In June 2017 a survey was sent home asking parents for their view on school fundraising and the school newsletter. 50 surveys were completed and returned.

**Fundraising Results**

**Q1**. With regard to fundraising events we asked if parents would be most likely to support a single large fundraising event or multiple events.

62 % (31) of parents preferred multiple events

28 % (14) of parents preferred a single large event

10 % (5) of parents said they would like a combination of both

**Q2.** From the events that had taken place over the past two years we asked parents which events they preferred. Overall the events that were most popular were:

Cake sale

Cinema club

School Calendar

Raffles (Christmas, Easter, Summer)

Cash clothes (clothing recycling drive)

**Q3.** Fundraising Suggestions

Lots of suggestions. Including the table quiz and celebration of cultures which happened this year. Continue welcome parents to attend the PTA committee meetings to discuss and lead on their suggested events.

Since the start of 2018 school year in September we have organised:

**2018**

**September:**

Stationary bike outside SuperValue with the support of John Cradden a parent in the school

**October:**

**c**ake sale

**November:**

Evening with Niall DeBurca

Clothes for cash

**December:**

School calendar

Thanks to Michael Grubka parent & photographer

Christmas raffle

Thanks to Catriona for organising and presenting the prizes so attractively

Cookery demo

**January:**

Rreflexology

Thank you to Martha Lacerda who daughter Lucia is in Juniors for providing the sessions for parents & friends.

**February:**

Table quiz

Thank you to Paul & Julie Melia

**April:**

Cinema club

The PTA are delighted that this year it was possible to organise some non- fundraising events for the school

**Non-fundraising events:**

**April:** John Lonnergan “Parenting the challenges & the rewards”

**May:** Celebrating the schools Cultures & Diversity

**Acknowledgements:**

I would like to thank all of the parents who gave their time to organise or help out at events and also all the parents and families who supported us by attending events and or putting their hands in their pockets to buy tickets, calendars etc.

Thank you to all the local businesses that supported us or donated prizes for various events.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and effort of the PTA committee members, parents, teachers and Board of Management Representatives on the committee. Thank you for giving of your time to attend meetings and events and for working so well as a team.

Thank you to the School: Rita, Pat and Adrienne and teachers for supporting the PTA

**Future Plans**

May:

3rd May Children’s book fair

11th May Cake Sale in aid of the NKETNS Bloom Garden

June:

Women’s Mini Marathon, Children’s Sponsored Walk

Welcome questions or comments.