

Newsletter

St. Canice's PA December 2024



Halloween Bake Sale

This was the second year of the parents' association bake sale. Yet again we were amazed. Parents went to fantastic lengths to create scary fun and very tasty treats for the children. The children loved doing their Halloween parade and had a trip to the hall for a feast to look forward to afterwards.

Thank you to all the enthusiastic bakers and their helpers. We raised a large amount of money for the school through this event.

Thanks also to the dedicated and enthusiastic parents' association volunteers for giving their time to make this a fun event for everyone!



Christmas Jumper Sale



Our Christmas jumper sale had its first year this year. This was a lovely afternoon and the children who came along loved picking out great quality Christmas jumpers. We hope to build on this event next year as a fundraiser but also with our planet in mind! Thank you to everyone who supported.

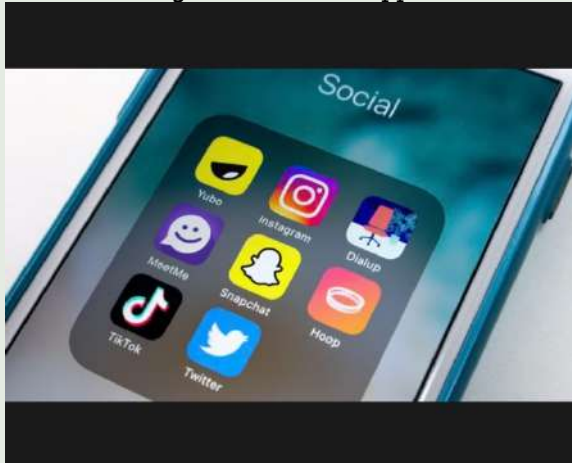


Smartphone Voluntary Code

Over the end of last term and into September a group of PA volunteers worked together to introduce a voluntary code where parents could sign up to agree not to purchase a smartphone for their children until they had left primary school. St Canice's school is the first school in Kilkenny to introduce this voluntary code. The response to the agreement was fantastic with huge support from families. 93% of the parents who responded to our survey were in favour of the agreement.

We are now working with three other Kilkenny primary schools to help them implement their own code.

Thank you to the subgroup members for the hard work behind the scenes drafting the documents and researching the material to support the code.



iNetSafetyTalk

Anti Cyberbullying / Internet Safety Workshops for Schools and Organisations

Book Ger Brick as a Guest Speaker

Ger Brick internet safety talk

In September the parents' association arranged and paid for an internet safety talk for all our 5th and 6th classes. This was given by Ger Brick a well-known and highly recommended speaker. Ger interacted with the children through an online portal and the talk was very comprehensive, easy to understand and enjoyable for teachers and children.

We hope to repeat an internet safety talk for every 6th class going forward.



ROAD SAFETY AND OUR SCHOOL



THINK AND WALK

Following complex discussions and debate at our meetings regarding the changes to the roads around the school the PA have written to the council regarding some of our concerns. Our roads are safer in many ways this year however we hope the council will consider the remaining concerns

THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION ASK THAT FOR THE NEW YEAR PARENTS CONSIDER WALKING TO SCHOOL. PLEASE SLOW DOWN ON ALL APPROACH ROADS TO THE SCHOOL. PLEASE PARK IN A WAY THAT DOES NOT BLOCK OTHER CARS AND THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC OUTSIDE AND INSIDE SCHOOL GROUNDS. PLEASE DO NOT PARK SUCH THAT SMALL CHILDREN WHO ARE HARD TO SEE ARE PUT AT RISK..

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT