

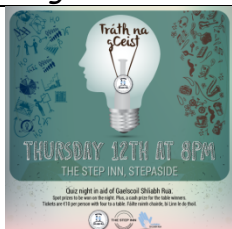
Nuachtlitir

Aibreán, 2017



CSR would like to thank every single parent who contributed in any way to events this term. The last few weeks prove what an incredible community CSR is. Your support is key to the success of our school. These last few weeks we had parents volunteering time to help at the quiz, disco, coffee afternoon and parade. We had parents baking treats for our coffee afternoon fundraiser, parents taking time out of their busy schedules to set up the hall and parents room. We had families buying jugs, coffee cups and plastic cups and donating them to the school. We had parents stay behind and clean up after the events. The effort you took to go to the quiz, buy tickets and sponsor a round is hugely appreciated. We can't thank you all enough and it is an absolute pleasure to be able to be involved in the running of these events.

The **Stepaside Parade** was yet another highlight in our children's very busy social lives. We had huge interest in it, over half of the school had hoped to attend. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side, however those who did turn up did CSR proud. The children loved seeing each other at the meeting point before the parade started, we even had a bit of sunshine at this stage. The children were so proud of where they come from and what they were representing. They looked super in their uniform and St Patrick's day accessories. We did our best to sing a few songs and wave at the onlookers. We got some invaluable feedback from parents and we will be sure to put it all in place next year. Thanks to those dedicated parents who helped make it a day to remember for our school.



*Our **Tráth na gCeist** (table quiz) raised a grand total of 1,800 euro between*

Save the date... We have confirmed the date for '**RiRá**' our family funday. It will be held on Sunday 11th June, 2017. We are in the process of putting it all together at the moment- parents are very busy behind the scenes. If you have anything that you would like to donate as a prize for our

sponsorship, entrance fee, our very popular 'buy the answer' option, and the raffle. We had about 70 parents and a few members of staff enjoy the night. The quiz master was a big hit and we hope he will return next year. Big thanks to Evelyn for all the work she put in to help it go as smoothly as possible. Last year we raised 990 euro so I hope next year we can continue to try double our money! An order for the defibrillator and wall mounting will be placed over the Easter holidays. We hope we will never have to use it, but it is peace of mind just knowing it is on the premises.

'wheel of fortune' game, no matter how big or small, we would be very grateful. We hope to have a cake sale on the day also and would love some of our very talented parents and relatives to bake a few treats for this. We have a few new things in store for this year so we look forward to revealing them over the next few weeks. Keep an eye on our Cairde Shliabh Rua facebook page for more information on this event.

Parents have some great ideas for how we can spend the money raised from Rírá. We will update you with the confirmed list in a few weeks. Last year we raised 1879euro, we hope to do as well this year.

*In true CSR style, the parents came out in force for the **coffee afternoon** in aid of one of our parents seeking medical treatment abroad this coming year. It was an honour to have the family there with us on the day and we are delighted with how generous parents were. The day itself took in 830euro. We know that many parents had donated online prior to this. The family are 'beyond humbled' with everyone's generosity. We wish Leigh all the best with her treatment. The parents who set up the room did a beautiful job, it was noted by all those who attended.*



The school had an **open night** on Thursday 5th April for next year's parents as well as those interested in finding out about the school. Thanks to those who came to set up for tea and coffee on the night, as well as cleaning the halla afterwards. The new parents were blown away by the school, the classrooms looked super and they were delighted to be able to walk around, chatting to teachers and asking some of our current parents' questions they had. CSR was also given the opportunity to explain to the new parents all about our parents association. It was an honour to speak on your behalf and inform them of our role as well as what an incredible year we have had to date with the various things we have done. We have had wonderful Parents Associations in the past and I have no doubt that the success of CSR will continue well in to the future.



*Our first ever **disco** was such an exciting event for everyone. Meticulous planning went in to it to ensure the children had the best time in the safest possible way. We were so conscious of how young the children were and did our very best to cater for all eventualities. A massive thank you needs to go out to the parents who remained in the halla during the disco- you know who you are and we would have been lost without you! Seeing how much fun the children had made all the hard work worthwhile. I hope it will be the first of many discos! We got lots of feedback on the disco and we have taken it all on board. All feedback is welcome- the good, the bad and the ugly! We learn from every event we do and through your feedback we endeavour to improve with each event and as the years go on.*

Thanks to all parents who attended our last CSR meeting. Our **next CSR meeting** will be on Tuesday 2nd May. All parents, staff and members of the Board of Management are welcome.

We wish you all a very happy Easter.

Emma Kirwan
Cathaoirleach CSR

