



RATOATH COLLEGE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter



Welcome to Issue 2 of our newsletter

Our newsletter is part of a number of initiatives intended to improve communications with parents. Each newsletter will contain updates on what is happening in Ratoath College, including updates for your diary and news of the work of the Parents Association during the term.

We would welcome any feedback with ideas and suggestions for future editions of the newsletter, please feel free to contact us via our email address ratoathcollegepa@gmail.com

From all the Parents Association Committee

Parents Association Committee Members

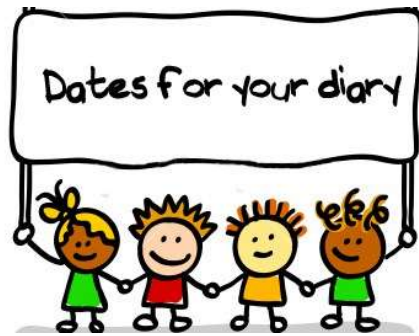
Chairperson - Chris Devine

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Committee Members - Aine Moore-McCormack, Annette Smyth, Brendan Daniels, Christine Turner, Damian Kearns, Karen Higgins, Karen Scattergood, Lisa Geoghegan, Louise Kiernan, Lynda Markey, Marisol Subiran, Sharon Styles, Siobhan Sevestre, Therese Foster.



LCA 1 & 2 Work Experience (2 weeks)

24th February 2020 to 6th March 2020

3rd Year Parent Teacher Meeting

Wednesday, 4th March 2020 16:15-18:45

St Patricks Day Break

16th & 17th March 2020



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National Parents Council

The PA have written to LMETB to request that they pay the fee to the National Parents Council on behalf of the PA. A response is awaited



DeGeekIT
Demystifying Technology

Parent Talk

Thank You to James Blackwell for sharing his insight on the topic of Child Safety Online in Ratoath College on 21 January 2020.



Deirdre@simplyhealing.ie

Parent Talk

Thank you to Deirdre McCormack for sharing her thoughts on Teenage Mental Wellbeing in today's society on 25th February 2020 in Ratoath College.



New School Building

Building work has commenced on the extension. The building is expected to be handed back to the school in June 2020. The building will then be fitted out during the summer holidays ready for the new school year.

Fire Alarm System

Work has commenced on upgrading the fire alarm system, this work is being carried out on Saturdays and will be completed during the school holidays.

Painting

To refresh and brighten the existing building, painting work has commenced on the assembly area and this work will be completed on Saturdays and over school holidays.



Constitution Review

A Review of the Parents Association Constitution is to be completed to ensure the wording will allow parents of children registered in the school can attend General Meetings i.e. EGMs and AGM's.



Recruitment Challenges

There are currently a number of open teaching positions. Filling the positions has been challenging with recruitment of teachers being an ongoing national problem. Efforts continue to be made to close the vacant positions with two positions filled in recent weeks. In any event, priority will be given to Junior Cert and Leaving Cert Classes.

Details of open vacancies are available on <http://www.etbjobs.ie/>



The Digital Review Group have completed their review with recommendations to be presented to LMETB. A summary of the review findings was issued to parents on 23rd January 2020. If you have not received a copy please contact the School Office.

CBA Deadline Dates

We have included links below for CBA's and projects due for Second, Third and Sixth Years which parents may find useful

Key dates for Classroom Based Assessments

https://www.ncca.ie/media/3959/junior_cycle_key_dates_2019_2020.pdf

Senior Cycle link to dates

<https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/EN-EX-43051868.pdf>

Junior Cycle link to dates

<https://www.examinations.ie/misc-doc/BI-EX-38846098.pdf>



Supported by the PA

Talent Show

The school talent show took place on Thursday 19th December, the show was Christmas themed with some amazing talent was on show. Well done to all those that took part.



Bumper Raffle

The Parents Association with support from the school community ran a raffle in aid of the families affected by the house fires in Meadowbank Hill.

Thank You to all who supported this fund raising event.

Some Activities so far in Term 2



Some of the Sporting Events



Senior Boys soccer team

Well done to the soccer team who won their Semi-Final of the League with a fantastic score of 7-2. With a hat trick scored by Evan Weir and goals scored by the three Luke's; Carroll, Neville & Newe (2).



U 15 Girls Soccer

U15 Girls Soccer Team who won their match against Balbriggan 2-1 but unfortunately lost against Drogheda 1-3.



Leinster award for best Male Athlete in Meath

Congratulations to Rafa McCaffrey (6th Year) who has been won a Leinster award for best male athlete in Meath for the 2nd year in a row.

Boys Basketball Team



Well done to the 1st and 2nd Year boys Basketball teams on their big wins over Boyne Community College. First Year boys won 15-10 and Second Year boys won 25-8.

Girls Basketball Teams



Well done to the First Year Girls Basketball Team who won their match and commiserations to the Second Years who lost against Athboy.

Well done to all players!



Art Week was held in Ratoath College from 20th to 25th January 2020 with students given the opportunity to show case their artistic flare.

This is some of what happened during the week:

GP Area getting a multicultural upgrade to celebrate Art Week



Some amazing art portraiture by 1st Year Students



Face painting fun at break



The Institute of Art, Design & Technology Dun Laoghaire were in the school to give a presentation to both Junior and Senior Art Students.



Maynooth University – Chemistry Workshop

The 6th year Chemistry students attended a Chemistry workshop in Maynooth University on Wednesday 15th January.



Student Council

The Ratoath Student Council went to Dunshaughlin Community College to work with their student council and the ISSU. We are all looking forward to seeing some of their exciting initiatives for the year ahead.



Getting into the Community Spirit

Cycle Against Suicide students attended the Student Leaders Congress 2020 in the Citywest Convention Centre



Christmas Jumper Day

The annual Christmas jumper day was held on Tuesday 17th December with all monies raised going to the families affected by the house fires in Meadowbank Hill.

Science



The first-year students had a great day out at the BT young Scientist event in the RDS on Thursday 9th January 2020.



Career Guidance



The 5th years attended a talk from Dublin Business School on Friday 10th January, this talk was organised by the Guidance/Careers team in the school and the talk was well received.

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Aim of Parents Association

The overall aim of the Association is to work in partnership with all other Ratoath College stakeholders including the Board of Management, Principal, Deputy Principals, Teachers and Professional Staff in furthering the education, learning and moral, mental, social and cultural wellbeing of all our children.