**November Newsletter**

**Networking**

These are strange times and we can't get together as normal, unfortunately.   We are conscious that, especially for the junior class parents, we have missed some organic opportunities to meet each other and network.  So, if you'd like to be included in a Whatsapp group for your child's class-please reply to this email with your name, number and childs class and we will set the group up and hopefully help make some connections.

**Meitheal Opportunity**

We are conscious as the PA that our role is to connect parents with the school in the joint effort of enhancing the learning experience for our children, where possible.

The school has a great Green council headed up by Ms McDevitt and they are fantastic at developing the grounds all the time in an environmentally sustainable way.  Carmel Duke has managed to get a number of Native trees for the school and needs some help getting them in the ground.  We would like to have a meitheal or working group (in line with covid guidelines) to plant as many trees as possible.

**What is needed?**

As many willing parents or grandparents as possible dressed for the elements with wellies and spades (augers and drills great too for bare root tree planting)

**When?**

3rd Dec at the school for **1pm**

**How long for?**

1.5 hours

**What is the plan?**

To plant trees ......as many as possible!!  They also need an accessible leaf compost area made of pallets if anyone is handy at that, and there is a need to saw a branch from a tree to help an owl box.

Please reply to this mail to say if you can help out on the day or know anyone who can.

Other group Ideas would be great so if you work in tech, engineering, IT, farming, building, etc. and have an idea of how you might like to get involved please give us a shout.  Also if you/your employer has any equipment they are moving on -we could use for the school, please get in touch-- tablets, laptops, furniture etc. are always welcome!

**Uniform Survey**

We are planning to make some changes so would appreciate your feedback[through this link please](https://forms.gle/tpxZCJD7zgG3vVWq5)

**Fundraising plan for remaining 2021**

* Santa Dash- 5th and 6th class for SVDP 3rd December (**11:30am** from the school-volunteers needed to help organise please contact the school )
* End of year PA fundraiser -Dress up Fridays
	+ From the 26th November we will run Dress up Friday-the children are invited to dress up and use their imagination to recycle or repurpose items
	+ Be a footballer, superhero, princess or character from a game or book!
	+ It can be any theme they like and the PA will sponsor a prize per class on the final day for each person who puts pre used items to use in an inventive way.
	+ Please try not to buy anything for this event, use what you have at home or get the children to swap with their friends maybe?
	+ We are asking for €10 per family or a contribution of your choice for this fundraiser and will circulate envelopes through the classes

That's all for our November update, and as always, if you have any ideas or suggestions please send them in via this address.

The PA Team