



CCC Parents Association Meeting 6th February 2024

Fáilte – Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí



Agenda – 6th February 2024

- Summary of January 2024 monthly meeting
 - Role of Parents Association – *New Attendees*
 - Parental Talk – 21st February
 - Annual Raffle – Online (Hybrid)
 - Coffee Morning – 1st year parents
 - Finance update
 - Readers for mock exams
 - Other updates
 - College update – John Cronin (Principal)
 - AOB
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Summary: January 2024 Monthly Meeting

- The January meeting was hybrid (in person & online) with circa 50 people in attendance.
- The PA went through the results of the parent survey from November as the attendance at the December meeting was low.
- There results from the brainstorm / kanban session at the December 2023 meeting to look at initiatives both short and long term that would be of benefit to the students/ College were shared. They will be attached to the appendix of the monthly meetings going forward.
- The bank balance as at,1 January 2024 was €4,011.82, with a €1,000 donation due in, JG to follow up on this.
- There was a request for readers for the mock exams and anyone interested to contact **Sinead Morrissey** at readscribecastleknockcc@gmail.com .
- 2 parent talks planned for H2 of the school year and they will be based on feedback from the survey.



Summary: January 2024 Monthly Meeting

- Ms O'Halloran gave the College update in Mr Cronin's absence.
- Communication from the Department of Education ongoing in relation to additional accommodation and there is now a commitment to appoint a Design Team.
- Well done to Ms Broderick and Ms McHenry LC1 LCVP class who raised over €600 for Irish Heart Foundation through their bake sale before Christmas.
- The TY SSR class are creating a charity cookbook this year in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Ireland and are inviting staff and students to enter their best recipes. Winning recipes will be chosen for the completed version of this cookbook and will be published alongside some famous faces!

Summary: January 2024 Monthly Meeting

- Uniform Policy - New Tender Framework
 - Working group needs to be established: Teachers, Parents, BOM. – also include student council feedback
 - Timeframe:
 - December – January - Tender Process
 - January – February - Review of Tender
 - February – March – Final Decision
- Acceptable Usage Policy (Complete)
- Looking for three or four new parents to review the Child Protection Policy with particular emphasis on the Risk Assessment piece, if interested please email the PA.
- Parents/guardians are reminded to check the CCC website on a regular basis for updates and/or follow @CCCPA2.



Role of Parents Association – New Attendees

- Partnering with the school management and staff
- Arrange talks of interest for parents throughout the academic year
- Mock interviews
- Readers for inhouse exams
- Policy review for school – parental input
- Coffee mornings
- TY Pool
- Fundraising & fun – e.g. plant & uniform sales
- *More details in the Appendix below*



Parental Talk – 21st February

- **Stress, anxiety and social media are just some of the challenges parents and students face in our fast-paced world.**
- As parents, adults, navigating these challenges whilst finding ways to support our children and students is crucial.
- We need to be clear and direct in how we communicate, not just with our children but also with ourselves and each other.
- The stress can be overwhelming for both parent and child therefore we as the adults have a responsibility to do all we can to support them.
- **Glenna will deliver a talk on effective communication and how we can provide our children with the support they need as they navigate their journey to adulthood. She will speak about how effective communication can enable us to gain a deeper understanding of challenging behaviour, stress and anxiety.**



Glenna Benson · 3rd
Relationship & Communication Mentor
Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland · [Contact info](#)

Parental Talk – 21st February

- It is through communication that we can establish boundaries, thereby laying the foundations for our young people to express their own abilities and capabilities; paving the way as they emerge into adulthood with a strong sense of self, a sense of purpose and self-worth. In doing so, we are creating stronger relationships and an environment where our children feel safe to speak.
- Link to Glenna's Bio: https://www.linkedin.com/in/glenna-benson-24440125?utm_source=share&utm_campaign=share_via&utm_content=profile&utm_medium=ios_app
- **Talk will take place on Wednesday 21st February @ 8:00pm in the College with teas and coffee from 7:45pm**



Annual Raffle – Online (Hybrid)

CCC 2024 Plant Sale Raffle



€0 raised



of €3,000 target

[Buy Tickets](#)

[Share](#)

Closing Date is Sunday, 12th May 2024
@ 6pm

Raffle Description



CCC 2024 Plant Sale Raffle, each year along with the plant sale a raffle of the great prizes received by the parents association are raffled. This is a hybrid raffle any tickets both on-line will have a physical ticket enter into the draw that takes place on the Sunday evening of the plant sale weekend.

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Coffee Morning – 1st Year Parents



- Following feedback in the brainstorm session & survey
- Help with the transition
- Meeting other 1st year parents
- Recruit new PA members
- Will happen on a Friday pre-Easter, going forward in October with a school event



Finance Update

CCC Parent Association Bank Reconciliation - February 2024

Balance at the bank as at 01/1/2024	<u>€4,011.82</u>
Plus Lodgements	€0.00
Less Cheques	€0.00
Less Bank Fees	
Closing Balance 31/01/2024	<u>€4,011.82</u>
Note:	
Plus - Sponsorship of €1,000 due in	€1,000.00
Less - Cheque 500624 (€184.38) for Zoom access to be processed	€184.38
Expected Future Balance	<u>€4,827.44</u>



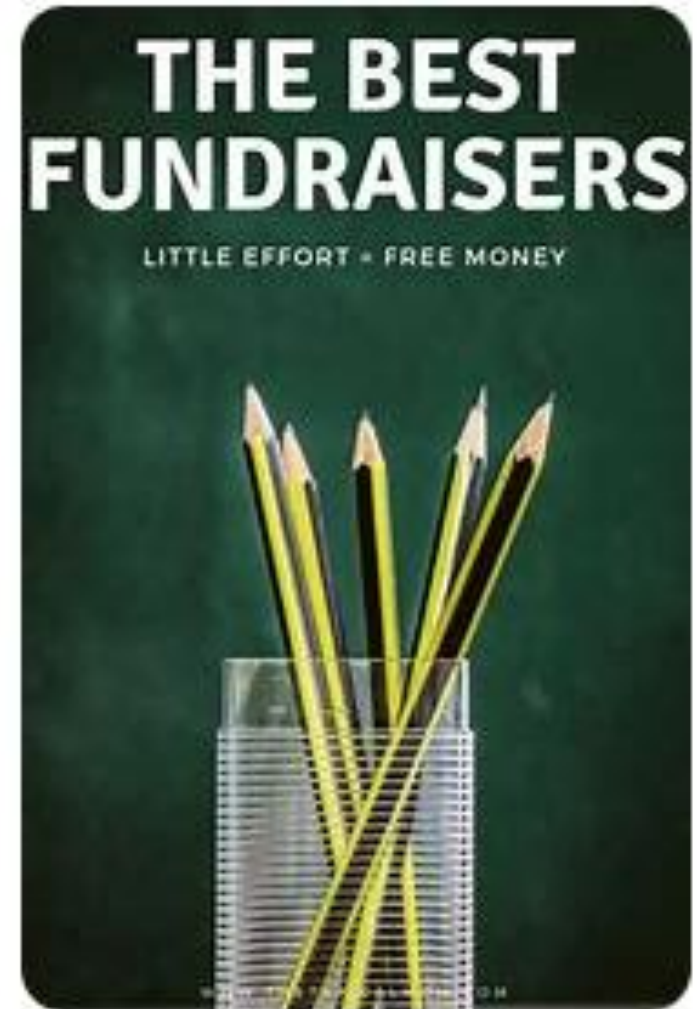
Readers for Mock Exams



- Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the mock exams
- Feedback has been very positive
- A very rewarding experience for readers
- 8 new parents read for students & another 5 parents volunteered but were not available this time round
- The 13 names will be added to our pool and will be contacted for availability with future exams
- No pressure to do all exams i.e. Christmas, Mocks, Summer & State exams
- What's involved - Read the paper for the student and maybe their answers
- Can you do 1 exam 2-3 hours, a few times per annum
- If interested, contact **Sinead Morrissey** at readscribecastleknockcc@gmail.com

Other Updates

- Fund raising meeting – Feb'24 ... **Think Big**
- Initiatives (see Appendix)
- Plant Sale Planning
 - Sat 11th & Sun 12th May
 - Increase volumes by 20%
 - Raffle Online and Physical



College Update

John Cronin – Principal



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THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Monday 4th March @ 7:30pm



Appendix



Timetable of PA Activities

- Request for list of activities of the PA
 - When required
 - How much time required
 - Share with other parents to support recruitment drive
 - Amend as and when required i.e. new ideas
 - Email contact for PA → pacastleknockcc@gmail.com



Timetable of PA Activities

Activity	Duration of event	Time Required	Time of Year	Training	Contact
Plant Sale	Pre-Event: posters setup, delivery of flyers, buying plants, , licence from Fingal for posters, limits on cash machine etc The event: 2 days + ½ day to setup	0-5 hours before event ½ day -> 2.5 days weekend of event	Early May	N	PA
Uniform Sale	Online event	A few hours + and a group in place	3 rd week June & early September	N	Tina Gao/PA
Mock Interviews	1 evening circa 2-3 hours	2-3 hours +30 min preparation	Late October	N	Lorraine Hagerty /PA
Policy Reviews	A few hours 1-2 policies a year	3-4 hours a) pre policy meet, b) policy sent out for review and c) post review meeting with recommendations	Autumn & Spring	Y	PA / John Cronin
Raffle	Licence from Gardai for raffle, print tickets, ask suppliers/local businesses/parents for prizes/sponsorship	1-5 hours	Mar-May	N	PA – Karen Kearney
Transition Year Pool	A few hours	A few hours	Autumn & Spring	N	SC & PF
Readers	2 hours per exam (3 rd and 6 th years) and depends on how many exams you do	2 hours per exam	November, February & May	Y	PA/Sinead Morrissey Fallon/ Ms. Mairead O'Halloran (readsribecastleknockcc@gmail.com)
Debs Committee		TBC		N	Grainne Kehoe / Claire Conroy
Parental Talks	2 per annum	2-3 hours	Autumn & Spring	N	PA



Brainstorm Session Update

Building (Long Term)

- Sound Studio
 - Stage setup
 - Video
 - Sound desk
- Outdoor classroom(s) in courtyard
- Astro pitch in Tir Na Nog / CCC
- Theatre in school
 - Stage
 - Acoustics
 - Lighting

Fund Raising (Short -> Long Term)

- Grants i.e. Astro
- Wealthy donor
- Solar panels
- Local food vendors/ Food trucks
- Govt/local authority grants for educational activities
- Lotto funding
- Fund raising consultant
- Christmas cards
- Christmas raffle
- School Lotto
- Gym / sports hall rental

Student Ideas (Medium Term)

- Musical
- Volunteer/ charitable organisation e.g. SVP
- TY activities
- Parents talk about careers

Social (Short -> Medium Term)

- Parents social
- Parent/Student breakfast
- 1st year parent meeting
- Coffee mornings by year
- What' App group for parents by class/year
- Table Quiz (fundraising)
- Class outings
- School trips
- Local history walks/explorations
- Multicultural days for all