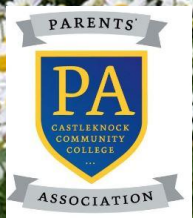




CCC Parents Association
27th Annual Plant Sale
Kick-off Meeting
13th April 2026



Agenda – 13th April 2026

- When is it on
- Plant sale 2025
- Why are we doing this
- What are we selling
- Where are our plants sourced
- What preparation to-date
- Monster Raffle
- What support we need before the big event
- What support we need at the big event
- Volunteer recruitment
- AOB



When is it on

PLANT SALE



**CASTLEKNOCK
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Sat 9th & Sun 10th May: 10am-5pm



Plant Sale 2025



Plant Sale 2025



Plant Sale 2025



Why are we doing this

- Our major fundraiser, profit of €48k in 2025 and €45k donated to the College.
- Enhance our children's experience in CCC
- Proceeds used for
 - Sensory Management Hub (Cubbie)
 - New PC's
 - Upgrade to Meditation Room
 - School musical (Grease)
 - Parental talks
 - 1st year coffee morning
 - Ad-hoc donations to support student activities
- Fun
- Major Community event in its **27th year**
- Create a buzz in the College & locality
- Parents getting to know one another
- volume in line with last year +60% on 2022



What are we selling



- Summer bedding plants
- Fruit & Vegetable plants
- Hanging baskets
- Potted plant arrangements
- Compost/ bark
- Trees & Shrubs
- Garden accessories including pots
- Coffee & tea shop
- Cakes & Breads
- BBQ
- Get Fresh – fruit & Super foods
- Biodiversity workshop
- Music by CCC students
- Facepainting by CCC Students
- Raffle Tickets - incl Online [i donate](#)
- Blanchardstown & Castleknock Historical Society



Last year we sold 9,417 plants



Where are our plants sourced

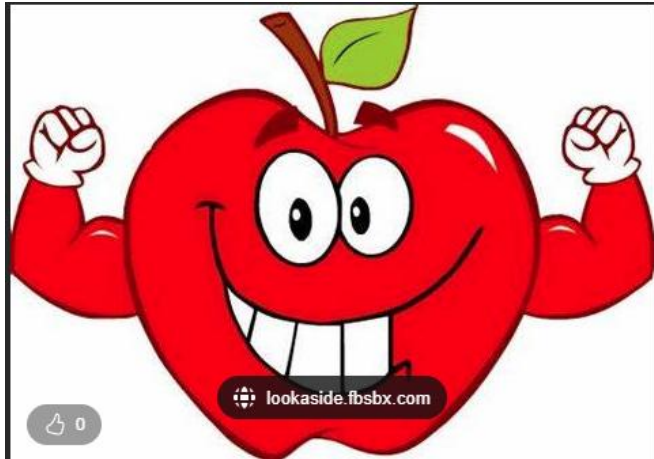


- 100% Irish owned & grown
- Spend time picking their seeds and cuttings from their many different suppliers.
- They have a reputation for high quality and top of the range varieties.
- They want to be different from all the others so they grow much of their range in bigger colourful pots.
- Over 250 products
- Fast delivery - very fresh
- Members of the Bord Bia Quality assurance program



What preparation to date

- Sponsors – **Centra Laurel Lodge primary sponsor**
- 1,000+ Boxes – **Get Fresh**
- Signs
- Plants ordered
- Raffle **idonate**
- Flyers / Posters
- Licences raffle & signs
- TD's and Councillor invites
- €1.2k & many prizes & donations received from suppliers/local businesses



PA Castleknock Community College
Parents Association
Carpenterstown Road, Castleknock, Dublin 15

CCC Plant Sale and Raffle 2026

SPONSORED BY: **Centra**
Kenna's - Laurel Lodge

Saturday 9th May 10am-5pm
Sunday 10th May 10am-5pm

Summer Bedding Plants - Fruit & Vegetable Plants
Hanging Baskets - Window Boxes
Pots - Tubs - Shrubs - Compost - BBQ - Coffee
Shop & Cake Sale Facepainting & Music

Riverwood Biodiversity Talk (Saturday 9th May, 11am)

MONSTER RAFFLE
Scan to Participate

Come along and have some fun!!

CCC Plant Sale @ccc_parents_association @cccpa2 pacastleknockccc@gmail.com

Debit & Credit Card Facility available at weekend of Sale!



Monster Raffle

idonate

Fundraise ▾ Donate ▾ About ▾

Start Now > Login >



€0

Raised

of €10,000 target

Buy Tickets ♥

Share

Ticket Pricing

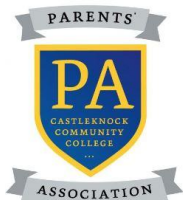
Number of Tickets	Price
1	€5
3	€10
6	€20
9	€30
12	€40

2026 CCC Plant Sale Raffle

By Parent Association - Castlknock Community College, in aid of Castlknock Community College PA.

Closing Date

18:00, Sunday, 10th May 2026



- Will be online with **idonate** and hardcopy tickets at Plant Sale
- QR code for the raffle on all Plant sale posters/flyers
- Tickets €5 each or 3 for €10
- *List of prizes to be added*
- Push the students to buy tickets (letter going home **Thurs 16th April**)
 - 1,350 students X 3 tickets X €10 = €13,500
- **Target is €15,000** last year we made **€12.9k** (€9.3k with idonate bal offline) and average purchase of tickets was €26.3
- <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/CCCPlantSaleRaffle26>

Monster Raffle

Lots of great prizes

- Asus Vivobook 15" Laptop
- PS5 disc console 1TG
- 4 Ball Castleknock Golf Club
- Dinner for 2 / Spa Treatment/ Afternoon Tea - Castleknock Hotel
- €150 BT voucher
- Lots more Vouchers & Gifts



Monster Raffle

- A big Thank You to Sharon Reilly & Cliona Larkin
- Who have volunteered to
 - Run the Monster raffle
 - Coffee Shop raffle
 - Coordinating the asking of school suppliers & local businesses for donations
- Thank you to Karen Kearney who has done this for several years and who is transitioning it over and supporting Sharon & Cliona



What support we need before the big event



- Deliver Flyers to 10,000 homes
- Give out posters to shops, churches, mosques, church Halls, community centres, clubs, businesses in the locality to display
- Donations from employers for the plants sale/raffle
 - Products /Services / Money / Food for BBQ/ Cakes
- Put up Signs & Banners
- Push the students to Buy tickets (letter going home Thurs 16th April)
 - 1,350 students X 3 tickets X €10 = **€13,500**
- Spread the word re volunteers
- **Last year 122 parents & 33 students volunteered**
- Tell everyone about the event



What support we need at the big event

- Set up of school hall on **Friday 8th from 4pm**
 - Tables
 - Plants on tables, walls, floor when deliveries arrive
 - Compost to the front
 - Price items
 - **Require 30+ People**
- **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th** we need **circa 40 Volunteers per shift and more on Saturday morning / afternoon to Restock**
 - Morning shift 9:30-2:00
 - Afternoon shift 2:00-6:00
- Roles - plant sellers/cake sale/cash desk/parking attendants/compost sales/BBQ /Coffee shop/etc
- Sunday tidy up **Require 20 People @ 3:00** could happen earlier



Volunteer recruitment

- Please give your details to one of the Committee or myself
 - Name
 - Email
 - Mobile number
 - Times can help on Friday/Saturday/Sunday
 - Role
 - Flyer deliveries / posters - Y/N

Fri 8th May	Saturday 9th May	Saturday 9th May	Sunday 10th May	Sunday 10th May	Sunday 10th May	Flyer Delivery
4:00 - 8:00	9:30-2:00	2:00 -6:00	9:30-2:00	2:00 -6:00	3:00- 7:00	
Setup	Plant Sale	Plant Sale/Restock	Plant Sale	Plant Sale/Tidyup	Tidy up	
√	√	√	√	√	√	√

Or email the PA at pacastleknockcc@gmail.com or **Whats App John 087-2905046**

- Thank You if you have already volunteered
-



Volunteer recruitment



THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Monday 27th April @ 7:30pm





CCC Parents Association Meeting
13th April 2026

Fáilte – Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh sí



Agenda: 13th April 2026 Monthly Meeting

- Summary of March 2026 monthly meeting
- Role of Parents Association
- Timetable of PA activities – time required
- Finance Update
- College update – John Cronin (Principal)
- AOB
- Next Meeting



Summary: March 2026 Monthly Meeting

- Review of Minutes from monthly meeting on the 12th of January 2026
- Summary below of Minutes from monthly meeting on the 2nd March 2026

Finance Update:

- The bank balance as of 25/2/26 was €9,164.38 with future expected expenditure of €4,400 forecast mainly relating to the donations from the 2nd hand uniform sales and payments to Clarkes for the volunteer nights in 2024 and 2025.

Charity Donations:

- Donations made on Thursday 12th February in the College. 2 Cheques for €2,250 were made payable to Mountview Family Resource Centre in Dublin 15 and Little Butterflies Arch Club – Clonee. The chair wished to thank Sonya MacGillivray and her team for the fantastic work in raising these funds through the 2nd hand uniform sales

Exam Support – Readers & Supervisors:

- For the Mock exams 34 different exam centres supervised and parent volunteers across Leaving Cert Applied, Leaving Cert and Junior Cert First time reading/supervision for 9 of those volunteers. The Chair wished to thank Sinead Morrissey Fallon for organising this for several years and to all the volunteers



Summary: March 2026 Monthly Meeting

Parental Talk Jigsaw:

- Talk took place on Monday 9th February and Circa 45 -50 people attended and was very interactive. Lorraine Halpin Service Manager at Jigsaw Dublin 15 and one of her colleagues gave the talk. It focused on the services that are available for you adults up to 25 years of age. There was a very interactive Q&A session. The chair wished to thank Grainne Kehoe for organising the event

Parking:

- The concerns that the residents of Burnell Park Estate were flagged and the message from the PA is to park responsibly and where possible use the car park at Spar.

Plant sale update:

- Kilmoon Nursery contacted and site visit planned for Easter holidays
- Applications for Fingal CC for posters to be made within the next week
- Letters to school suppliers, local business & parents re donations for Plant sale and Raffle to be made in the next week
- Application to Gardai for raffle license was made on the 24th February and the Chair wished to thank Jacqueline Moloney for organising this
- Recruitment Meeting Monday 13th April, circa 125 volunteers required



Summary: March 2026 Monthly Meeting

Astro Pitch:

- Colm O'Grady gave an update on this and its progressing very well and the planning application to Fingal county Council should be submitted in late March/early April. It was also discussed and suggested that the residents in the proximity of the development should be contacted and brought through the proposal

Annual Raffle:

- The chair stressed the need for 1-2 volunteers to help Karen Kearney with this year's raffle as Karen is stepping away this year, as her last child finished in CCC in 2023. The raffle is a very important fund raiser generating circa 30% of the profits from the Plant Sale and Raffle

AOB:

- The chair presented to the incoming 1st Year parents (Sept'26) on the 12th January the role and importance of the PA
- Parental Talk with Dr Richard Hogan being pushed out to September and Grainne sourcing a replacement speaker

Next Meeting Monday 13th April @ 7:30pm - Also Recruitment for Plant Sale Volunteers



Summary: March 2026 Monthly Meeting

Principals Update:

- The College is in the second year of its SSE plan which continues to focus on the
- The inspector visited the College on Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th February to review the Transition Year Programme. Lots of evidence of highly effective practice
- Enrolment 2026-27 all First-Year applicants in Categories A & B have been offered a place at the College for the next academic year 2026-27.- The College has made a small number of offers to applicants from Category C
- Planning for 2026 Musical – In discussions with Dublin Stage School.

Update on Additional Accommodation

- Stage 1 Report – to be issued to DEY end of Jan 2026. (Lodged at the end of February)
- Stage 2A – Statutory Approvals including Planning – allow 9-12 months including planning application + RFI, and submission of Stage 2A to the DEY for approval by the end of 2026 potentially.
- Stage 2B – 6 months to get tender pack fully compiled and issued to DEY for approval – June 2027 depending on Stage 2A above.

Summary: March 2026 Monthly Meeting

- Stage 3 Tender – 9 months from approval of Stage 2B (with a fast approval turnaround) – March 2028.
- Stage 4 Construction – minimum 12 months construction.
- The new build must be in place by 2028 to accommodate the forecasted student numbers with the above estimates being conservative but the PA Chairs view is that the 2028 deadline with result in a challenge re student numbers
- DDLETB Festival of Music - Tuesday 3rd March 2026
- Appreciation for Languages Week 2026
- Castleknock Community College - Celebrating 30 Years of Education in Dublin 15 is delighted to return to Draíocht on Tuesday 24th March to celebrate thirty years of education in Dublin 15. This special evening promises to be a wonderful celebration of music and community, as current students, past pupils, and staff come together to mark thirty years of music at Castleknock Community College.
- There we many academic and sporting achievements for the college in recent weeks

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
- Deb Committee
- Coffee mornings
- Fundraising & fun – e.g. plant & uniform sales
- Lobbying i.e. College extension

- Strategic plans



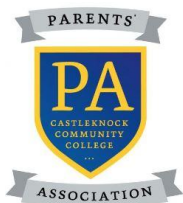
Timetable of PA Activities

- 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 – weekend after bank holiday (9 th /10 th May)	N	PA
Uniform Sale	Online event	A few hours + and a group in place	3 rd week June & September	N	Sonya MacGillivray / PA
Mock Interviews	1 evening circa 2-3 hours	2-3 hours +30 min preparation	Late October / early November	N	Jacqueline Moloney & Jo McAndrew /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	5-10 hours	Mar-May	N	Sharon Reilly & Cliona Lartin/Karen Kearney
Transition Year Pool	A few hours	A few hours	Autumn & Spring	N	Stephen Connolly / PA
Coffee Mornings	2 hours	2-3 hours	Autumn	N	Denise Doyle
Strategy Group	1 year +	TBC	N/A	N	Colm O’Grady & John Goodwin /PA
Readers	2 hours per exam (3 rd and 6 th years) and depends on how many exams you do	2 hours per exam	November & Feb	Y	Sinead Morrissey Fallon / PA
Debs Committee		TBC		N	Grainne Kehoe /PA
Parental Talks	2 per annum	2-3 hours	Autumn & Spring	N	Grainne Kehoe / PA



Finance Update

CCC Parent's Association

Income and Expenditure Report April 2026

	€	€
Opening Balance 25/2/26		€ 9,164.38
Income:		
Interest Income	€ 0.88	
Total income	€ 0.88	€ 0.88
Expenditure		
Cheque 500659 -SVDP	€ 100.00	
Cheque 500664 (Jigsaw talk Donation)	€ 400.00	
Cheque 500662 (Little Butterflies Arch Club Donation)	€ 2,250.00	
Total Expenditure	€ 2,750.00	€ 2,750.00
Closing Balance as of 24/3/26		€ 6,415.26
Future Expected Adjustments		
Income		
Raffle & Plant Sale Donations	€ 1,200.00	
30th Anniversary Music Night Programmes - Sum Up	€ 619.29	
	€ 1,819.29	€ 1,819.29
Expenditure		
Flowers for Jigsaw Presenters	€ 50.00	
Expenses for Plant Sale	€ 265.38	
30th Anniversary Music Night Programmes - Sum Up	€ 619.29	
Clarkes Volunteers night estimate 2024	€ 800.00	
Clarkes Volunteers night estimate 2024	€ 800.00	
Total Expenditure	€ 2,534.67	€ 2,534.67
Future Closing Balance		€ 5,699.88



College Update

John Cronin – Principal



AOB

- **Date in the Diary:**
 - Parental Talk with Dr Richard Hogan has been pushed out and is now in the diary for Monday 12th October in the College
- **Astro Update**

THANK YOU PARENTS

Next Meeting Monday 27th April @ 7:30pm
Distribution of Flyers

