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PA Monthly Meeting and Plant Sale Kick off- 13 April 2026

Chair- John Goodwin

Plant Sale 2026: Saturday May 9th and Sunday May 10th

- The plant sale is a major community event in Dublin 15
- Selling all types of plants (100% Irish owned and grown from Kilmoon Nursery), along with gardening accessories, there will be a BBQ, Get Fresh stand, a coffee shop, Biodiversity talk, Castleknock Historical Society talk, face painting, and music.
- Last year the plant sale made a profit of €48K between both the raffle and the plant sale.
- €45K went directly to the school for many beneficial projects.
- €3K has been utilised by the PA (Parent Talks etc).
- We are seeking volunteers to engage with the Plant Sale preparation, sales and clean up. We require a minimum of 125 parents to run the preparation and weekend successfully. **Many hands make light work!**
- New Banners will be put up around the Dublin 15 area over the next few weeks.
- There are two raffles: a large raffle in the PE Hall and second raffle of a food hamper in the coffee shop.
- The raffle organisation is underway. A big thank you Karen, Sharon and Cliona for their hard work. They are out rustling up prizes from our sponsors. Licenses have also been applied for.
- Preliminary posters will be erected over the following fortnight.
- Flyers are ordered, with this year's date and the QR codes for the Raffle. They will be circulated in the upcoming weeks.
- Great prizes including: A Laptop, PlayStation, afternoon tea voucher, spa voucher, and many other vouchers and gifts from local businesses. We may keep some prizes for the musical raffle next year.

Support needed:

- Volunteers to distribute the 10,000 flyers advertising the Plant sale to homes in the area.
- Volunteers to bake and deliver cakes to the school for sale at the coffee shop.
- Erecting the flyers and banners.



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- To champion the raffle and to gather volunteers to engage in the different shifts over the weekend.
- 40 volunteers are required for each of the following shifts:
 - Friday evening from 4-9pm (getting tables organised, setting up the plants, pricing etc.)
 - Saturday Morning – 9:30 – 2pm
 - Saturday Afternoon – 2-6pm
 - Sunday Morning – 9:30 – 2pm
 - Sunday Afternoon – 2-6 pm
 - Sunday Clean up following the close of sales.
- Roles – Plant sellers, café workers, face painters, compost sellers etc.
- **Please email the PA at pacastleknockcc@gmail.com or WhatsApp John 087 – 290 – 5046**
- Please volunteer as it is a great chance to engage with other parents and the community.

Next Meeting for the Plant sale preparations is on 27th April @ 7:30.

- **10,000 fliers to be distributed so please attend in person at the school to collect fliers.**

Regular Monthly PA Meeting Minutes

- Reviewed minutes of previous PA meeting held on 2 March 2026.
- Parent talk by Dr Richard Hogan, scheduled for 12 October 2026.
- Need to submit the planning for the astro turf, currently awaiting some admin to be completed to finalise the application for submission.

Finance Update: See report for full update

- €6, 415.36 current account balance.
- Will be increasing as monies come in for the raffle and online raffle sales via idonate.

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- It was noted that the school electricity is currently sourced through Veridian – they will be contacted for a possible raffle donation.



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Principals Report: [See Report for full update](#)

- Projects being undertaken now – extension work awaiting preferred design.
- Leaky roof project – a representative of the Department of Education has attended at the school and has decided to open access to emergency work application for the roof.
- An emergency work application has also been submitted and approved to replace the boiler.
- TY Musical for 2026 is in the planning stages.
- 30th anniversary celebration evening was a spectacular success in the Draiocht. Delighted by the contributions of one of the first-year students especially.
- School events in Brief: World Book Day, Maths club, Daffodil day, Rock you Socks day, Leinster semi-final, hurling final, athletics successes. Student ethos ambassadors, non-uniform day, assistant dog in the school for world autism day,
- Note for exam years that Leaving Cert deadlines are approaching. Best of luck to the students as they prepare to sit their oral and practical exams.

[Next Meeting on 27th April 2026.](#)