

## Newsletter



Hello again from the Sandymount Park ETSS
Parents' Association!
It's been a busy year since our first newsletter, and we're thrilled to share what we've accomplished together.

In this edition, you'll find updates on recent projects, fundraising successes, and what's next on our agenda. We're proud of how much our school community has grown, and we're excited to keep that momentum going.

As always, we welcome your ideas, involvement, and enthusiasm — whether it's lending a hand, sharing your expertise, or simply spreading the word about our activities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed time, ideas, and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community

# **Fundraising Success!!**



We are thrilled to share some highlights of our fundraising efforts and the incredible impact they have had on our school community:

**Table Quiz:** Our table quiz this year was a huge success, raising an impressive €1,642. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this fun event!

**Christmas Fair Tombola:** The tombola at the Christmas fair 2024 added a festive touch to our fundraising efforts, raising €280. Your contributions and participation made this possible!

All funds raised by the PA last year went towards subsidising the end of year class trips



to all who have supported these initiatives. Your generosity and involvement continue to make a real difference!



# Santa needs your help!!!





Our **Christmas Tombola** is coming — and Santa's sack is looking a little empty!

We're asking **each family** to donate **one small prize** to help fill it up and make our Tombola a festive success.

### This year we would love:

- Proceeds the Chocolates, sweets & treats
- **B** Bottles for the bottle stall (soft or spirited!)
- A €10 voucher for a local coffee shop, bakery, or store
- **Drop off:** School Reception
- **By**: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Every little gift helps — the Tombola only works thanks to the generosity of our school community.

All proceeds raised go straight back into supporting school projects, activities, and events that benefit our students throughout the year.

# Play Our School Lotto – Win Big and Support the School!



Our school lotto is your chance to win while making a difference!

The jackpot is currently an impressive €2,000, and we also have weekly prizes of €20.

By playing each week, you're not only in with a chance to win these fantastic prizes but also directly contributing to the development and enhancement of our school.

Get involved, try your luck, and help us create more opportunities for our students – it's a win-win for everyone! Scan the QR below



# Parents' Events & Updates



## **Talk on Teenagers and Social Media**

With SPETSS Parent and Clinical Social Worker John McAteer

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Parent Information Evening on Teenagers and Social Media.

The talk was really well received, and we're hoping to organise another one in the new year.

Keep an eye out for details — it's definitely worth attending!



# Coming Soon! Parents' fundraising Night

We're planning a parents' night out to raise funds for school.

Maybe even bring back the much-loved Quiz Night!



More information will follow soon — watch for updates through the school email and VSware.

# About the Parents' Association



The Parents' Association (PA) is made up of parents and guardians who volunteer their time to support the school and help build a sense of community. We work closely with the school team to organise events, fundraisers, and activities that benefit students and families alike.

To help everyone understand what we're here for — and what falls outside our role — here's a quick overview of what the PA does (and doesn't do):

#### **✓** We Do

- Work together to support the school community and enhance the student experience.
- Organise events and fundraisers like the Christmas Market, Tombola, and other community activities.
- Use funds raised to support school projects and initiatives.

#### We Don't

- Get involved in individual student or staff matters.
- Make decisions about teaching, curriculum, or school management.
- Replace the role of the Board of Management or school leadership.

#### Interested in getting Involved??

Contact us on pa@sandymountparketss.ie or contact one of our committee members

# Your PA Committee



Chairperson

Liz Bissett

Secretary

**Lesley Hughes** 

**Treasurers** 

Helene Molloy Gina Faustino 1st Year Reps:

Linda Coote

2nd Year Reps:

Olivia Freeman Ivana Dusparic Ciara Harnett **3rd Year Reps:** 

Mairead Gallagher Niveen El Far

4th Year Reps:

Darina Harewood Deborah Clinton **5th Year Reps:** 

Christina Deevy

**6th Year Reps:** 

Aoife Twohig Karen Whelan