



Welcome to all new parents from the Parents' Association and PA Committee.

Here is some information about the PA at Faithlegg N.S.
We'd love you to get involved where/when you can.

What is the Parents' Association?

- Basically, the PA is all of us, the parents of children going to Faithlegg. If you have a child in the school, you are part of the PA!
- The PA is a way for the parents to link in with the school and support the children and the great work of the school.

What does the PA do?

- The PA fundraises throughout the year to be able to contribute towards:
 - extracurricular activities for the children such as gymnastics, yoga, baking/cooking, art & craft classes, music lessons, languages, subsidised swimming classes and buses to matches
 - equipment and resources the children might need but the school is struggling to finance such as iPads, computers, printers, coding robots (how cool)
 - events and celebrations for the children such as the Halloween disco at Faithlegg Hotel, the Communion and Confirmation celebrations, sixth class yearbooks, and surprises like visits from Santa and the Easter Bunny, goodie bags, hot chocolates, ice creams (lads they're spoilt), and social events for parents like the St. Patrick's table quiz
 - talks for parents and/or children – such as online safety, the environment & sustainability, healthy eating and first aid, sex ed. for fifth/sixth class
 - much bigger things from time to time such as the Astroturf and library, and the current initiative funded through our Golf Classic to raise several thousand Euros to support the school with the cost of installing new interactive smartboard for every classroom last year
- The PA often comes up with and organises these extra-curricular activities
- The PA works with the school to improve policy in a collaborative way

How can you get involved?

- All this doesn't happen without you, the parents. We would really hope that everyone could get involved in at least one small way or another throughout the year. There are loads of ways to get involved in a way that suits your schedule and interests:
 - You can help out now and again on the different fundraising events. This could be anything from baking for the cake sale, donating a prize to the raffles, being a 'supervisor' at the Halloween disco or volunteering a few hours in the library, all run on a voluntary basis
 - You can put forward any ideas you might have for extracurricular activities you think would benefit the children; if we can finance them we will and we're always delighted to support anyone who has an idea and a plan (or even half a plan!) to fundraise. We recently ran a pre-loved book sale which was a huge success for all, and we're setting up a uniform exchange scheme – all thanks to ideas that came from parents
 - You can join the committee as a committee member and be part of the nuts and bolts of things, (less work than it sounds and often actually fun).
 - There is a **'Friends of the PA'** WhatsApp group for all the parents of children at the school. Through it we let parents know what's going on and put the call out when we need help and/or volunteers for different things. **If you are not yet on the group please send a message saying hi to Alison on 087 4671047 and she will add you**
 - There is also a lovely newsletter called the **Good News Report** for the children and parents run by Imelda Kennedy, where the children can share news, we share photos etc. from the events and other info from the PA and run competitions for the children. Past Good News Reports can be found on the school website

About the PA Committee

- The PA is represented by a small committee of parent volunteers which changes every few years
- The PA committee links in with the school, organises the fundraisers and activities with help from all the parents, manages the accounts and tries to keep everyone in the loop as to what's going on and what's needed
- The current committee is Anne (Vice Chair), John (Treasurer), Alison (Secretary), Nyasha (Vice Treasurer) and Gillian (Vice Secretary).

Some of our photos are below so you know who we are at the school gate. Please come say hi!

**All the best from the Committee,
Vinnie, Anne, John, Nyasha, Alison, Mary, Claire & Anne Marie**