



St. Pius X Parents' Association

WHAT A SUCCESS?

St Pius Schools' Cake Sale and Coffee Morning held on Friday 18th February was a resounding success!!! Not only did the event raise €2,400 in funds to be used for the benefit of both schools, but more importantly it created a great buzz in the school right throughout the day. Anyone who popped in to buy a cake, have a cup of coffee or just admire (in awe!) the cup cake competition entries will agree that there was a huge level of energy and excitement – it was a great way to celebrate the last day before mid term break!!!

A BIG THANK YOU!

The event would not have been such a great success without the help and support of the entire school community. On behalf of the Parents' Association we would like to thank everyone involved:-

- **The Children** – the children were the real stars of the day! Who knew there were budding Master Chefs (Bakers!) and Artists in our midst? It is impossible to capture in words the effort the children went to and the standard of baking! We had everything from 'a tribute to Van Gogh', 'Golden Roses', 'Ice Cream Cones', 'Three Blind Mice', 'Raspberry Swirls', 'St Pius Crests', 'Monsters & Spiders', 'Spaghetti and Meatballs' and many, many, many more (and you thought it was just a cup cake competition – there were over 200 works of art created!!) In addition, all of the children were brought over in their classes to the hall throughout the day - each and every class was so well behaved which helped the day run very smoothly despite the large numbers of customers!
- **The 6th Class Girls and their Teachers, Ms. French and Ms. Shanley** - a big thank you to all of the 6th class girls who helped out on the day – selling cakes and raffle tickets, manning the 'guess the number of jellies stall' and generally helping out in whatever way they could. The committee members were so impressed with all of the girls – they were so responsible and they all worked very hard. We would have no hesitation in providing them with a job reference! We would also like to thank Ms French and Ms Shanley who organised a rota of girls and ensured that every hour a new team of girls arrived for 'work' on time!
- **The Principals, Ms Duignan and Ms Fitzpatrick** – Ms Duignan and Ms Fitzpatrick were extremely supportive right from the very start – getting the classes and teachers involved, making the facilities of the schools available and presenting the competition winners with their prizes. Without the involvement of the Principals, Teachers, Secretaries and Caretaker of the schools it would not be possible to run an event like this, so thank you to both Principals for ensuring 100% support from both schools.
- **The School Secretaries, Natasha and Karen** – as usual Karen and Natasha helped the Parents' Association from start to finish with this project. The Parents' Association appreciate their assistance and support and their good humour despite our numerous requests and questions!
- **Peter Donnelly** – a big thank you to Peter for all his help on the day and afterwards.
- **The Teachers** – the day would not have been possible without the help and support of all of the teachers from both schools. They all entered into the spirit of the day and ensured it was a great success – reminding and encouraging the children before the day itself, bringing their classes over to the cake sale (and keeping things moving while there!), and we saw lots of teachers leaving with brown paper bags full of goodies! A special thank you to Ms Goddard who did not have the gym hall for PE all day Friday and who trusted us to look after the gym equipment.
- **The Parents** - thank you to all of the parents without whose support the cake sale would not have been possible: encouraging and helping your children with their baking (and maybe a little cleaning up afterwards!), donating baked goods and raffle items on the day itself, buying cakes and buns and staying around to have a cup of coffee or tea and a chat with other parents. A big thank you to everyone!
- **Team of Parent Volunteers** - we wish to thank the team of volunteer parents who gave so generously of their time to help out throughout Thursday (in preparation) and all day Friday from early morning until tea time! Many of you stayed later than your 'allotted time' when you saw how busy it was and there were many more parents who just 'stepped in' and helped out without having to be asked – particularly in the morning when you saw the volume of competition entries. Unfortunately there are too many of you to name individually and also keep this note to one page (but we hope you know who you are!) – the Parents' Association Committee we really appreciate your time and effort.
- **Boards of Management** - we would like to thank the Boards of Management from both the Boys and Girls schools for their support of the Parents' Association in organising the Cake Sale and their donations on the day.
- **Sponsors** - thank you to the following local businesses who made donations to the cake sale: KCR Shop; Dunnes Stores (Ashleaf SC); Supervalu (Templeogue); Tesco (Rathfarnham SC); Superquinn (Sundrive SC); O'Sullivan Schoolwear; and Artzone. The Parents' Association appreciates the support of local businesses.

CUP CAKE COMPETITION AND WINNERS

Looking back we should have opened the school at 6am to start accepting all of the entries for the cup cake competition! If the turnout this Friday on Election Day is half as good the election candidates will be very happy. The first entries arrived before 8.30 and by 8.35 there was a queue out the door ... we were surprised and delighted not only with the volume of entries but also with the quality, creativity and originality of the entries. The pictures on the website tell it all – the colour, the flair, the originality ... we could go on and on. The plan was to have four winners (Junior & Senior Masters and Queens) but because of the exceptionally high standard our judges were unable to whittle it down to just four!! In the end they selected twenty two winners (see below for winners) and it is fair to say they could have picked

another twenty two as the standard was so high! Congratulations to all of our winners and a big thank you to our judges who put considerable thought and effort into what was a very difficult task!

Junior Master Overall Winner

- Dan Coogan, (Ms Grennan – Senior Infants)

Junior Master Runners Up:

- David Pryce (Ms O'Donovan – Junior Infants); Odhran McKeon (Ms McLoughlin – Senior Infants); Morgan Rice (Mr O'Flatharta – 1st Class); Jamie Fay (Mr O'Neill – 2nd Class).

Junior Queen Overall Winner

- Ellen Reed (Ms Marron – 2nd Class)

Junior Master Runners Up:

- Libby O'Brien (Ms Kidney – Junior Infants); Leah Barry (Ms Fitzmaurice – Senior Infants); Sarah Devoy (Ms Hughes – 1st Class); Eve Gilmore (Ms Marron – 2nd Class)

Senior Master Overall Winner

- Eoghan Daly (Mr Dillon – 3rd Class)

Senior Master Runners Up:

- Ben O'Brien (Mr Dillion – 3rd Class); Philip Byrne (Ms Lally – 4th Class); Jake Hallows (Ms Purcell – 5th Class); Braiden Mescall (Ms Doyle – 6th Class)

Senior Queen Overall Winner

- Lucy Anderson (Ms French - 6th Class)

Senior Queen Runners Up:

- Lucy O'Brien (Ms Fitzgerald – 3rd Class); Abby Mills (Ms O'Brien – 3rd Class); Anne Moore (Ms Smith – 4th Class); Blanaid Saville (Ms Smith – 4th Class); Jenny Downing (Ms Nagle - 5th Class); Lydia McGee (Ms French – 6th Class).

GUESS THE NUMBER OF JELLIES

Congratulations to Luke Davis (Ms Corcoran – 1st Class) who guessed the correct number of Jellies (the answer was 477!). Luke is now the lucky owner of 477 jellies! Enjoy!

RAFFLE

The raffle was held at 3pm and unfortunately many of you had gone home at that stage. Some of the prizes have been delivered to the winners and we will endeavour to deliver the remainder over the coming days - either through the children in the school or by text where we have contact numbers. We have a small number of prizes for which we have no contact details – they are as follows:-

- Pink Ticket – 791 to 795
- Light Pink Ticket – 51 to 55 (AR6H 7F4K)
- Orange Ticket – 811 to 815

Please contact Siobhan at 087-052 1558 if you have any of the tickets listed above to arrange for collection of your prize.

TYING UP LOOSE ENDS ...

Many of you brought your cakes to school in plastic containers, lunch boxes, cardboard boxes, tins, plates etc. Tins and cardboard boxes were given to 'customers' buying cakes to bring them home. There a range of plastic containers, plates and lunch boxes left at the end of the hall for collection. Please collect your containers from the Hall 8.50 – 9.05 on Monday 28th Feb and Tuesday 1st March. If you bought a cake and brought it home in a non-disposal container / plate can you please text Siobhán at 087-0521558 with details (so we know it has been located) and then drop it back to the Hall on the Monday & Tuesday (see details above). Thank you for your co-operation in this.

WHAT NEXT - ST PIUS TABLE QUIZ?

In addition to the normal programme of events held by the Parents' Association over the coming months (e.g. Saturday / Thursday Classes Concert (Sat 2nd April), Holy Communion Day Party (Sat 21st May)), the Parents' Association will also be organising a **St Pius Table Quiz** before the end of the school year (adults only – date and location to be confirmed). If the standard of general knowledge amongst parents is anything like the standard of baking and cake decoration among your children it promises to be a good night!! So dust down those encyclopaedias and brush up on your general knowledge!!! It will be a good opportunity for the parents and teachers of the school to come together for a fun night out.

The Parents' Association Committee