



***Scoil Moibhi Parents Association
Milverton, Skerries, Co Dublin***

10th October 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another busy year at Scoil Moibhi. It's hard to believe half term is rapidly approaching and the dark evenings are drawing in.

With the much publicised cuts in Government School Funding, unfortunately Scoil Moibhi has not escaped and this year we have seen the loss of our Works Grant. This fund would normally be used for incidentals at the school such as loose roof slates, broken windows, resources, painting or general maintenance. With the loss of this substantial fund there is extra pressure on the Principal, Staff and Parents Association to fundraise in order to make up the money to keep the school in running order. As a parent you can help make a difference.

The Scoil Moibhi Parents Associations AGM was held recently and although the turnout was disappointing, we hope some of you will volunteer a few hours to help out in the year ahead. We rely on your continued support to raise valuable funds to assist Scoil Moibhi in its educational needs.

On this note we would like to draw your attention to an upcoming fund raising event! The Parents Association Table Quiz takes place on Saturday November 19th 2011 at 8.30pm sharp. The Hills Cricket Club is the venue with a raffle to be held on the night. There is a wonderful community spirit at this event every year and it is a great opportunity to meet other parents socially. Family and friends are most welcome to come along for a night out with a chance to exercise those brain cells! Please keep this date free to support your school. Donations for raffle prizes are greatly appreciated and can be left in the plastic box in Mr Tyndall's porch.

We have School Christmas cards on order again this year. They are priced at €5 per pack of 10, details will be sent out after half term. We are also introducing a school tea towel. Each child in Scoil Moibhi will be involved by drawing a self portrait which will feature on the tea towel. The tea towels will be €5 and would make ideal Christmas gifts for grandparents, godparents, aunties, uncles or simply as a memento for parents!

We are considering many other ideas for fundraising events in the New Year. Our ideas include wine tasting, a shoot, race night, coffee mornings, culture night or a cookery night. Obviously these are only ideas and it will not be possible to organise all of these events, however we welcome your thoughts or indeed your own ideas.

Perhaps you have an interest or talent for something you think could contribute to an event.

While it seems that all this is geared towards the parents, we have some ideas for the kids to fundraise for themselves during the year! These include a sponsored walk and a spelling bee.

We have a record number of students in the swimming classes this year and the Parents Association are thrilled that so many pupils have chosen to partake in the lessons. At this point we would like to extend a huge thank you to Christine O'Loughlin Daly for the tireless work she does to ensure that every child is safe and instructed correctly while in the pool. She is also responsible for the school website, **scoilmoibhi.ie** and does a wonderful job keeping us up to date on school events.

So far 67 students have taken up the Allianz Pupil Accident Insurance scheme. This is not a compulsory policy but if you wish to take it up please return your forms and fee to the box in Mr Tyndall's room.

Lastly a big thank you to all our committee members and to those who work behind the scenes. Our fundraising success is dependent on your goodwill. Donations made, time invested, cakes baked and cups of tea served - Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making a difference and to those who come along to support us. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and suggestions. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in any way, big or small. It will make a difference.

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