



Parent Teacher Association Newsletter September 2017

The PTA would like to welcome all the students and staff back after the Summer Holidays. We would especially like to welcome all new 1st year students and new parents to the school.

The PTA is very active in supporting students, their parents and the school during the academic year through school events and fundraising. Our page on the school website, in the “Parents” section, is updated regularly and we can be contacted by email at pta@dgs.ie.

The PTA AGM will be held on Wednesday 11th of October 2017 at 7.30pm



PTA Uniform Sale

On the final day of school the PTA ran its second hand uniform sale. This is a great way to recycle old uniform items, particularly blazers and coats. The PTA keeps 10% of sales.

Fundraising Table Quiz

Our Annual Family Table Quiz fundraiser was a great success. We raised €700 from our table charge and our exciting raffle. Over 70 parents and students attended the quiz and there was a very strong turnout and intense competition from the students. We hope to see you there next year!



Remembering Ms Meagher

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of our former Deputy Principal and Maths and History teacher, Valerie Meagher. She was a very actively involved with the PTA during her 34 years of service to DGS. She is sadly missed.



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PTA Prizes

English Creative Writing:
Irish Gaeltacht scholarships:

Art Department:
Student Council Talent Show Prize:



"A Question of Sport" Talk

An excellent panel discussion with 3 professional sportsmen: Liam Burns (Dundalk FC), Shane Lennon (Louth GAA) and Calum Black (Ulster Rugby) and facilitated by Mr Matt Dempsey President of the RDS. The take-home message was that involvement in sports and keeping physically healthy is hugely beneficial to students and helps them to achieve academically. Full report on the website.

Healthy Eating and Active Living in 2016 – Prof Donal O Shea

The PTA hosted a COMPASS (Co-operation of Minority Religions & Protestant Parent Associations) interactive talk in November for its schools around the country, followed by a very healthy lunch. Prof. Donal O'Shea (Consultant Endocrinologist in St Vincents / St Columcilles hospitals, Clinical Professor of Medicine in UCD) spoke about the obesity crisis in Ireland, particularly among teenagers, and gave sensible advice to counteract it. Slide show available on school website.



Social Media: Challenges for Parents. Dr Maureen Griffin – Forensic Psychologist

Dr. Griffin gave an excellent talk to parents on social media and internet safety. Parents were shocked and surprised at the lack of security in the cyber world our children inhabit and the dangers of social media. She spoke with students during the afternoon before the parents talk and found a lot of naiveté amongst students about posting photos and information about themselves. Information from this talk are available on her website www.mgmstraining.ie. We hope to have Dr. Griffin return to the school next year.

