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Fundraising for new school extension

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who have supported us financially with the building fund. Your support from the outset has made this project possible. The shortfall in funding for our extension, including library, initially amounted to €80,000. Thanks to the great response to the 6 week draw and the donations made to the library fund appeal, €38,000 has been raised so far. We hope to raise the balance of €42,000 this school year and thus we plan a number of fundraising events. At Parents Council meeting recently the following fundraising projects were agreed for this term.

“Run around the World” The first of our events this year is a sponsored run/walk. Throughout the next few months the pupils will “run around the world”. The distance we hope to cover is approximately 40,000 kilometres. The pupils will walk/run a kilometre on school grounds on a regular basis and as they do we will add up all the kilometres covered until we have travelled around the world. We will have a map on a noticeboard in the lobby to track our progress and will provide regular updates on our website. We will send home sponsorship cards this week with each pupil and we ask you over the next few weeks to try and raise as much as you can from friends, neighbours/ visitors. We ask you to return the sponsorship money by the **10th November**. That gives families a number of weeks to get sponsorship. To finish off our journey around the world we will have a run involving parents, families and friends to help us reach our total and to celebrate together the great achievement it is to cover such a distance together. This on-going event will have the added benefit of regular exercise for all our pupils and help in promoting the value of exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Christmas Card The 2nd fundraising event this year will be a Christmas Card promotion. Each pupil in the school will design his/her own individual Christmas Card, which will be printed and sent home to you as a free sample along with a personalised order form. If you wish then you can order a pack of this card which will arrive in time for you to send out at Christmas. You are under no obligation to buy packs and you may keep the sample card.

As our school motto says “Trí neasc ár Neart” (Through our bond our strength). We have over 800 families and if all families contribute as best they can, we can reach our target in a shorter time frame.

The new extension will transform our school and is a facility which will enhance the educational experience of our pupils over many years. Thanks especially to the members of the Parents Council for their enthusiasm and support.

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Philip Ward

PS Some parents who wished to pay the library fund donation by instalments were unable to do so due to a software glitch. This issue has been resolved. Contact the office if you wish to use this facility.