



Dominican College Sion Hill

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PTA NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We hope that 2023 has started off well for you all.

Just a reminder to you all that the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) supports the school and provides a forum for the views of the parents. If you have any queries or you want anything raised at the PTA meetings, please get in touch at pta@sionhillcollege.ie

Olivia McGowan, Chairperson



SCHOOL QUIZ.

There was a highly charged atmosphere recently when Sion Hill held its quiz night in the school. The students along with their families and friends went head-to-head against the teachers and the excitement in the hall was electric.

A final round of baby pictures undid many of the high scores when everyone had to guess the teacher, and the hall filled with shrieks of surprise and laughter.

As usual the PTA members were on hand to serve refreshments, including some delicious healthy snacks laid on by parent, Alicia Murphy

INTERNET SAFETY FOR TEENS AND PARENTS

The Government campaign on online safety is very useful for parents, teachers and students. Check out this link: gov.ie - Be Safe Online (www.gov.ie)

Webwise will be hosting 2 free webinars.

- Supporting Children Online - February 7th @ 8pm
- Supporting Teens Online - February 21st @ 8pm

Webwise, the Irish internet safety awareness centre, is delighted to host the Talk, Listen, Learn Online Safety Webinar for parents/guardians of teens. The webinar will explore the opportunities and risks for children online, offer practical advice to support parents, highlight key resources/supports and answer some frequently asked questions.

The TikTok Safety team will also provide a short explainer on how TikTok works and some key safety features.

[Register Now.](#)



FOOD VILLAGE

A little reminder to support the Food Village catering initiative as much as possible so that hot food can continue to be provided in the school.

So far it has proved quite successful with the girls. Students can download the app and pre-order their lunch which is then delivered to the school. In this way there is no food waste and prices are reasonable.

REMINDER TO USE VSware

The VSware platform should be used for all absence/late requests instead of the Unique School App. It should also be used for making payments.



VSware is used for monitoring attendance, viewing termly reports, making payments and some communications. It is our hope that this method will be simpler for parents & guardians.



CONTACTING HOME

Please remind your girls that if they feel unwell or need to contact home for any reason must do so via school reception only. This is for Health and Safety reasons and in line with the school's Code of Behaviour.

They should not send emails to their parents requesting permission to leave.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

The PTA hosted a reception in the school to greet the parents and guardians attending the Christmas concert.

The audience enjoyed a night of wonderful music and song performed by the school choirs. Pictured here are some of the PTA team who made the evening a resounding success. L to R: Cathriona, Cynthia, Petra, Dymrna, Olivia, Tara, Bharti, Alicia, Jen, Jennifer, and Cliona

