



# Johnstown Parents' Association

## Winter 2020 Newsletter

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### Season's Greetings!



#### Calendar

As we veer towards a new year, the Johnstown Parents' Association (JPA) are delighted to promote the sale of the much awaited 2021 annual calendar. Each year families purchase the calendar which takes pride of place in their homes. As you are finalising your Christmas gifts for family members please consider a gift of the school calendar this year. At only €10 it serves a dual purpose, providing us with a snapshot in time of the children and raising much needed funds for the schools. We do hope that the parents will continue to support this initiative and invest in a calendar for 2021. All monies raised go towards fun activities for our children so we hope we can count on you this year more than ever. To secure your order log onto Aladdin <https://www.aladdin.ie/signin> for the boy's school and DataBiz <https://www.databizsolutions.ie/login> for the girl's school.

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#### Backpack Appeal

The JPA received a note to thank all parents who participated in the recent backpack for the homeless from Áine Hayes (S.N.A.) at Johnstown Boys' National School. An astounding 185 backpacks were donated from families all of which will help the homeless in inner city Dublin. Well done everyone! A big thank you to Áine Hayes who coordinated this worthwhile appeal.



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### **Monster Christmas Raffle**

The Christmas Fair will be sadly missed by all this year. The schools have announced their Monster Christmas Raffle in its place on December 21st at 11am. It will be available on live stream. All donations and gift vouchers are very welcome. To donate prizes please email [office@johnstownngns.ie](mailto:office@johnstownngns.ie) or [johnstownbns@olgc.ie](mailto:johnstownbns@olgc.ie). One ticket is €5 and a book of 5 is €20. We are pleased to announce that the JPA have been in a position to support this year's raffle.

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### **Subscriptions**

At the commencement of each school year parents are asked to pay a subscription to the Johnstown Parents' Association. The JPA relies on the subscriptions to be able to plan for future events like guest speakers for parents on topics that concern children's wellbeing. With COVID19 at the forefront of our minds these talks are as important as ever and so to host events next year we are dependent on your subscriptions to finance these informative talks. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families who have paid their subscription through the online payment facility. For those who haven't paid their €10 subscription fee it can be paid on Aladdin <https://www.aladdin.ie/signin> for the boy's school and DataBiz <https://www.databizsolutions.ie/login> for the girl's school.

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### **JPA Christmas Gift**

As a thank you to both schools for the fantastic work that they do we are pleased to announce that we have secured a workshop for both schools in September 2021 with Fighting Words. Fighting Words is a creative writing centre established by Roddy Doyle and Seán Love. Fighting Words helps students of all ages to develop their writing skills and to explore their love of writing. Story-telling workshops are provided for primary school groups which are run by volunteers who are professional writers, novelists, screen-writers, journalists and poets. For more information log onto [www.fightingwords.ie/programs/primary-school-workshops](http://www.fightingwords.ie/programs/primary-school-workshops)

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### **Get Active**

The JPA's recent fundraising initiative to motivate us all to get active while fundraising for both schools was a huge success. The feedback from the event has been fantastic as families of both schools stepped up to the challenge to walk, run, cycle or swim to raise funds. A whopping **€2,836** was raised. Well done to all who participated and made it such a success.

