**Craft**

Well done to all the parents who have been taking part in knitting, craft and painting workshops. There has been a great turn out each week to attend classes. SMGS has a lot of crafty parents! If you are interested in attending any of the craft classes or you have any ideas on a craft class that could be run in the school please contact. Aisling Brady HSCL 0870575155

**Zumba**

Zumba has been running every Wednesday at 9am since October! We have lots of places each week so newcomers are always welcome! So if you want to get in shape before Christmas or you want to learn a new type of dance feel free to come along!

**Cooking Classes**

Many thanks to our volunteer parent Yvonne Moore who facilitated our cookery classes earlier this term. The parents learned how to cook lasagne, pizza, green curry and cookies! Well done to all who came along to the classes and there will be a chance to go again in the new year when they start up again!

**Parent Volunteers**

A huge thanks to all the parents who have been volunteering in the class rooms so far this term. We have had volunteers for Maths for Fun, Science for Fun and outdoor play! There will be lots more opportunities to volunteer in your child’s class as the year goes on. Contact Aisling Brady HSCL 0871575155 for more details.

**Parents Council**

**We are very lucky in SMGS to have such a hardworking and dedicated Parents Council who organise lots of events over the school year!**

The Parents’ Council AGM was held in early October and it was great to see some new faces at the meeting. Thank you to our new recruits.

The Parents’ Council put a huge effort into the Halloween Disco and dress up day which took place on Friday 28th October. It was a great success and all funds raised will go to the school. Thank you to all in the Parents’ Council for your hard work.

The Parents’ Council are busy getting ready for the school Christmas fair which will be held on Fri 9th of December!

If you would like to volunteer for this or any other event please contact Aisling Brady HSCL 0870575155

**Libraries**

A big thank you to our wonderful librarians who run the parent run libraries. They turn up each week to volunteer for their child’s class library and always with a smile on their faces! The children really enjoy changing their books each week. We are really lucky to have so many lovely fact and fiction books to choose from and even more lucky to have these dedicated parents to run them!   
**Library Time Table  
Mon Rm 3,3A, 4 and 5.Tues Rm 10, 12, 9 and 12. Thurs New room and Rm 8. Fri Rm 6 and Rm 7**Our parent run libraries run from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. If you are interested in volunteering for the libraries for next year please contact me.

**Outdoor play**

Every Friday (weather permitting) the children from Junior and Senior Infants get to go out for outdoor play. It is a great opportunity for them to get some extra exercise, fresh air and improve their gross motor skills! Thank you to all the parents who volunteer each week and also to the Parents’ Council who fund raised last year to help buy extra equipment for our outdoor play. We now have six balance bikes, tunnels, balance boards, and lots more. If you would like to volunteer for outdoor play please contact me.

**Active Club**

A big thank you to the parents who volunteer every Tuesday for the afterschool active club in Rm 4 and 5. The children are following the BE ACTIVE ASAP programme to help improve the amount of exercise they have each week. They really enjoy the different stations and it would not be possible to run the club without the help of our parent volunteers!