



24th January 2023

Dear Past-pupil,

A few days into 2023, with many of your New Year's resolutions already in tatters at your feet, can I suggest one resolution that will be much simpler than going to the gym 4 times a week – to become involved in the Ard Scoil Rís past-pupils union and to take part in a number of events we have planned during the next 12 months.

Firstly, can I thank all of you who came along to our first event at the school in September. We had no idea how many might come along on the night and were genuinely bowled over by the hundreds who took the tour of the school and spent the night reminiscing about great friends and good times in Dublin 9. ***Some dates for your diary:***

The Ard Scoil Rís **50th Anniversary Mass** will be held on Sunday March 26th at 3 p.m.

The Inaugural **Golf Outing & Gala Dinner** will be held in Clontarf Golf Club on Friday 28th April – the tee is reserved from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

€40 for golf or dinner only, €80 for golf & dinner. Spaces are strictly limited and reservations will be made on receipt of payment. Please contact ppu@ardscoilris.com for bookings. Please note that this event is NOT confined to those whose idea of fun is to wear Pringle jumpers and plus-fours – we look forward to seeing many non-golfing past-pupils, teachers and former teachers at the Gala Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

The **Past-Pupils Union AGM** will be held in the school at the end of May. Can I encourage you to come along and to bring an old school-friend – the success of the Union depends entirely on the commitment of all of us who have been through the gates of this small school on the corner of Griffith Avenue.

Other news

We have created social media accounts on Twitter and Instagram @ASR_PPU so people can stay in touch with news about PPU events, the school and our former students. Please use #ASRPPU if you want to share any news which you feel might be of interest to past-pupils

We want the union to make a real difference to the lives of pupils past and present and we hope to establish an initiative to support transition year students find work experience. So if you have an interesting workplace or know somebody who could offer a work placement, please get in touch.

The school are publishing a 50th anniversary commemorative booklet and are looking for old photographs, mementoes or to hear from those with memories of their time in ASR - please contact Hugh Carroll at 50thanniversary@ardscoilris.com. We are still building the database of former students, so if you are in touch with old class-mates at home or abroad, please ask them to register at: <https://ardscoilrisdublin.ie/calling-all-past-pupils/>

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Le gach dea-ghuí don athbhliain,

Pat Gilroy

President