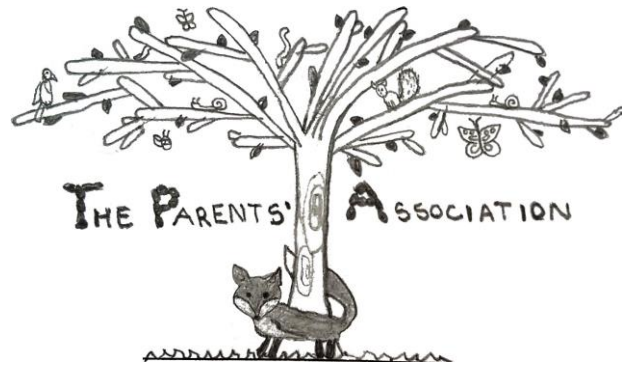


Belgrove Senior Girls' Parents' Association 2016/2017 Update



A huge thank you to the members of the Parents' Association Committee for all their hard work during the year which benefits all our daughters, and to all the parents who volunteered or supported PA events during the year.

Thank you also to Mrs. McCarthy, the teachers and staff for their input and support of PA activities.

It has been a very busy year and below you will find a brief overview of PA activities since September.

Activities and Events

- **Class Contact Lists**
The PA produces these very useful lists each year for all year groups. If you wish to be included please complete the form in September for new additions and updates. Please note that these must be filled separately for the senior school, your details will not be carried over from the junior school due to data protection issues.
- **2nd Class Parents' Coffee Morning**
The PA and Mrs. McCarthy hosted the 2nd class parents at a coffee morning in the school garden followed by a tour of the classrooms.
- **Logo Competition**
The winning girl's "Fox" logo has appeared on all PA correspondence through the year.
- **Ceilí Mór**
An energetic evening of music and dance in Clontarf Rugby club open to all the classes!
- **Table Quiz Day**
The 3rd/4th class and 5th/6th class quizzes were great fun and very competitive!
- **1st Holy Communion Reception**
The PA provided a reception for 2nd class girls and their families after the church. The photo booth proved a big hit with the girls again this year.
- **Accord Parents talk**
The PA funded an Accord parents talk to explain the relationship program delivered to 5th and 6th class girls. This talk is arranged for parents by-annually.
- **My Life Solutions**
The PA funded anti-bullying workshops which have been very well received by the girls.
- **Cycle Safety Workshops**
The PA subsidized the cycle safety workshops for 5th classes.
- **Marine Talk**
The PA funded a talk about marine life for each of the 3th classes.
- **2nd Hand Uniform Sale**
Each June, the PA sell 2nd hand uniforms and donate the proceeds to charity.
- **The last remaining activity for June is the 6th class graduation reception.** The PA will provide the families of the girls with a tea/coffee reception after the graduation ceremony.

Fun Days

- 2nd class fun day in June
An energetic afternoon of sports and dance for our youngest girls. A big thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this a highlight of 2nd class.
- 6th class fun day in June



A full day packed with fun and informative activities for the 6th classes including nutritional information, sports, yoga, cupcake decoration and more. A big “Thank You” to Nolan’s Supermarket for their generosity in sponsoring this event and to all the volunteers and workshop providers for making this a memorable day for the girls.

Gardening

A lot of work was done on the garden this year under the watchful eye of Orla Brady. A number of clean ups took place, thank you to all who helped out on these days. Planting took place for the 1st Holy Communion flower pots which are a lovely keepsake for the girls.

IT and maintenance

The PA this year made a large contribution to the school to part fund IT expenses and the refurbishment of the cloakroom areas. IT expenses are underfunded and in order to ensure the girls have access up-to-date, secure, equipment it is necessary for the parent body to continue to help finance this. The cloakroom areas were long overdue a refurbishment, they were cluttered and in need of repair. New fitted furniture has opened the spaces and enhanced their usability.

Fund Raising

The fundraisers which enable us to provide these great events, activities and resources are themselves fun activities!

In October, we hosted our annual Hallowe’ en Fancy Dress sponsored walk. The girls really enjoyed the day in costume and they are an amazing sight when they all head out for the walk around Clontarf! Many parents also join in on the day supporting the girls by walking and dressing up.

Our cake sale is always a great social event and the “Pop-up” coffee shop was open all day in the school hall. The baked goods on offer were fabulous and a great day was had by both girls and parents alike.

Our 5th and 6th class girls and parents did a fantastic weekend of bag packing in Supervalu. Many thanks to Supervalu, the girls and the parents who helped out on the day.



As you can see the Parents’ Association is involved in a number of activities for the benefit of the girls and the school. Without your assistance we could not hold these events or provide much needed fund raising for the school - but we could need more help. We hold our PA meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the staff room and it only takes an hour! All are welcome to the meetings, or if you can help out at a specific event, we would appreciate any time you can give.

If you have any queries on any of the activities of the Parents’ Association or if you are interested in helping out you can email pa@belgroveseniorgirls.ie

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