



Maryfield College Parents Association Newsletter 2012

Chairpersons Address

Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. The annual donation enables the Parents Association to support and subsidise a number of worthy projects.

This year, the Parents Association broke with tradition and decided to dedicate our energy and resources to two specific projects. The first ran with co-operation from the Principal, Maree O'Rourke & the Teaching staff. This was what has now become the annual **Maryfield Spring Clean Up Day**. This took place on Saturday 21st April and proved to be a wonderful success. We had a great turn out from both parents and students alike. Some of the areas that received "a makeover" included the bicycle shed, which is now painted 'The Maryfield Blue', the exterior of the Sports Hall & back of the school also received a lick of paint and look fantastic. The rockery was weeded and replanted with both bedding & perennial shrubs. The student gate was repainted & a general tidy up of the grounds was also achieved on the day. (For detailed report & photos please go to the Parents Association link on the school website). The Committee would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone involved, especially to Siobhan Conroy & the sub-committee, Charlie Treacy, C&T, Fiona Moore & Paddy Bennett, Dublin City Council, GRAT- RYAN Painters & Decorators Ltd, the anonymous donors, Sr. Áine and the Board of Management for their support.

Our second project was providing financial assistance to the Green Schools/TY students in their efforts to transform one of the **Courtyard's** into a space for the students to relax and spend some downtime. New garden furniture, paving stones and plants were purchased with the help of the Parents Association. It is hoped that each year's group of TY students will be able to add their horticultural & inspirational skills to this amenity.

The Parents Committee, Who are we?

The Parents Committee, which is made up of parents from each year, meet on the first Tuesday of each month during school term in the school music room. The committee is made up of a Chairperson (Maria Rigney), Secretary (Susan Keegan) and Treasurer (Sharon O'Hara). Two parent Reps (Mary Ryan & David Clarke) attend Board of Management meetings, while the school is represented by Maree O'Rourke, School Principal and Elaine Flynn, teaching staff. Discussions at these meetings cover many topics and items and we try to get a consensus on ways to help to improve the general school environment, administration and related matters.

Please feel free to come along to any of these meetings as they help to give an insight into the workings of the school. If you wish to contact us you can do so by contacting the Chairperson/Secretary through our email account at parents@maryfieldcollege.ie

Events Held in the last year involving the Parents Association

AGM

The annual general meeting of the Association was held on 13th October 2011. The invited guest speaker was Sheila O'Malley. Sheila runs Practical Parenting, one of Ireland's leading Parenting spokespersons. Sheila gave a very entertaining & informative talk on family wellbeing. The AGM was well attended by parents and guardians.

1st Year Parents – Annual Cheese & Wine/Musical Evening

Thanks to the members of the Parents Committee who helped organise the cheese and wine evening for parents of 1st year students. This annual event gives 1st year parents an opportunity to get to know each other and to meet some of the teaching staff in an informal setting. This is always an enjoyable evening for all concerned.

Hope you and your family have a fantastic summer.

Kind regards,

Maria Rigney
Chairperson