# Maryfield Spring Clean Saturday April 18th 2015

We awoke on Saturday 18th April to a mild and sunny day. ..perfect conditions for the fifth annual Spring Clean to be held by the Maryfield Parent’s Association in conjunction with the National Spring Clean initiative and An Taisce,

Approximately 85 people participated in the event this year, students, parents, teachers, members of the Board of Management and ancillary staff. It was uplifting to see so many of the students themselves (over 50!) give an hour and more for Maryfield to enhance their school and grounds.

Refreshments were provided by our dedicated catering crew throughout the day. The Burco was on the boil for the day and the now famous homemade burgers and hot-dogs provided the hungry workforce with welcome sustenance! Thank you Charlie Treacy of C&T for sponsoring the refreshments once again this year.

Below is a list of what was achieved on the day:

**GARDENING**

* Hedge pruning and clearing
* Pruning, clearing and mulching of the rockeries in front of the school
* Weeding and planting in the flower bays at the front of the school
* Edging of pathways and weed removal
* Top-dressing of bay trees and olive trees at the school entrances
* Pruning and clearing of the shrubberies at the front of the school and at the gym
* Pruning and securing of the pyracantha plants to the railings.
* Replacement of 4 hebes in Boiler Courtyard and weeding and top-dressing of containers.
* Enhancement of 6th year courtyard. New flower bed, planting of 3 new planters

**PAINTING**

* The windows and doors along the south side of the gym. (front)
* The doors and railings in the canteen courtyard
* The doors of the caretakers’ shed
* The drilling of the pond in the canteen courtyard
* The railings up to the main entrance, at the bicycle shed and at the end of the school
* The picnic tables including 2 new ones purchased by the Parents’ Association
* The outside of the student gate

**CLEARING AND CLEANING**

* Clearing of the area behind the railings and the wild area
* Power hosing of the main entrance.
* Power hosing of the entrance gate courtesy of “Sion Hill Park” development.

**THANK YOUS!**

* **Sincere** thanks to all the volunteers who turned up on the day and worked so hard to make this year’s Spring Clean such a success. It was great to meet so many “new” volunteers and of course those who have helped out each year since we began in 2011.
* To the Spring Clean Sub-committee for making it happen.
* To the Parents’ Association for their work and for funding the purchase of paint, plants, picnic tables, strimmer, brushcutter, wheelbarrow, gardening equipment, food etc.
* To the Principal, Maree O’ Rourke and the Board of Management of Maryfield College for their support.
* To Catherine Brophy and, Dublin City Council for providing us with brushes, bags, pickers, gloves etc. and for the collection of the rubbish.
* To An Taisce and the National Spring Clean initiative for their advice and Clean –Up kit
* To Charlie Treacy, C & T Philipsburgh Ave. for his generosity in providing refreshments for the day.
* To Woodies, Coolock for giving us discount on plants and materials.
* To John and Brian, Caretakers.

 Maryfield is a wonderful school. It is a privilege to lend support in this way. Do join us next year!

*Siobhán Conroy*

*Maryfield College Parents’ Association*