

# Belgrove Senior Boys Parents Association – April Update 2011

**Congratulations to the schools teams who have achieved great things in GAA, Swimming and the Credit Union Quiz. It is great to see the trophy cabinets fill up. Thanks to the teachers and parents who make it possible for the boys to take part in so many competitions.**

The Parents Association is made up of Parents / Guardians of the boys in the school and is run on a voluntary basis. The association aims to work in conjunction with the school to represent the views and interests of the parents and children. The association has two representatives on the Board of Management and is in regular contact with the school principal in relation to these activities

There are currently 14 members on the committee. There are also a great group of volunteers who help with all activities but do not want to sit on the committee itself. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.30pm and new members are always welcome

## How Do the PA help the School

Just to mention a few of the many activities our Parents' Association have been involved with during the past year.

- Counting the monies raised during the sponsored walk
- The Book Fair
- The School Credit Union
- The Chess Club
- The 6 Class Graduation
- The Parents Association Newsletter
- Second hand Book Sale
- Second Life Jumper Sale
- Healthy Living Week
- Pizza Cookery Lessons for 6 Class Boys
- The Wicklow Mountain Walk
- Welcome visit for incoming 3 class boys.

## The Chess Club

The Chess Club started back on Tuesday the 5 October and was running really well and is popular with the boys. Unfortunately, due to the building works, it has had to be put on hold for the duration of the works but will be back in full flight thereafter. Thanks to Jennifer Campbell and her team of volunteers who run this activity

## The Credit Union

All boys are invited to join the school credit union. Application forms are available from the PA every Friday morning in the school library where volunteer parents collect from our diligent savers. We have had a great year so far with over 200 savers. The Christmas raffle went really well with two boys, one each from room 11 and 12 winning vouchers to the value of 200 each. We had 12 runner up prizes (one in each class) of a selection box.

Our Easter reward scheme take place on 15 April when we will raffle off one Easter egg per class. Also each saver during week ending the 8 April will receive a Cadburys cream egg.

Congratulations to the credit union quiz teams who won first and second place in the local inter schools quiz challenge run by CUDA (Credit Union Development Association). First prize was 100 euro each and second 50 euro each. One of our team then went on to win the National event held in Kildare with each team member winning another 100 euro each. Thanks to Mr Byrne and Mr Hartnett for accompanying the boys and supporting their quest.

**– So get saving! New members always welcome. Just ask for a form**

## Up and coming Events

**Talk for the Parents: Selecting a Secondary School for your child and Preparing them for the Move. To be held on the 24 May at 8pm. (More info to follow)**

- **Healthy Living Week – 9 – 13 May**(can any boys with food allergies be especially careful at events during this week)
- **Graduation Mass for 6 Class Boys - 29 June**
- **Second Life book Sale/Jumper Sale - June**
- **Pizza Hut cook Off for 6 classes - 20/22/23 June**
- **2 Classes visit the Senior School in preparation for the move in September**

**Parents' Show and Tell:**

Parents, do you have a particular skill or hobby which might be of interest to the boys? If so, Frankie Byrne would be delighted to welcome you to the school to share that knowledge with the children. If interested – please contact any member of the Parents Association.

The 3 classes had a very successful visit from Monster Animation on the 4 March where they were able to see how to make an animated movie. Thanks to Vincent Weldon for organising this and to Gerard O'Rourke of Monster for giving the boys such a great talk and the gift of the DVD of Ballybradden.

**The Book Fair:**

Held during November the book fair was a great success Organised by Mr Hartnett, the parents association assisted by supplying volunteers to support the viewing sessions and the sale of books. The Parents Association also organise the orders and delivery to the boys. Thank you to Mary Collum and her team of volunteers for this. The boys now have many new class library books to the value of 2,500 euro.

**Internet Safety :**

The use of the internet is an everyday occurrence either through home computers, gaming boxes, smart phones or other wi- fi enabled devices such as iTouch and Nintendo DS's. Parents are advised to supervise children's internet use to ensure that it is age appropriate. Positive advice on safe internet use can be obtained from <http://www.microsoft.com/security/> specifically the section on Family safety

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