



Welcome to the



## **Oranmore Primary**

**School's**

**Parents**

### **Association**

We are a group of parents, who meet once a month along with the principals of both the girl's and the boy's schools. Our purpose is to provide a structure in which the parents can work together with the teachers, the management and of course, the children themselves, to provide the best possible education for all our children.

#### **Our Committee for 2009/2010**

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| Chairperson:             | Evelyn Cummins                     |
| Vice Chairperson:        | Noreena O' Brien                   |
| Secretaries:             | Niamh McInerney<br>Dawn McGoldrick |
| Treasurers:              | Maggie Gallagher<br>Alma Shaw      |
| Liaison to Girl' School: | Fidelma Loughran                   |
| Liaison to Boy's School: | Derville Smyth                     |

## **WALK ON WEDNESDAY**

Now that Spring has finally Sprung we would once again encourage you to walk with your child to school each Wednesday. This campaign proved very successful last year and everyone who took part enjoyed it. We are re-launching this on **WEDNESDAY 21st April**. A chart system will operate in each classroom and those children who walk or cycle to school on Wednesdays will be presented with a cert at the end of the school year.

The Parents Association will NOT be operating a “walking bus” scheme and would advise that children need to be accompanied by their parent or a designated adult each Wednesday. We would encourage parents to organise amongst themselves and their neighbours to take turns in escorting small groups of children on this walk from their estates where practical. So get your feet in gear and join in each Wednesday.

## **TABLE QUIZ**

We are in the process of organizing our annual table quiz which will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> May for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> class and 20<sup>th</sup> May for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Start time is 8pm each night.

This is always a very popular and well supported event. A raffle will be held during the quiz, tickets are €1. There will be plenty of spot prizes available. We look forward to seeing your child there. Anyone

who can help out on either night should email their details to [ndrinn@eircom.net](mailto:ndrinn@eircom.net) . More details will follow nearer the time.

## **SUPPORTING THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION/SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD**

The majority of committee members on the Parents Association have children who will leave the schools over the next two years. Unless new members join the association it is likely that there will not be enough members to continue. In line with NPC guidelines we propose, therefore, to look for 2 nominations from each class year to join the team from next September. Your commitment would be to attend the 10 meetings held throughout the school year. By having 2 class reps you can operate a “buddy” system whereby if one person cannot attend the other makes sure to go in their place. We would especially encourage parents who are new to the area and/or country to put their name forward so that we can ensure that the Parents Association is a true reflection of the school population.

If you feel you would be interested in putting your name forward or wish to discuss this future please email us at [ndrinn@eircom.net](mailto:ndrinn@eircom.net). You are also welcome to attend our next meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> to learn more about how the committee works.

**Our Next Parent's Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of May, at 8.30pm, upstairs to the library in Oranmore. All welcome.**

*Parents – this is your association and the success of this association is having you help us help the children. Please contact our secretaries: Dawn: [mcagoldrickdawn@yahoo.com](mailto:mcagoldrickdawn@yahoo.com) or Niamh: [ndrinn@eircom.net](mailto:ndrinn@eircom.net) if you are willing to volunteer in the running of the association or get involved in some of our annual events. If you feel you cannot commit to attending the monthly meetings then please consider volunteering to help out in some of the annual events i.e. quiz nights, Santa visits, fundraising, printing and issuing of newsletters and other correspondence. We hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.30pm upstairs to the side of the Library in Oranmore.*

**Thank you, for visiting our page. Please check regularly for updates on our monthly events, news and agendas for our meetings.**

