



Parents Association Newsletter

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Ask not what your school can do for you—instead ask what **you** can do for your school!

Welcome to our 1st Newsletter!

My name is Dermot Daly and I am currently the Chairperson of the Parents Association. On behalf of the Parents Association (PA) I would like to introduce our 1st Newsletter.

We are a small group of parents who have daughters/sons in Presentation Community College and have come together in order to promote the school, help the school with fund-raising and policy issues and also to act as ambassadors for the school.

Something you may not know about a Parents Association is this: **you are a member of the PA automatically because your sons/daughters are students in the school.** This means that you can come to any meeting and have an input in the activities that are up for discussion.

We meet once every month or 5 weeks, usually for an hour. We discuss plans for fund-raising and future ways to help the school.

There is a page on the www.presentationcollege.ie website with more information and text messages will be sent out every now and then to alert people to upcoming meetings or events. We are looking for parents to get involved by joining us for meetings. All you need to play a part is enthusiasm and a willingness to help the school.

Between now and June....What's coming up!

We are hoping you will come along to **The Terenure Inn on Thursday February 28th to support the school by taking part in a fun Table Quiz—€10 per person or if you have a team of 4 it's €40..**

The next "event" after that will be another Clothes Collection. You can drop in old clothes any time between now and June for the collection.



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Important Dates

- Parents Association Pub Quiz
Feb 28th 2019
- Voluntary Contribution of €10
August 2019
- Old clothes donations
May 2019
- Parents Association Monthly Draw €5 per month
Starting October 2019

Some activities the Parents Association has run so far...

- Old Clothes Collections have raised money for the school over the last 2 years.
- The Parents Association raised money which went towards Green Schools Bins to make it easier for the school to separate rubbish and achieve Green School Flag.
- We sponsor an Award for Student of the Year at the 6th Year Graduation.
- We have helped the school regarding new policies by giving our opinion.



1 Liffey Class Friendship Day



Our first boys Gaelic Football Team

The Big Picture!!

Presentation Community College is a non-fee paying school. This means that it is solely relying on Government funding in order to pay for all bills, events, activities, upgrades to buildings and so on.

What we are trying to do is to run certain events through the year which will help raise funds for very specific targets.

Our current target is to raise €10,000 over the next 18 months which will help the school to purchase a set of mobile IT Devices (laptops probably). The devices would be able to be moved from one class to another when needed by different teachers.

Due to the new Junior Cycle students face an increasing need to research topics on the Internet and this in turn places pressure on demand for the IT room. We can help ease that pressure.

'We' includes You too!



TYs working on Green Schools

How can you help your daughter/son?

- Support the Fun Table Quiz by coming along on **February 28th** to **The Terenure Inn at 8pm**. If you have a team of 4 great but if you don't then come along anyway and we'll find you a team! If you cannot attend maybe you could send in a spot prize/donation/money for a raffle ticket???
- Clothes collection—Save old clothes over the next few months and we will do another collection in **May!**
- In **September** we are asking for €10 voluntary contribution from families towards the Parents Association Fund Raising Target.
- In **September** we are asking you to sign up to a €5 monthly direct debit which enters you into a monthly draw to win cash.

Contacting Us and Keeping up with news!

Website: Look at the Parents Association Page on the school website www.presentationcollege.ie

Newsletter: We will produce another Newsletter before the Summer Holidays to update you further on activities.

eMail: Contact us on pa@presentationcollege.ie if you have any queries.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday March 11th 6.30-7.30pm. You will receive a text reminder from the school.