



Prep School News

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New Parents' Council

A meeting of Preparatory School parents was held on Tuesday 8 September at 7.00pm in the Lunch Room. About 70 parents were present. Dr Larry Jordan addressed the meeting. He informed the parents of the establishment of the Edmund Rice Schools' Trust (ERST) as the replacement trustee body for the Christian Brothers. He went on to inform those present of the necessity to set up a separate board of management for the Preparatory School. He said that the present board would be the last to be in charge of both the Secondary and Preparatory School.



The members of the new Parents' Council are pictured above, from left to right: Mr Richard Keily, Mr Joe Joyce (Treasurer), Mrs Vicki Casey, Mrs Johanna Radley (Hon. Sec.), Ms Anne McCarthy, Mrs Denise Healy, Mrs Petronella Love (Chairperson) and Mr Declan Barry.

Dr Jordan introduced Mr Tony McCarthy, former Deputy Principal of the Secondary School, who has been appointed as Preparatory School Administrator.

Mr McCarthy explained his role as managing the changes necessary to make the Preparatory school an independent, self-sufficient and thriving school.

In the short term, he said, he would like to improve communications with parents. He said that the formation of the Parents' Council would be very important in this respect. News-

letters, texting and e-mailing of parents, an electronic noticeboard and the setting up of a new website were other measures to be introduced in the current school year, he said.

The formation of a Preparatory School Parents' Council followed. Eight parents were chosen by those present at the meeting; one parent representing each class in the

school. The Parents' Council is pictured above.

After a short question and answer session, the meeting came to an end. The Council met for a short time afterwards and decided that the first meeting would take place on Tuesday 22 September in the Lunch Room at 7.30pm and that officers would be elected at that meeting.

Swine Flu

Absentee levels throughout the Preparatory School have remained at a very low level since the return to school at the end of August. Up to this point, swine flu does not seem to be having any impact on the health

of the pupils or teachers, but the school will continue to monitor the situation and to follow the DES guidelines.

The recommendation is that a pupil who suffers from a high temperature and exhibits two other common flu symptoms, should remain at home for one week.

In general, any pupil who is not well should not be sent to

school. In the interests of health and safety, pupils who are ill will be sent home as soon as their parents can be contacted to collect them.



Preparatory School Calendar 2009/10

The following tables of information give the daily, weekly and yearly routines of the Preparatory School. The Halloween and Spring mid-term breaks, and also the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays begin with an early closing day, that is, the school finishes as on Wednesdays. No other holidays or early closing days are anticipated. Should they occur, due to circumstances beyond our control, advance warning will be given to parents.

Pupils are expected to be present and on time for school every day. A roll is taken before 10am each morning and absences and lates are recorded on our database. In the case of an absence, please inform the teacher on your son's return, either by note or personally, of the reason for his absence. The Department of Education and Science requires that reasons for absence be recorded.

TEXTING

Texting will be introduced after the Halloween Mid-Term to remind parents of upcoming events and, if necessary, to inform parents of unexpected changes in school routine. To facilitate texting, parents should write the mobile phone number to which the texts should be sent on the form that accompanies this newsletter. Please fill up the rest of the form as well to allow for the updating in our database of essential contact information.

UNIFORM

Full school uniform must be worn every day, including days on which PE and Games are scheduled. Please pay particular attention to footwear. Runners are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted outside of the Gym. School tracksuit must be worn for sports. Soccer and other tops are not permitted.

LOST PROPERTY

Every effort will be made to locate lost property. If items of clothing are lost the matter should be reported to the teacher. Found items of clothing should be handed to the teacher. These items, and clothing found by the Caretaker in Lansdowne and about the school will be placed on a clothes rack. Pupils will be given the opportunity to search the rack for their missing items.

NOTES

Standardised Testing takes place in Autumn for First to Sixth Class; the Middle Infants Screening Test (MIST) takes place in Spring. **Staff Meeting & Parent Teacher Meeting:** The Secondary College will open on Thurs-

School Holidays 2009/10

Halloween Mid-Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 23 October Monday 2 November
Church Holiday	School closed	Monday 7 December
School Holiday	School closed	Tuesday 8 December
Christmas Holidays	School closes School re-opens	Tuesday 22 December Friday 8 January
Spring Mid-Term	School closes School re-opens	Friday 12 February Monday 22 February
St Patrick's Day	School closed	Wednesday 17 March
Easter Holidays	School closes School re-opens	Friday 26 March Monday 12 April
May Weekend	School closes School re-opens	Thursday 29 April Wednesday 5 May
Staff In-service Day	School closed	Friday 28 May
Summer Holidays	School closes	Friday 4 June

School Events 2009/10

Open Evening (Secondary)	Tuesday 6 October 2009
Standardised Testing	Week beginning 9 November 2009
Christmas Concert	Thursday 3 December 2009
Nativity Play (Junior Classes)	Friday 18 December 2009
Staff Meeting	Thursday 7 January 2010
Parent-Teacher Meeting	Thursday 7 January 2010
Bath Tour: Sixth Class	Friday 16-Sunday 18 April 2010
Confirmation	Thursday 22 April 2010
Assessment Test (6th Class)	Saturday 24 April 2010
First Holy Communion	Saturday 8 May 2010
Staff In-service Day	Friday 28 May 2010

day 7 January after the Christmas holidays; the Preparatory School will not open until Friday 8 January. A Staff Meeting will be held on the morning of 7 January from 9.00am to 11.00am and a Parent Teacher Meeting will be held from 11.15 to 3.00pm. **The Assessment Test** for Sixth Class pupils going to CBC Secondary College has no bearing on the class the pupil will join in September 2010. Grading and banding have been discontinued in the Secondary College, so all classes are academically of equal merit.

Preparatory School Day

8.00am	School Opens
8.40am	Assembly for all Classes in Lunch Room
8.50am	Teachers Lead Pupils to Class
10.30-10.45am	Break: Junior and Senior Infants, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Classes
10.45-11.00am	Break: 4th, 5th and 6th Class
12.30pm	Junior Infants Finish
	(Senior Infants as above up to November mid-term)
2.00pm	Senior Infants Finish (12.30pm on Wednesday)
1.00-1.30pm	Lunch Break for All Classes
3.00pm	Classes 1st to 6th Finish (1.00pm on Wednesday)
3.00-4.00pm	Pupils may stay in Lunch Room under Supervision
4.00-5.30pm	School building normally open but there is no supervision
5.30pm	School building is closed

Science

CBC is recognised for its achievements in Science and Maths. Over the past few years, pupils of the Secondary College have achieved spectacular results in the sciences, including first place in Ireland in the Leaving Cert in Physics, Chemistry Maths and Applied Maths.

Fifth and Sixth Class in the Preparatory School will get a very good introduction to laboratory science in this school year as they have been scheduled for a class per week in the Chemistry Lab.

Activities Timetable

	Computers	Games	Science	PE	Sp. & Drama
J. Infants	Tuesday 9.15-10.15			Monday 8.40-9.20	Friday 11.11.30
S. Infants	Tuesday 9.15-10.15			Monday 8.40-9.20	Friday 11.30-12.00
1st Class	Thursday 9.00-9.30			Monday 9.20-10.15	Friday 12.00-12.30
2nd Class	Wednesday 9.00-10.00			Monday 9.30-10.15	Friday 9.15-9.45
3rd Class	Tuesday 2.00-2.30	Friday 11.30-12-30		Monday 1.30-2.00	Friday 12.30-1.00
4th Class	Monday 9.00-10-00	Friday 11.30-12-30		Tuesday 1.30-2.00	Friday 10.15-10.45
5th Class	Wednesday 9.30.10.15	Friday 11.30-12-30	Monday 10.15-11.00	Thursday 1.30-2.00	Friday 9.45-10.15
6th Class	Thursday 2.00-3.00	Monday 2.00-3.00	Thursday 11.00-12.00	Tuesday 9.30-10.15	Friday 8.45-9.15

PE

Preparatory School PE classes are held in the Gym or on the All Weather Pitch (weather permitting!). PE facilities are shared with the Secondary College and the Preparatory School has a sufficient number of slots to give each class one period of PE per week.

Speech & Drama

Speech and Drama is scheduled for Friday. However, in keeping with the ethos of the school, on the First Friday of each month, Mass is celebrated in the Preparatory School and Speech and Drama is transferred to Wednesday for that week, as follows:

- Jnr & Snr Infants:** 9-9.30am
- First Class:** 9.35-10.00am
- Second Class:** 10-10.30am
- Third Class:** 10.45-11.15am
- Fourth Class:** 11.15-11-45
- Fifth Class:** 11-45.12.15
- Sixth Class:** 12.15-12.45pm

Computers

The College's fully equipped Computer Room is available to all Preparatory School classes. This year, most classes will be taken to the Computer Room once a week. The most junior classes will be introduced to computers on a more gradual basis, going to the Computer Room on a monthly or fortnightly basis.

Games

CBC's Sports Grounds are available to the Preparatory School pupils for competitive matches, and after school training. Lansdowne, with its three pitches and dressing rooms is within five minutes walk of the school. Classes, from 3rd to 6th (occasionally 2nd) will have a games class in Lansdowne, weather permitting, every week.

Dara Returns to CBC

Lord Mayor Councillor Dara Murphy visited CBC in mid-September, following a Cork tradition which stretches back for the best part of a century. This was a very special occasion for both the school and the Lord Mayor as Dara is a past pupil of CBC. Four other past pupils have served as Cork's first citizen, a fact to which Principal Dr Larry Jordan referred in his speech of welcome. Dara recalled presenting a bouquet of flowers to the Lady Mayoress, as vice-captain of the school when he was in Sixth year. Vice-captain Shane Brown did the honours this time.



Pictured above: Almost one thousand boys packed into the CBC Secondary School Hall to greet Lord Mayor Dara Murphy. The Preparatory School pupils had a front row view.

Parents' Council Contact Details

- Ms Anne McCarthy (6th Class): 086 8279399
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- Mr Declan Barry (4th Class): 086 2459604
- Mrs Johanna Radley (3rd Class): 0862626026
- Mr Richard Keily (2nd Class): 086 8330357
- Mrs Vicki Casey (1st Class): 087 6492873
- Mr Joe Joyce (Sn Infants): 085 6814925
- Mrs Denise Healy (Jn Infants): 086 3895277

Pictured right: Lord Mayor Dara Murphy, with nephews Conor and Daniel Fitzpatrick and Lady Mayoress Tanya Murphy on the occasion of their visit to CBC.



Encourage your Child to Read at Home

- Encourage your child to read to you.
- Praise your child for trying hard at their reading. It's all right to make mistakes.
- Let your child make a guess before you tell them the word.
- Encourage your child to read with expression. This will help them read more fluently.
- Encourage your child to read to other members of the family, grandparents, brothers and sisters. Older children can read to younger siblings.
- Help your child to read the words around them: on food packets, on buses, in newspapers, in recipes etc.
- Visit your library to avail of the wide variety of books and CD's. The librarian will provide advice on age appropriate books.
- Make time to read - after school or before bedtime.
- It's easier for your child to concentrate if there are no distractions such as T.V.
- Encourage independent reading in older children but remember they will still love a bedtime story.



NEW PUPILS

Parents of prospective new pupils are welcome to call to the school at any time. They may also come along to the Open Morning on Tuesday 10 November 2009 and the Open Evening on Tuesday 9 March 2010.

Early Start for Prep School

The new Junior Infants arrived for their first day in CBC on the morning of Thursday 27 August, probably the earliest start for more than ten years. The teachers came in for a staff meeting on the same day, while the rest of the Preparatory School pupils started on Friday 28 August

Pictured, at the first Staff Meeting of the year, from left to right: Mr Dennis Lenihan, Mrs Kathleen O'Shea, Mrs Denise Lowry, Mrs Susan Egan, Mrs Jane Scannell, Mr Steven Lynch, Mrs Anne Long, Ms Sharon McAdoo, Mrs Sheila Curley



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