



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**

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

**Table Quiz 2010**

- Our annual **Table Quiz** took place over the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of May, approx 180 children participated over the two nights. The winners were as follows.

From the 18<sup>th</sup> May (children 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Roisin Croke, Amy O'Neill, Aisling Boyle & Elizabeth Umbrasko
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Maeve Cannon, Caoimhe O'Donoghue, Sarah McDermott, Roisin Finn
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cillian Doyle, Sean Delany, Oisin Smith & Stephen O'Connor

From the 20<sup>th</sup> May (children 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>)

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Damien Lafferty, Eamonn Whelan, John Flaherty & David Lydon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Alan Greene, Brian Moynihan, Cathal O'Brien & John Lenehan
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place : Michael Kennelly, Mike Lafferty, David Dowling & David Martin

Congratulations to the winning teams and well done to all who took part. A special thanks to our MC for the Thursday night Chris Talbot and to the principals who attended and helped supervise. Thanks also to the Bank of Ireland who provided some promotional gifts which we used as part of the quiz prizes.

## Recycle Month

This month we will hold a **Recycle Month** in the schools. Parents are asked to donate school books no longer needed, uniforms, musical instruments and sports equipment. The boxes are in the schools and we thank you in advance for any contribution.

## Our Work This Year

Over the last year the committee has continued to work with the schools to provide the best education for our children. Some of the issues / activities we supported were 1) Annual AGM in October, a talk on “Keeping children Healthy” was presented by Dr Catherine O’Mahony. 2) Santa’s visit to the schools in December 3) We introduced the option of receiving our newsletters via email in the Girls school thereby reducing printing costs, approx 50% of parents opted for this method of communication. 4) Bag packing fundraising event in Supervalu in February which raised €1683.80 5) Contacted Cordil Construction to highlight parents concern over the level of construction traffic in the village at the start and finish school times. They agreed to reduce traffic activity at these peak times 6) Set up a Parents Association page linked to the school websites.

Over the second half of the school year a lot of work was put into trying to resolve the enrolment difficulties faced by children who were refused places in Calasanctius College. Happily those children were subsequently all accommodated in the school. The new enrolment policy has just been issued by the College ([www.calasanctius.ie](http://www.calasanctius.ie)) and unfortunately has not been amended to give priority to the children from the local parish schools. No applications for 2012 places will be accepted this September. The next enrolment date will be 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 for children wishing to attend in September 2012. While highest priority is now given to siblings it is the committees view that the likelihood of children from our schools failing to be offered a place in their local secondary schools is a very real possibility. We will continue to work to resolve this issue during the next school year.

*Parents – this is your association and the success of this association is having you help us help the children. Please contact our secretaries: Dawn: [mcgoldrickdawn@yahoo.com](mailto:mcgoldrickdawn@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.*

**Our next meeting is 7th September 8.30 upstairs in Library. All welcome**

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