

Sports News

Hockey

The hockey season ran late due to the snow days in the winter, causing the finals to be pushed later than usual. Well done to the Senior 1's who won their plate, the Senior 3's who won their league and the Minor B's who also won there league.

Cross Country

We had a busy cross country season this year. Well done to Christine Cullen, Ciara Feely and Sarah Windle. Also the Junior A's and the Senior's qualified to run at the Leinster schools cross country competition in Santry.

Swimming

The swim team were successful in the Leinster Schools Swimming Gala this year. Congratulations to Aoife Byrne who won a gold and silver medal and to Aoife Murray who won a silver medal.

Summer Sports

The basketball, equestrian and golf teams all had a very enjoyable and successful year.

The summer sports have started including athletics, cricket and tennis with lots of events and matches to be played in this short summer term.

Athletics

Well done to all athletes who took part in the East Leinster Athletic Championships. Well done to the gold medallists- Minor A relay team, Junior A relay team and Kate Murray - 200m. Over 20 athletes qualified for the Leinster Schools athletic championship.

Tennis

It is the first time in 5 years that we have a Senior 1 team in the premier league. All teams are unbeaten so far in the first rounds.

Sports Day

We had the first Muckross Park College Sports Day in 10 years on Friday 6th may. All pupils participated in a range of events and games. The day was a great success and ended with annual sports awards assembly.

Library

With Easter being so late this year, it is only the second week back and I'm already thinking about the final dates for issuing books. The library will be open during Junior and Leaving Cert exams as a quiet place to study.

This year has flown by and the library has been very busy. The book clubs, chess clubs and scrabble clubs are enthusiastically supported in the morning before the school and throughout the school day.



It is a continuing challenge to keep up with our keen readers who 'devour' all the new fiction titles and are always ready to make fresh recommendations. The girls have adopted a very responsible attitude towards their library cards and the library management system is working well.

In February we hosted the annual Inter-school Library Quiz where 18 schools competed for the ISLQ cup. Paul Howard (Ross O'Carroll-Kelly) was our guest host and many 'goodies' were donated by Donnybook Fair.

More recently, the Easter Mystery Book Dip created a lot of interest. Books were wrapped and were not allowed to be opened until the holidays commenced. Staff and students enjoyed the surprise of discovering new authors and titles.

Allotment news

We are delighted that we now have two raised beds over near the hockey pitches. Planting has begun. To date the girls in TY horticulture class have planted potatoes, radish, spring onions, strawberries, cabbage, courgette and some sweet pea. Growth is slow at the moment (except for the weeds!), but in a short time there will be lots to see.



MUCKROSS PARK PARENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Letter from Muckross Park College Parents Association

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another school year over, and the first under the tutelage of Ms Lundy. We would like to praise the wonderful work she has done and the cheerful enthusiasm which she radiates. Overall, an A+ grade is deserved.

It has been a very sad year for us all, with the tragic and untimely passing of so many, and we wish to express our sincere condolences to the Collins, Crowe, Green and Shiels families – they are in our thoughts and prayers.

We hope that you have felt that the Parent's Association have been accessible to you. We welcome your comments and suggestions helping us to represent the views of the parents to the Principal and the Board of Management. All parents of girls in the school are eligible to be members of the Parents Association. There is a nominal cost of €30 per annum, which covers the costs of such things as the social evenings, the newsletter printing and postage etc. In an effort to give more parents the opportunity to join the PA committee we shall be proposing to reduce the term to two years serving on the committee. The aim will be to have six parents leave and six new parents join the PA committee every year. Please put your names forward as we shall have six vacancies to be filled in September. Serving on the committee offers a great insight into the running of the school and makes one realise how much the school welcomes and appreciates the parents input.

Fund raising is another element of the PA. As you know there were no fundraising activities this year. However, next year, we intend to hold a fun fundraising event for all. This year, some of the funds from previous years have been used, with the overall aim of an improving health and fitness. The PA has purchased a machine to line the tennis courts (thereby saving €600 annually), bought tennis racquets and balls to encourage sporting prowess and sponsored the new picnic tables, which the girls love! The PA was also keen to have drinking fountains in school as we felt they would be of benefit to all the girls. The Board of Management agreed and the fountains will soon be making an appearance in the school.

The PA committee was involved in organising social evenings for each of the year groups and coffee mornings for the first year parents, useful networking forums for all parents of secondary school children.

Small amounts of the PA funds were used to cover the costs of refreshments that the PA provided for such activities as the first years parents' night, the cancelled Christmas Carol Service, (a worthy charity got all those mince pies) the Spring Concert (we loved that grand piano) and the school sports day (a fantastic day reinstated).

Finally the committee would like to extend our special thanks to Mr. Mc Ardle and the transition year students who were major players in collecting, formatting and publishing this newsletter and the winter one, and to Mr. Mc Ardle for all his help with the PA website page.

We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on 27th September 2011 when we shall have the first talk of the year on cyber bullying (for the technophobes amongst us) and on 18th October for another interesting talk, from John Loneragan on "Parenting—the challenges and the rewards".

In the meantime, enjoy your summer.

Muckross Park College PA Committee

**Details of PA email address and committee members' mobile phone numbers can be found on the PA page of the school website.*

***PA family Membership Form is enclosed with this newsletter and can be returned in the post or brought to the AGM on 27th September 2011.*



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27TH SEPTEMBER 2011



Student Council

Since Christmas the student council have been busy organising the St. Patrick's Day Ceili, which was unfortunately cancelled, held an open meeting, had a training afternoon for all members, discussed the code of behaviour with Ms.Lundy and Ms.Mee as well as holding a spirit week to boost school spirit. A big thank you to all they've done this year and well done to all the representatives.