

Killiney Parents' Association (KPA) Newsletter

With freezing temperatures, ice and snow, November and December have proven to be some of the coldest months on record. Despite the conditions, HCK remained open save for two days when all schools nationally were forced to close. It is a tribute to the great efforts made by the Principal, Deputy Principal, teachers and support staff as well as the girls and their parents. The KPA commends them all.

November saw the publication of the first HCK on-line newsletter. By any standard, it was fantastic. The talents and dynamism of the girls beamed brightly and reflected the broad range of extracurricular activities, which enrich the whole educational experience of HCK.

The KPA would like to support the new "Green-Schools" committee, recently established in HCK. The committee have instigated an environmental education programme and have requested the support of the KPA. If any parent has a particular interest or expertise, please contact either the Chairman or Secretary of the KPA through the school for further details.

The refreshments provided by the KPA on Saturday mornings for parents attending hockey matches have been very successful. The parents have been most appreciative.

Several initiatives are progressing. The KPA hope to foster closer links with the Holy Child Past Pupils Association (HCK Alumnae). Plans to hold a combined event with the Alumnae in 2011 are developing. More details will follow in the new year. Similarly, the KPA are working on ways to recycle used books and uniforms at the end of the summer term. Again, more details will follow.

On the 27th November, the Mass of Remembrance was celebrated in the chapel in HCK. It was a moving experience, given Sr. Delia's recent death and it reflected so much of what is good in HCK. The choir, fresh from their appearance in the Regional Final of the All-Island Choir Competition, excelled. Refreshments were provided to the large attendance by the KPA.

The KPA committee continue to meet on a monthly basis with the Principal in attendance. There is a very good working relationship in existence. Matters pertaining to the girls' education and the school in general, such as the website, are discussed. The HCK website has been enhanced recently with frequent updates of well-presented articles and graphics.

Finally, on behalf of the KPA, I would like to wish the girls, their parents and all the staff a very happy Christmas and every good wish and blessing for 2011.

*John Sheehan
Chairman*