



KPA News

Easter 2011

Where do we start? So many events and activities have taken place! To begin, Julie Crown trekked through several feet of snow to deliver presents for the staff and Sisters in Holy Child at Christmas. It was an example of the lengths to which the committee will go to achieve their goals!

The KPA were involved in the Department of Education Whole School Evaluation of Holy Child in January. The KPA committee met with the two Department representatives for over 90 minutes who quizzed us on topics such as ethos, school communication, homework journals, Transition Year, Department policies and teaching quality. The feedback from the Department based upon both student and parent questionnaires was very positive.

The KPA were delighted to provide some sponsorship to the Transition Year musical – a great tradition in Holy Child – and to provide refreshments each evening. We also contributed financially to the Sports department to purchase three indoor basketball boards and one outdoor fixed unit. The girls have excelled this year at sports, particularly at hockey and basketball.

The annual quiz relocated to FitzPatrick's Castle Hotel and was held in March. The function room was resplendent with red and green balloons and over 120 people attended including members of the HCK Alumnae. The questions were set by the KPA – at Mensa levels! Mr Sean Buckley was M.C. and he performed his duties with his usual aplomb. Surprisingly, a huge number of correct answers were recorded, although there were problems with the “Lifelines” – an innovation - which will be reviewed for next year. Generous prizes were donated for the raffle and €2250 was raised which was donated to the school to purchase a Smart 680 Interactive Whiteboard for the Language laboratory. Overall, it was a very enjoyable evening.

On the 24th March, the KPA participated in the Holy Child Open Day providing refreshments to prospective parents and pupils and answering questions about the school. It was most enjoyable and provided the KPA with a great opportunity to support the school.

On the 6th April, the joint initiative between the KPA and the HCK Alumnae (past pupils) took place with the inaugural Holy Child Killiney School lecture featuring prominent past pupils. Sitting comfortably in two armchairs in the library, Ms. Avril Doyle, the former MEP was interviewed by Ms. Kathleen Barrington, the award-winning journalist with the Sunday Business Post. It is fair to say that Avril held us in thrall with her early experiences in HCK, her subsequent achievements, her knowledge, her great sense of humour, her political insights and her sheer presence. It was a privilege to be there. She would have been a great President!

Note: See insert re: the KPA initiative of reusing/recycling school uniforms which will take place on the 21st May in Holy Child.

Finally, on behalf of the KPA, we would like to wish the pupils, teachers, support staff and parents a very happy Easter.

John Sheehan, Chairperson.

Grainne Wafer, Secretary.