

# Ovens N.S. Parent's Association Newsletter

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## Information Update Summer 2010



### Issues

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### Upcoming Events

- ❖ **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform and book sale day Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**
- ❖ **New Books sale from High Street Books. Also Tracksuit Sale Day. Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 08.30-14.30**
- ❖ **Chuckies End of Year family fun night. Something for all. Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2010. 6-8pm**

### PARKING

Parking around the school premises remains very difficult to resolve. Double parking is very evident both in the morning and 3pm pick ups. *A small number of repeat offenders make it difficult and dangerous for all.* We respectfully ask parents to ensure the safety of the children by

- Parking away from the school and walk their children to the gate.
- **NO parking** on the 'No Parking zone'.
- **No double parking.**
- Using the Parking spaces available at the Church Yard and Eire Og.
- Utilizing the footpath for children coming from Eire Og.
- Come early to avail of car parking nearer the school if you have younger children in the car.
- Use the footpath inside the grave yard for children coming from the church yard to avoid reversing traffic.

We welcome any suggestion that will further enhance the safety of the children and look forward to your ongoing cooperation in protecting all of our children.

taking into account class numbers and delivery of educational needs. All Parents will receive a note outlining their child's class and

### **Class Structure 2010/2011**

Following the Open Day 48 new recruits have eagerly signed up to join with us in September. With the loss of Ms O'Gorman due to the pupil teacher ratio outlined by the Dept. of Education, the dilemma of class allocation and alignment commenced. After much debate among the teaching staff they consider the structure outlined below as the best way forward

teacher in the next few days. Book lists for each teacher will also be available and placed on the website as well. Criteria for split classes is based on age and also on those who have not yet been away from the main group.

On behalf of the Parents Association we wish to thank Ms. O'Gorman for her kindness and generosity to the children and parents while in Ovens NS and wish her every success for the future.

### **CLASS STRUCTURE 2010/2011**

#### **Junior Infants**

Mrs M O'Donovan  
Mrs Caroline Murphy

#### **Senior Infants**

Mrs Sarah O'Rourke

#### **Senior Infants/First Class**

Ms. Lillian Kelleher

#### **First Class**

Mrs G Donovan

#### **Second Class/Third Class**

Ms. M. Brennan

#### **Third Class**

Ms. Sarah Scannell

#### **Fourth Class**

Ms. S Power

#### **Fifth Class**

Ms. Carmel Dineen

#### **Sixth Class**

Mrs. O'Callaghan  
Mrs. O'Grady



## First Holy Communion May 8th 2010



Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> was dry and cloudy much to the delight of the 41 children who received their First Holy Communion in Ovens church. The ceremony was performed by Fr. Sean, and each child had an individual contribution to the mass. Sincere thanks to Ms. Brennan and Ms. Coughlan for all their hard work and preparation of the children for receiving the Sacrament which was very evident on the day. Many thanks also to Ms. G O'Donovan for her musical contribution and choir, an added bonus to this beautiful event.

Roger O'Sullivan was on hand to record the ceremony and will have the DVD and pictures ready for dispersal before the summer break. Thanks also to all those who baked, prepared and served refreshments in the halla. It is really appreciated by all. Many compliments have been received from families both local and far away for your thoughtfulness in providing the much needed cup of tea!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST 2010/11

*Back to school- Wednesday  
Sept.1<sup>st</sup> 2010*

*Mid-Term – 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
October (inclusive)*

*December –Day Off Monday  
Dec.6<sup>th</sup>*

*Christmas – Closing Dec.23<sup>rd</sup>  
Opening Mon.Jan.10<sup>th</sup> 2011*

*Mid-Term –Feb 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011*

*St.Patrick's Day Break  
Off 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Holidays –  
Closing Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Opening Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*June Break- June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> (incl)*

*Summer Holidays – June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

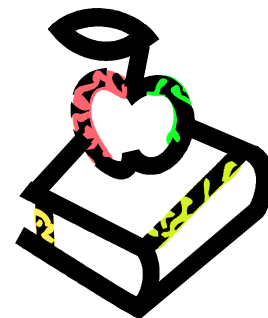
## Confirmation 2010

Confirmation took place on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Farran Church. Mr R.O'Sullivan was on hand to video the day as usual. Blessed with the fine weather, 57 children from Ovens NS received the Sacrament from Archbishop Convey. Many thanks to Mrs O'Callaghan and Mrs O'Grady for their hard work and preparation of the children for this special day.



## Interactive White Boards- last Phone appeal

There has been very positive reaction from both teachers and pupils on the use of our new interactive whiteboards and their benefit in enhancing the educational environment. We are still collecting mobile phones towards the procurement of a Promethean Interactive whiteboard from the Jack and Jill foundation. We **still** require **150** phones to reach our target. We urgently appeal to anyone who may have old mobiles to donate them to us via the School office or drop them into the Jack N Jill box at school. Depending on our funds near the summer term we would hope to purchase one further board for Junior Infants Ms. Marion O Donovan. **Closing date for mobile phones appeal June 18<sup>th</sup> 2010**



## SCIATH NA SCOL 2009/2010

2009/2010 has been an exciting year for the boys and girls of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class. Under the stewardship of Mrs. O'Grady and assisted by Mr. Murphy our young athletes have competed in both hurling and football and Camogie with great determination and character evident in all their games. Much appreciation is given also to parents who have transported the children to and from games and who's support is treasured by our teams. We wish them all well in their finals today know that Ovens NS is proud of their achievements no matter what the outcome. A special thank you to those parents who have taken the team gear home for washing. Your efforts are really appreciated by all. Na hUmmna Abu.

## NPC – Educational Conference 2010

### “Supporting your child’s literacy journey”

NPC annual educational conference takes place in Dublin on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2010. Guest speakers include,

- Minister for Education and Skills, An Tánaiste, Ms Mary Coughlan TD.
- Mr Neil Griffith’s originator of the Storystack ® phenomenon.
- Dr. Therese McPhilips PhD. “Supporting the development of reading skills in Primary school.
- Ms.Sarah Jane Flynn; Presentation and workshop on “paired reading” an enjoyable easy way to spend time with your child and develop their reading.

The conference is open to all parents and teachers alike.

For further information or booking form, please contact [info@npc.ie](mailto:info@npc.ie) or Michelle on 01-8874488.

Date: Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>2010.

Time: 11am-4pm.

Venue: National College of Ireland, Mayor Street, Dublin 1.

Situated in the IFSC, on the LUAS redline 2 stops after Connolly station.

### CORK CITY SPORTS- 2010

Training is well under way for our young athletes in preparation for this year’s Cork City Sports which take place on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Under the strict eye of Ms. O'Rourke training takes place during lunch time and is going well. We are extremely grateful to Ms. O'Rourke for her time in training and encouraging the children to participate in this event. A note will be given to the children this week regarding times and meeting point on the day. This year girls’ events will run in the morning and boys in the afternoon. Best wishes to all from Ovens on the day.

## Second Hand Sale and coffee Morning

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### School Motto

*'Treat others as you  
would like them to  
treat you.'*

We're on the Web!  
[www.ovensns.com](http://www.ovensns.com)

Following last years tremendous success the Second hand sale of books, uniforms and tracksuits will take place on MONDAY June 14<sup>th</sup> 2010. (9.30-12.30). the accompanying Coffee morning promises delicious treats for those who attend. All proceeds will go towards the provision of resource

materials for special needs sector in the school.

Please bring any available items (must be in good condition) books/uniforms/tracksuits to the school office by **Friday next June 4<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

### DOG OWNERS

There have been many incidents recently dog poo around the school environs particularly on the footpath between the school and Eire Og. Also animal excrement has been noted on the grass playing area in the school itself. We would ask all dog owners who use these areas to be vigilant and to bring their pooper scooper while out walking in the interests of hygiene for all concerned!

### Book Sale Day 2010.

We are delighted that High School Books have confirmed their availability for this year. They are holding their New Book Sale on **Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> 08.30-14.30.** Payment by credit card /laser/cash.

**School Tracksuits** will also be available for sizing and sale on that day we advise parents to avail of this service as only tracksuits ordered in June can be obtained in September. This is to limit the disruption and workload for everyone on return to school.

### **Dear Parents,**

2009/2010 has been busy for our Parents Association. Many thanks for your generosity throughout the year. The Confirmation and First Holy Communion have passed successfully. We are currently starting our September funding for swimming and sport. We hope that the end of year activities will cover all our commitments and allow us look at further ways to enhance educational resources at Ovens NS. All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to starting again in September with our activities. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our service please do not hesitate to drop a note into our post box in the school office.

Regards,  
Marita Murphy.  
(Chairperson)