The role of the PA is to support non-curricula activities which adds to the overall school ethos. This ranges from hosting tea/coffee receptions at key school events eg new starter’s day and following the holy-communion or supporting new initiatives in the school such as the new reading scheme etc.

Any parents with boys in the junior school are welcome to join the PA or provide support to any of the activities that are listed below. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in joining the PA or volunteering please email PA@Belgrovejbs.ie

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| **Commitment** | **Description**  | **Date**  | **Time** | **Action on behalf of PA** | **Volunteers** |
| **Junior Infants Run Around** | Each of the junior infant classes meets (kids and parents) in the school hall for an hour. It’s a social meet and greet event organised and supported by the PA. The teachers are not present. | 10th October  | Time slots:2-3pm3-4pm4-5pm | Tea/coffee for adults Refreshments for childrenActivities  | 6 volunteers per session |
| **AGM and Parents Information Evening**  | A guest speaker is invited to present on a topic of common interest. Suggestions are offered and speakers are approached and engaged based on availability and cost  | November 2015 | AGM 7:30 | Present at the AGM Engage a speaker  | PA Chair |
| **Christmas Play**  | The school play, coordinated by the teachers, is filmed and produced into a DVD, courtesy of a parent, and sold on the day of the Play. This DVD is very popular.  | December 2015 |  | Support with the sale of the DVDs on the day of the play.  | 2-3 volunteers |
| **Table Quiz** | The table quiz is the annual fundraiser for the school. The funds are raised through the sale of tables, raffle tickets prior to and on the night, sponsorship and an auction. It is coordinated by an independent group of parents. The quiz organising committee are constantly looking for sponsors so if you think you can support this please contact John O’Sullivan in the first instance.  | March 2016 |  | PA members support this event as required eg providing assistance on the evening selling raffle tickets and collecting quiz answer sheets.  |  |
| **Holy Communion** | A tea/coffee function is offered to the boys and their families following the communion. The boys enjoy hanging out with the friends and it’s a great photo opportunity.It’s become a very well attended event.  | May 2016 |  | School Bag Flyer Newsletter | Parents of first class boys are asked to support this event along with PA members. Parents are invited to bake buns or cakes for the day and assist with serving on the day |
| **2nd Class Graduation**  | A small token is purchased for the boys graduating from second class such as a water bottle, cap etc.  | June2016 |  | Token  | PA member to organise  |
| **2nd Class Graduation Ceremony** | A tea/coffee function is offered to the boys and their families following the graduation ceremony.  | June2016 |  | Tea/coffee for adults Refreshments for children | 2-3 volunteers |
| **Library Tidy** | There is a rota for PA members who visit the library during the week to restack shelves etc. This is greatly appreciated by the staff and boys. | Ongoing  |  |  | A rota is attached. Please let us know if you are available to drop in pre/post school drop off. |
| **Arts Day** | Parents assist the teachers with the Days Activities, face painting, general support and help with clean up. | End May |  |  | Parents assist with activities on the day |
| **Website**  | The school website is updated by a PA volunteer to keep parents abreast of all school activities  | Ongoing |  | Update contact list Add PA activity listUpload Activity photosAdd news alerts  | Niamh  |
| **New Enrolment Evening**  | An evening is held for the parents of the incoming junior infants.  | May 2016 |  | Introduction talk given to Parents on the Role of the PA and encourages parents to join | Chair PA |
| **Junior Infant Day: Meet the Teacher** | A tea/coffee reception is offered to parents while their boys are meeting their teacher.  | June 2016 |  |  | 3-4 volunteers |
| **First day for junior infants** | A tea/coffee reception is offered to parents after they drop their boys into the class.  | Aug/Sept |  |  | 3-4 volunteers |
| **Communication on R&R of PA** | The PA is a valuable asset to the school with members supporting activities and events when requested | ongoing |  | New members |  |
| **Fundraising Ideas/Opportunities**  | The PA will aim to support one other fundraising opportunity during the year. Ideas are welcome  |  |  |  |  |