

Board of Management Annual Report June 2018

Board Members

Chairperson *Bernie Mann*

Patron's Nominee: *Fr Shane Crombie cc*

Principal: *Linda Dowling*

Teacher Nominee: *Lisa Larkin*

Parent Nominee: *Julie Keegan*

Parent Rep: *David Spain*

Community Nominee: *Imelda Daly*

Community Nominee: *John Keane*

School Ethos

We are an inclusive Catholic National School. Catholic pupils were prepared for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Communion on 20th May 2018. The Diocesan Advisors visited all classes in Feb. 2018, reporting positively on religious instruction in all classes. The new Grow in Love programme is taught in all classes.

Building Works

Emergency Works grant was sanctioned for roof repairs. Work to commence in September 2018.

School Policies/Assessment

School Policies discussed and reviewed by the BoM during this year include: Child Protection, Data Protection
School policies can be downloaded from our school website or accessed in the office.
Standardised Tests results from Literacy and Numeracy tests (May 2018) were presented to the BoM. School Staff received training on The New Primary Language Curriculum in March

School Staff – 2018/2019

For the school year 2018/2019 we will have an Admin Principal, 20 mainstream class teachers, 3 special class teachers 7 Special Educational Needs Teachers, 14 SNAs, a school secretary, 3 cleaners and a shared caretaker. The Board of Management would like to acknowledge and thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication to the school.

School Events

School events this year included Class Concerts, Book Fair, Granny and Grandad

week, Halloween Parade, Music week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Fun Day, Active Schools week, Multicultural week, Heritage in Schools week, Fitness Tests with Offaly Sports Partnership,

Activities included Dance classes, Swimming, Horse riding, The school was awarded their 3rd Active Schools Flag and their 6th Green Flag for Global Citizenship. Four athletes took part in the Special Olympics National finals.

Thank you to our **Parents Association** for all the wonderful work they do organising and supporting us during these and other events. Thank you to all the **music, dance and sport instructors** who worked with the children throughout the year

Home/School Communication

Parent Teacher Meetings were held in November; Summer Reports were issued in June. Our School Newsletter is published each term. There is regular communication by phone and text. Our School Website and Twitter account contains news, photos, policy documents, an up-to-date calendar and contact information. Home School liaison teacher visited families and organised classes and community events. New Home/School Community Liaison teacher is Mr. Kieran Dufficy

WSE

WSE took place in December and the school received a very favourable report in all areas. See website for report.

CPD

Teachers and SNAs engaged in CPD throughout the year. Courses included Incredible Years Behavioural Management, PAX Behavioural Management Programme, Reading Recovery, Maths Recovery, Primary Language Curriculum, NEPS seminars, Friends for Life and SESS Professional Development Courses