

Board of Management Annual Report June 2017

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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 21st May 2017. The Diocesan Advisors visited all classes in November 2016, reporting positively on religious instruction in all classes. The new Grow in Love programme was taught in all classes this year.

Building Works / Improvements

The new extension of three classrooms and three resource rooms was officially blessed and opened on 9th December. Our sensory room was installed and the car park was extended.

School Policies/Assessment

School Policies discussed and reviewed by the BoM during this year include: Child Protection, Anti-Bullying, Discipline Policy, Health & Safety, School Tours Policy, Attendance Policy and Strategy. All these school policies can be downloaded from our school website or accessed in the office.

Standardised Tests results from Literacy and Numeracy tests (May 2017) were presented to the BoM. School Staff received training on The New Primary Language Curriculum in early November 2016.

School Staff - 2017/18

For the school year 2017/18 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, Science Fair, Book Fair, Granny and Grandad week, Halloween Parade, Music week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Fun Day, Active Schools week, Multicultural week.

Activities included Dance classes, Swimming, Horse riding, Pottery, Community Art Projects, Be Active After Schools Programme. The school was awarded their 3rd Active Schools Flag and are working towards their 6th Green Flag for Global Citizenship.

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 contains news, policy documents, an up-to-date calendar and contact information. Our Home School liaison teacher visited families and organised classes and community events.

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