

Board of Management Annual Report June 2019

Board Members
Chairperson <i>Bernie Mann</i>
Patron's Nominee: <i>Fr Shane Crombie cc</i>
Principal: <i>Linda Dowling</i>
Teacher Nominee: <i>Lisa Larkin</i>
Parent Nominee: <i>Julie Keegan</i>
Parent Rep: <i>David Spain</i>
Community Nominee: <i>Imelda Daly</i>
Community Nominee: <i>John Keane</i>

School Ethos

We are an inclusive Catholic Primary School. The religious education programme "Grow in Love" is taught in all classes. The Diocesan Advisors visited all classes in November 2019, reporting positively on religious instruction in all classes. Children from second classes received the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. The Board of Management extend sincere thanks to Fr Shane Crombie for all his work in St Joseph's N.S as a member of the BoM and as school chaplain over the past 12 years. Fr Shane has moved to Navan parish and we all wish him well.

Building Works / Improvements

Repairs to the flat roof commenced in Jan 2019 and completed in March 2019. Final inspection to be carried out in June.

School Policies/Assessment

School Policies discussed and reviewed by the BoM during this year include: Child Protection, Critical

Incident Policy, Anti Bullying, Policy on Splitting Classes, Whole School Maths Plan, Teaching of English

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 2019) were presented to the BoM. -----

School Staff - 2019/2020

For the school year 2019/20 we will have an Admin Principal, 19 mainstream class teachers, 3 special class teachers 8 Special Educational Needs Teachers, 16 SNAs, a school secretary, 5 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, Pyjama Party bedtime story night, Book Fair, Granny and Grandad week, Halloween Parade, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Fun Day, Road Safety Week, Active Schools week, Multicultural week. Pupils took part in workshops in engineering water conservation and pollination. Activities included Dance, Swimming, Horse riding, tennis and the Be Active After Schools Programme. The school was awarded the Health Promoting Schools flag by the HSE in recognition of all the initiatives undertaken by the school community.

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. the school twitter account provides snapshots of activities and events. 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 (Provided by NEPs psychologists) Reading Recovery, Maths Recovery, PrimaryLanguage Curriculum, Child Protection seminars, Digital Learning seminars, Irish Childhood Bereavement network workshop, Friends for Life (Provided by NEPs psychologists), Zippy's Friends whole staff training and PDST Professional Development Courses. All staff attended a bereavement seminar in the school with Breffni Mcguinness from the Irish Childhood Bereavement

Network and the Irish Hospice.

A whole school training day for the new Primary Language curriculum was held on February 11th.

WSE

The WSE follow through was carried out on May. The Board of Management acknowledges the hard work of all staff in achieving a very positive and encouraging report and recognising the high standard of education in our school. The full report is available on the Department website, education.ie.