

Board of Management Annual Report June 2022

Board Members

Chairperson Mrs Bernie Mann

Patron Nominee: Fr Fergal Cummins

Principal: Ms Linda Dowling

Teacher Nominee: Ms Lisa Brady

Parent Nominee Ms Mary Lowbridge

Parent nominee: Mr Frankie O'Reilly

Community Nominee: Ms Imelda Daly

Community Nominee: Mr John Keane

School Ethos

We are an inclusive Catholic National School.

The Board of Management extends thanks to Fr. Fergal Cummins, Sr Margaret, the Parish Team and staff members for nurturing the faith of pupils and preparing second class to receive the sacraments. Second class children received the Sacrament of First Communion in May.

St Joseph's NS will be a **DEIS Band 1** school from September 2022. We will have a reduced pupil teacher ratio of 18: 1 and will have additional staff, support and resources.

Building Works

We received a grant to build 3 new permanent rooms to accommodate additional SET teachers. work will commence during the summer months.

Additional Accommodation

An application for additional accommodation has been prepared for submission to the DES. We require an additional 6 classrooms and 2 SET rooms in order to accommodate additional appointments for September 2022

School Policies/Assessment

School Policies were discussed and reviewed by the BoM during this year and included the Annual Review of the Child Protection and Anti bullying policies.

School policies can be downloaded from our school website or accessed in the office.

Standardised Tests results from Literacy and Numeracy tests (May 2022) were presented to the BoM.

School Staff – 22//23

Best wishes to Ms Linda Dowling, Principal and Ms Helen O Regan, Secretary who both retire on 31/08/22.

For the school year 22/23 we will have an Admin Principal, 29 mainstream class teachers, 3 special class teachers, 7 Special Educational Needs Teachers, 2 EAL teachers, 17 SNAs, a school secretary, 3 cleaners, bus escorts 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

Thank you to our **Parents Association** for all the wonderful work they do organising and supporting us during these and other events. Thanks for supporting and organising the Book Fair, Cake sale, Fun Day. Easter events, Colour Run, Colour Parade and so much more. Thank you to all the **music, dance and sport instructors** who worked with the children throughout the year. Thanks also to the Music Generation Team who support class music lessons and collaborate with teachers to implement a very comprehensive music curriculum.

Home/School Communication

Parent Teacher Meetings were held in November; End of Year Reports were issued in June. There is regular communication by phone and text. Our School Website and Twitter accounts contain news, photos, policy documents, an up-to-date calendar and contact information. Our Home School Liaison teacher visited families, organised classes and community events and worked closely with Tusla and the School Completion Team.

CPD

Teachers and SNAs engaged in CPD throughout the year. Courses included:
Reading Recovery, Maths Recovery,
Primary Language Curriculum,
NEPs seminars,
NEPs Emotional Coaching
Nurture training
SESS Professional Development Courses
Wellbeing seminars
PDST sustained support in Science
Creative Schools workshops and seminars.