

# Board of Management Annual Report June 2024

## **Board Members**

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| <i>Chairperson:</i>        | <i>Bernie Mann</i>                        |
| <i>Patron's Nominee:</i>   | <i>Fr Fergal Cummins</i>                  |
| <i>Principal:</i>          | <i>Bridget Clear</i>                      |
| <i>Teacher Nominee:</i>    | <i>Anna Daly</i>                          |
| <i>Parent Nominees:</i>    | <i>Áine Buckley,<br/>Diarmaid Carroll</i> |
| <i>Community Nominees:</i> | <i>Betty Sheerin</i>                      |
| <i>( Treasurer)</i>        | <i>John Keane</i>                         |

## **School Ethos**

We are an inclusive Catholic Primary 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.

## **Building Works**

Solar panels were installed in May. Work is commencing on a bathroom upgrade in Áthas 1 in July. We are awaiting our modular accommodation to accommodate additional teachers

## **School Policies/Assessment**

School Policies were discussed and reviewed by the BoM during the year and included an 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 and analysis from Literacy and Numeracy tests (May 2024) were presented to the BoM.

## **School Staff - 24/25**

Best wishes to Ms Deirdre Healy who is moving on at the end of August. We will miss working with you and wish you well in your future. For the school year 24/25 we will have an Admin Principal, 26 mainstream class teachers, 3 special class teachers 9.8 Special Educational Needs Teachers, 2 EAL teachers, a shared HSCL teacher, 17 SNAs, a school secretary, 3 cleaners, 7 bus escorts and a shared caretaker. The Board of Management would like to acknowledge and thank

the staff for all their hard work and dedication over the past year.

## **School Events**

School events this year included Hallowe'en, Christmas and Easter celebrations. A pyjama party to celebrate the magic of bedtime stories was held in school. School trips to Glendeer Pet Farm, Turoe Pet Farm, Lullymore, Let's Go in Athlone, Esker Arts Centre, Charleville, the library and the Town Park took place this year. Music therapy was provided for individual pupils and small groups. Thank you to our Parents Association for all the wonderful work they do organising and supporting us during school events. Thanks for supporting and organising the Book Fair, Cake Sale, Fun Days, Easter events 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 our Music Generation Teacher, Emma who supports class music lessons and collaborates with teachers to implement a very comprehensive music curriculum.

## **Home/School Communication**

Parent/Teacher meetings took place in November. Summer Reports were issued in June. There is regular communication throughout the year by phone calls, Aladdin and See Saw. 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 courses throughout the year. Courses included Incredible Years, Helping children who have been bereaved, Primary Languages Curriculum, Primary Maths Curriculum, Droichead, EAL, Nurture, First Aid, Wellbeing, Reading Recovery, Ready, Set, Go Maths and Numicon.

The Board wish all our children and families a fun-filled summer and we look forward to seeing you back in school on August 28<sup>th</sup>.