



Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Board of Management 2023 - 2027

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Venue: Online Teams Meeting

Date of meeting: 21st March 2024

ITEM	DETAILS
Correspondance	All correspondence to the Board of Management must be addressed to the Chairperson of the Board of Management. There was one correspondence from a parent highlighting some issues with the traffic system in the school. The Board discussed the issues and the following actions are being proposed:
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report was not presented online. An anti-bullying oversight report was presented.
Our School Community and Ethos	The focus of School Self Evaluation this year is School ETB Ethos. The following actions have come from the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the term 'Ethos' more visible in school life • Development of a school outline for GMGY (Particularly in the area of celebrations) • Increase awareness of GMGY and your child's progress in GMGY • Consultation on symbols, flags, artefacts to be displayed in our school • Continued upskilling of our staff and parents about 'what is GMGY' • Increasing the explicit seeking of the child's voice/opinions.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seachtain na Gaeilge was held during week 11th March. The children will be engaged with fun Irish activities as well as celebrating the Irish culture. There were storytellers, Irish dancers and a lot of Gaeilge spoken during the week. Thank you to Eimear Harney and the Coiste Gaeilge for organising the week. • We held a PJ day for bedtime reading on 7th March for World Book Day. • Our Biodiversity plan is underway – some class groups will be sowing vegetables and fruits in our outdoor spaces. Some classes

	<p>have been learning about trees, insects, birds and wildflower areas. This is a whole school project. We recently planted a small forest on the school grounds through the Pocket Forest programme. The school received €5000 to spend on gardening supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The whole school has been engaging in foreign languages and investigating communication systems. The junior classes have been learning some sign language and native languages. 3rd to 6th class are continuing with their foreign languages. This year we wanted to make the Month of Languages more inclusive by highlighting the various ways of communicating with others (gestures, visuals etc) • Our Rugby coach has been coming in for lessons. • Our autism classes will soon begin swimming lessons. • Our quiz teams had great success at the recent Credit Union quiz coming in 1st place in both competitions. They reached the regional finals. They also came 2nd in the Tallaght Library Quiz and then 1st and 2nd place in the DDLETB annual Quiz Quest. • A number of our teachers are involved in developing our hurling/camogie and football teams. Some of our teams represented the school in a 5-a-side football tournament. • Our choir did an amazing job at the Peace Proms. Their teachers were very proud of them.
Policy Development	<p>The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti –bullying review and policy (New guidelines are being released soon by the Department of Education)
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are continuing our fortnightly assemblies where we teach the children explicitly about each of our school values. So far, they have been looking at Respect, Responsibility, Care. We are currently working on the theme of Empathy and will soon move onto the theme of belonging. • We have begun to consult the children on what the word ‘Ethos’ means. This comes on foot of our SSE process. Mike has been asking classes about their understanding of the word and what the ‘Character’ of our school is. The hope is to display the definition of ethos around the school but to also display the words that were used by the children. • We have had lots of input on the translations for the FAQ document for Attendance. 28 parents came forward to help translating the documents into 12 different languages. • We have had some parents come in during the month of languages to help teach junior classes some phrases in their languages. • Some parents volunteered their time to plant trees on our school grounds.