



Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Board of Management 2023 - 2027

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Venue: School Library
Date of meeting: 14th May 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 to the Board to inform the school of the closure on 7 th June to facilitate the local and European elections.
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report was presented and the BOM was satisfied that all Child Protection Procedures were followed.
Our School Community and Ethos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are continuing with our fortnightly assemblies. The theme of the assemblies follows the school values. It was 'Belonging' in the last few weeks and now we look at Collaboration. We have completed the consultation on Ethos with the children and will soon share the poster with the rest of the school community that was created from the word cloud. The aim is to educate about the meaning of the word ethos and what ethos means to the children. <p>We have begun to create the calendar of celebrations which will be used for a consultation with parents this term.</p>
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have started the standardised tests in Maths and Literacy from 1st to 6th class. 2nd and 4th class will also complete the Non Verbal Reasoning Test. 3rd and 5th class do an additional Irish language assessment. All of these assessments provide invaluable data on where the children as individuals are and also where we should be focusing as a school. The Board will be obliged to report the figures from 2nd, 4th and 6th class to the department in early June. Jigsaw were in the school a few weeks ago to speak with the 6th class about their mental wellbeing and dealing with change.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Biodiversity plan is underway – some class groups will be sowing vegetables and fruits in our outdoor spaces. Some classes have been learning about trees, insects, birds and wildflower areas. This is a whole school project. The school has been awarded the ‘Nature Heroes’ award and a plaque will be presented to the school in the coming weeks. We will communicate this to the school community when it arrives. • There has been a coach from Commercials giving hurling lessons to 1st and 2nd class. • Senior infants were treated to a Harp performance a number of weeks ago during their learning about string instruments. • Our schools hurling teams have been representing the school in matches this term with great success. • The Stay Safe programme has been completed and the RSE programme is almost complete. 6th class will receive their RSE talk in late May. • Intercultural week will take place during the week beginning 27th May with the annual Food Fair scheduled for 30th May.
Policy Development	<p>The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Homework Policy - Uniform Policy
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents have been asked to join a number of committees (Traffic, intercultural) • Parents have been kindly offering to take children to GAA matches. • Reports are currently being prepared for communicating progress to parents • The school has teamed up with Barnardos to provide a parenting course for 6 weeks • The government grant for the Free Books scheme has decreased by €16 per pupil which will be difficult for the school. The BOM decided to continue with the €20 contribution from parents towards stationary and materials not covered under the free books scheme. This will also include the personal pupil insurance.