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Board of Management Meeting Minutes

Venue: Microsoft Teams
Date of meeting: 23.01.25

ITEM	DETAILS
Meeting minutes	The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted and the agenda for the meeting was accepted. 6 members were present.
Correspondance	Two new circulars were brought to the BOM attention: New circular released on 'Behaviours of Concern' which details issues of seclusion and physical restraint in a school context. New guidance issued on the deployment of SET resources in schools
Child protection	The Child Protection Oversight report and anti-bullying oversight reports were presented. The Board was satisfied that the Child Safeguarding procedures were followed.
Our School Community and Ethos	The focus of School Self Evaluation this year will continue to be School ETB Ethos as well as inclusion. The focus on maths has been postponed in light of the school's involvement with an NCSE pilot scheme on inclusion.
Teaching and Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are now using a new template for Preparing for teaching and learning. We are currently drafting a policy on Preparation and Assessment which will be brought to the Board at the next meeting. • Orla Doherty has been providing training in Spelling strategies. We currently use Spellings for Me in our school, but we are looking to have a model of spellings that teaches skills and strategies over rote practice. • 1st to 6th class are continuing a strategic approach to number facts (tables). Staff will be provided with some opportunities to engage with problem solving in the new year. These workshops will be led by Mike and facilitate shared practice and engagement with up to date pedagogies. • We held our Winter performances. This year, we held them for our autism classes, 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th classes and the remaining classes will do a variety concert in the Spring time. • The whole school have been making their way through the Weaving Wellbeing programme as part of SPHE. • 3rd and 4th class are continuing with recorder lessons this term. 5th and 6th class have been doing foreign languages (Spanish and German).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This term, we began some work on our Biodiversity plan. We have purchased a wormery and each class group has been engaged with a different theme. On 12th December, we held a whole school nature walk activity. • 3rd class have been trialling using levelled readers in Gaeilge. The children work in groups with a book at their level. • Staff have been updating their long term plans and developing new Long Term plans in line with the new Primary Maths Curriculum. • 3rd and 4th classes will be engaging in foreign language learning in term 2 as part of the Say Yes to Languages Scheme. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3rd class – French ▪ 4th class – Spanish • The providers of after school clubs started up again last week. There are a number of clubs such as drama, kick boxing, tennis, cookery, robotics, art, keyboard, science and chess due to recommence in the new year. • Music Generation are still using our school for a Community Hub for music lessons. • The school quiz teams are up and running again and being led by Mike Byrne and Jenny Feerey. There will be a number of school competitions in January. • Children engaged in bulb planting around the school • Music workshops were held in December for 5th and 6th class with Paul Maher. There was also a puppet show for infants to 4th class and our autism classes. A second music (Choral) workshop was held for infants and facilitated by Sinead o Donovan. • A class of children visited TLC to sing for them on 16th December. They was also visit to Scoil Aoife on 13th. • The choir will be performing as part of the Peace Proms in February in the RDS. There was a rehearsal in late December. • We held a STEM week in late October.
Policy Development	<p>The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the BOM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calendar of Celebrations
Other notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The percent for Art process has almost come to an end. When the school was built, we received 19,500 to spend on a piece of artwork. A group composed of Mike, Orla Doherty, Stacey McAuley and members of SDCC and the Arts council were present. The winning artist (Michelle O Donnell) will create glass sculptures which will run along the exterior of the building.



- The installation of our Geodome has been delayed.