

Board of Management End of Year Report 2023/24

Board of Management

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Pupils

Number on Roll

550

Staffing

Staffing Schedule

22 classroom teachers, 11 Special Education Teachers (S.E.T.) plus 1 English as an Additional Language teacher (E.A.L.), and an Administrative Principal

School Self Evaluation/School Improvement Plan

School Self Evaluation 2023 - 2026

(Currently on Step 3 of the 6 Step cycle)

Firstly, in November 2023 we consulted our teaching staff through staff meetings and a survey asking them what the priorities were for the school. The consensus arising from this consultation was the pressure on staff to be at the forefront of the “latest initiative.” and the consequent interruption to teaching time. Arising from this consultation we surveyed the staff with an emphasis being on staff/pupil/ curricular wellbeing. We also consulted staff regarding management and leadership priorities for the coming three years as part of the process for a vacant leadership and Management post.

Secondly, we surveyed the parents and asked them to answer a series of questions around how their children are valued in the school such as; How are their talents celebrated? How do parents perceive wellbeing?

At present we are surveying the pupils about their wellbeing in school using questions like “I am happy in school -yes/no. etc

It is our intention to use the data from the Parent’s Survey and from the Pupil’s Survey to direct improvement in the teaching and learning of PE and SPHE.

Teachers will be asked to carry out professional reflection at stage one. Then, by facilitating Professional Networking, CPD courses and Classroom Observation, our teaching staff will adopt whole school initiatives based on the desired learning styles, strategies, and resources highlighted by the parents and pupils in their respective surveys and considered ‘best practice’.

Curriculum

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Specific Projects

Guided Reading Team Teaching
Weaving Wellbeing
New attendance strategies
Occupation Therapy workshop for Staff 8/11/2023
Green Schools (Travel theme) Walk on Wednesdays, Cycle to School.
Student Council
Active Health Schools committee
Run around Europe Programme
Perception Motor Programme for children in special classes
Intercultural Day June 24, 2024
Catholic Schools Week
Grandparents Day January 2024
Banna Ceoil
Gaelbhratach Committee
Historian visit June 2024
Seachtain na Gaeilge
Accelerated Reading Programme
Cycle Right Programme

Other Projects

Erasmus Programme Spain Halloween 2023
Erasmus Food and Sustainability Programme
Belgian visitors Erasmus visit March 2024
The Big Sing 19 April 2024
July Programme for special classes.
Daffodil Day
Food Dudes
Accelerated Reading Programme
Intercultural Day 24/04/2024

School Planning

Primary Maths Curriculum Support from OIDE School Closure April 2024
Updating our Plean Scoile.
Update of Cuntas Miosúil incorporating new Maths changes
Local History Plan
Regular special education team meetings
Droichead -Induction of new teacher induction programme
ISM meetings
Staff meetings

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New Developments

Maths Curriculum.
Primary Curriculum Framework
Special Education Allocation 2024 – 2025
New special class for Autism September 2024
Plean Scoile update 2023/2024.
New admissions policy 2024/25
New sensory room completed March 2024
New courtyard garden planting and development March 2024
Meeting on the future of schools with Diocesan Secretary
Planning for hot school meals to start in September /October 2024
Induction meeting for parents of children in new special class 12/07/2024

Policy

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment review (Nov. 2023)
Physical Education Policy
Health and Safety Policy Yard
Supervision Policy
Anti-Bullying Policy
Whole School Policy for Supporting Pupils with Special Education Needs
Social, Personal and Health Education
Parental Complaints Procedure
Language Class policy update and meeting April 2024
Working together Procedures for September 2024

Events and Special Days

Sport Events

Gaelic
Football
Camogie
Athletics
Cricket
Camogie
Olympic
Handball

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Swimming
Sports day
Cross Country
Rounders

Other Events

Mercy Day 24/09/2023
Open Day 11/01/2024
Orientation Day May 2024
Green Flag award day June 2024
Assembly most Fridays. Class performances
Nativity Plays in Junior Classes
Fire Safety week 9-16th Oct 23
World Refugee Day
Graduation of 6th Class June 2024
Graduation of 1st Class boys June 2024
Seachtain na Gaeilge
Junior Infants Induction.
Internet Safety Week activities 08.04.24. - 12.04.24

Parental Involvement

Parents Association

Annual General Meeting 09.11.23.
Parent/Teacher Meetings November 2023
Nativity Plays in Junior Classes
Christmas events-Santa Dash 21/12/2024

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Communion
Reception
Confirmation
Reception Uniform
Swap
Book Swap
Zumba for parents
Non-uniform days

Fundraisers:

Cake Sales
Book Fair
Christmas Card
Fundraiser
Cash for Clobber

Building and Planning

Repairs:

Roof repairs of Hall under Emergency Works Grant (50K)
Roof Repairs due to storm Room 31

Improvements:

- New pathway at Summerhill gate.
- New storage solutions in infant classrooms x 2
- New carpets or flooring- Room 1-4 and Room 30 (4k received from insurance after weather event and carpets included)
- Principal's office and admin office painted
- Converting spare room back to classroom
- Autism class-Room 35 Room to be converted to fully functioning ASD classroom -Grant applied for from DE.
- Front foyer.- Repainting and reorganization
- Landscaping at statue at front of school
- New ovens installed in preparation for school meals Aug 24

Equipment:

Restock by post holders
STEM resources

Health and Safety

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Health & Safety:

Review of Policy- Spring 2024

New gates installed to ensure child safety in the school yard.

Wall at front of grotto repaired.

Benches in school yard repaired

Medical:

Medical profiles of affected pupils highlighted and amended at staff meetings

Fire Drill:

October 2023

Two practice sessions. Drill on the 31.05/2024

Fire Drill Scheduled for 23/09/2024

Engagement with Outside Agencies

Neps Psychologist -Interventions and strategies for Children with reports

NCSE- SENO -allocation of resources

Music Generation -Ukulele classes

An Taisce Green schools

Diocesan advisor for Religious Education

Schools Inspector incidental visit November 2023

Local groups-GAA Visit by Meath Tailteann Cup Champions

Rockbrook School (pupils from Spain)

Use of School Premises by the Community

Jiggle and Jump

T. C. Fitness

Rugby Tots

Homework Club

Tae Kwan do

Trim Celtic

School Achievements and Awards

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Green Flag for Travel June 2024
Girls reached semi final in Football
(November 2023)
Rounders Champions (June 2024)

Sacramental Preparation:

Do This in Memory' programme.
First Confession
Sacrament of Confirmation 26/01/2024
First Holy Communion 11.05.24