

Agreed Report from BOM Meeting 29/02/24

Attendance: Hilary O'Farrell, Jill Kelly, Aideen Crowley, Anne Crowley, Stephen Murphy, Rory O'Connor and Sarah Walsh

Apologies: Carol Hurley

Minutes were read, proposed and seconded.

Enrolment:

- 199 pupils currently enrolled.
- Letters will issue after today as per our Admission notice offering places to prospective pupils for September 2024.

Staffing/Leadership:

- Based on our number enrolment on 30th September 2023 we will hold our 8 mainstream class teachers for the school year 2023/24. The SET staffing was released and we will hold 5 permanent SET posts for the next school year.

Attendance:

- We are working towards improving school attendance.

Hot School Meals:

- Carambola has been successful in the tender process to provide Hot Meals in Term 3. This is the same company that supplies Scoil Phádraig Naofa. They are currently recruiting for someone to facilitate the provision of the hot meals for 2 hours each school day. It is hopeful that this will be set up and ready for 8th April.

Amalgamation:

- We are currently at the stage of waiting for the new school's roll number being issued.
- The staff of both schools had a very successful day with Dr. Joe O Connell on 2nd February where he addressed both staffs about the amalgamation process.
- Once the roll number is issued an Interim Manager will be appointed.
- The next Steering meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th 2024.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Potholes on the hill were repaired during the Christmas holidays.
- The Christmas lights were replaced in December.
- Emergency Works on the roof: we are currently waiting on a spell of dry weather for a Spark/leak detection test to be carried out.
- A full electrical safety check was carried out on the school building on Friday 23rd February.

Sherpa:

- Sherpa commenced on the 15th January in the hall of Scoil Phádraig Naofa.

Parents Association:

- Thank you to the Parents Association for a great visit from Santa visit on 21st December and for organising a disco on the day for all classes.
- Thank you to the Mary Mc Caffery, Chairperson of the PA for organising a visit from the Blackrock Observatory scheduled for 1st March.

Teaching/Learning/CPD:

- On Friday 23rd February we had our school closure day for in-service for the new Maths Curriculum.
- Teresa Manning and Deirdre Waugh attended RSE training in February and shared some very important resources and feedback with staff.
- Catherine Smithwick from Oide facilitated our 2nd PLC visit on 8th December. Handwriting is the area that is currently being worked on.
- Fiona O Callaghan facilitator for Wellbeing will visit the school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Events:

December:

- Friday 8th December 2nd/3rd/4th classes visited the St Michaels Centre and sang for the residents. They also presented some handmade Christmas cards. During the month of December some of the senior classes made cards for residents in the Cottage hospital and Grove Avenue in town.
- Carol singing took place in Riverview on December 20th, thank you to Mrs Lucey for leading the classes and there was a charity collection for Bandon Family Centre . Mrs. Kelly presented the cheque after Christmas
- Well done to Junior and Senior Infants along with staff members Sarah Walsh, Áine O Neill, Teresa Manning Orlaith Nyhan and Marchita Donegan on an amazing Nativity production, they entertained 2 audiences on the 19th of December.
- 5th classes in both our school and Scoil Phádraig Naofa held a very successful mixed team quiz on 18th December facilitated by class teachers.

January:

- Credit Union Teams were prepared and guided for participation in the competition on Saturday 27th January. Thank you to Ber Ryan, Orlaith Nyhan and Eithne O' Mahony who prepared them so well.
- Our Confirmation Class had their Enrolment Ceremony on Saturday January 20th, Thank you to Ms. Corr and Ms Ryan for their preparation and guidance. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Tuesday 19th March .
- Thank you to all staff in the school for great preparation for our Annual Open Day/ Night held on January 25th. There was a great buzz in the school and a special thank you to the girls who acted as guides around the school and were great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the students of 5th class under Ms O'Mahony's and Ms McCarthy's expertise for their beautiful ukulele performance.
- Thank you to Sarah Walsh who has continued providing excellent P.E. activities this term including Dance for all classes, swimming for 2nd/4th, Camogie for all, rugby for 4th/6th and cycling. Some classes have joined the Step into Spring walking initiative. All classes are taking part in the Run Around Europe Challenge under the guidance of The Active Flag Committee.
- The Student Council organised a Pyjama Day before Christmas and the donations collected amounting to €300 was presented to Penny Dinners. The student council along

with the student council in the boys' school have organised 2 Lego Days on the 4th and 11th of March where classes will integrate and work on Lego creations.

- Thanks to Mrs Lucey for organising Food Dudes which ran for 16 school days in January, giving all pupils a chance to taste and include fruit and veg into their daily diet.
- Ms Waugh's 4th class has been busy becoming involved in the Blast Arts programme where the pupils in this class have worked on a specific art skills with Rae McKinley. Their chosen art medium was comic strips and the inspiration for this was Nano Nagle's story.

February:

- Second Class celebrated their First Confession on Thursday 8th February. Thank you to Ms Hurley, Ms Nic Gearailt and Ms Barry for preparing them so well.
- Thank you to Ber Ryan and the Wellbeing Committee for organising a very successful Wellbeing Week from the 9th -14th February where pupils and staff were encouraged to pause, take time and think about their own mental health and wellbeing.
- There was a new Whiteboard installed in Mrs Wilson's room in February.
- Ms Ryan held very successful assemblies this month with middle and senior classes to remind them of the importance of respect and to revise the Code of Behaviour.
- Safer Internet Day was held on February 6th and all classes were encouraged to teach some lessons from Webwise. Ms Ryan also went to the senior classes to remind them about online safety.