



Broadford & Kilbane N.S.

Board of Management End of Year Report 2021-2022

Members of the Board of Management

Bernard Gunning, Chairperson

Áine Lenihan (replaced Fr. John Bane), Patron's Nominee

Aonghus O' Brien, Principal and Secretary to the BOM

Cara Garrahy (replaced Deirdre Troy), Deputy Principal and Teachers' Nominee

Yvonne Martin (replaced James O' Connell), Community Nominee and Treasurer

Mary Teresa Carroll, Community Nominee

Shirely Power, Parents' Nominee

Paul Maher, Parents' Nominee

The BOM operates under the guidelines of the Catholic Primary Schools Management Association.

Meetings

The BOM met on the following dates during the course of this academic year:

1. October 18th 2021
2. January 27th 2022
3. April 7th 2022
4. June 23rd 2022
5. August 3rd 2022

Agenda

An agenda is set seven days in advance of each BOM. At every meeting the Principal and the Treasurer present reports to the Board.

Staffing Schedule 2021-2022

6 Mainstream Class Teachers (Deirdre McDonnell, Cara Garrahy, Carmel Kennedy, Kelly Anne Melican, Aonghus O'Brien, Jack O'Brien), 1 Autism Class Teacher (Mairéad Howard), 3 Special Education Teachers (Polly Sandenburgh, Liam Patterson, Lisa McInerney), 2 Special Needs Assistants (Caroline O'Connell, Patsy Grogan & Marie Cooney-Job Sharing), 1 Secretary (Robina Jones), 1 Cleaner (Mary Casey)

Enrolment September 2021: 113 pupils-107 mainstream, 6 special class.

School Inspector: The Roinn Cigire attached to the school is Mrs. Anne Fitzpatrick.

Child Protection Safeguarding

Designated Liaison Person: Aonghus O' Brien

Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Maireád Howard

Child Protection/Safeguarding is on the agenda at every BOM as per guidelines; All Safeguarding guidelines implemented this year along with Risks identified and communicated to the whole school community including the Patron. Child Safeguarding Policy reviewed in September and is on display in all classrooms and in the entrance corridor. Oversight Report given at each Board meeting.

Attendance: Children with over 20 days missed included in reports issued to TÚSLA as per guidelines. School attendance was 90.1%.

Main School Events and Achievements 2018-2019

- Installation of Pedestrian Crossing
- Participation of all children in Féile Áth Leathan.
- Third to Sixth Class Field Trip to Kilsely Graveyard and Ballykelly Dolmen
- 5th & 6th Class Overnight School Tour to the Burren Outdoor Activity Centre
- Green School Practices-Recycling, Litter Monitoring & Water Conservation
- Awarding of Green School Flag for Biodiversity
- Successful Student Teacher Placements
- Diocesan Adviser Visit
- Clothes Recycling Collection
- Various Whole School Assemblies
- Hallowe'en Dress-Up Day for Temple Street
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Sacrament of First Reconciliation
- Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Sacrament of Confirmation
- Swimming Lessons from First to Sixth Class
- Receptions for in the Hall and School for Communion and Confirmation
- Secondary Schools Principals' Visits to 6th Class Pupils (Tulla, Scariff & Killaloe)
- Fire Safety talks by the Fire Officers
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Literacy Lift Off in Senior Infants to 2nd Class
- Guided Reading in 3rd to 6th classes
- Trials for picking candidates for the Hurling/Camogie/Football Primary Game
- Active Schools Week
- New Junior Infants Visit
- Jersey Days
- Irish Dancing block with Edwina Guckian
- Fiddle Lessons with Carmel Kennedy
- Solo singing performances at school masses
- Participation of School Choir at events
- School Band performances
- End of Year Standardised Tests
- 2 Sports Days
- Juniors to 2nd Classes School tour to Truroe Farm
- Third and Fourth Class School Tour to Dublin Zoo
- Third to Sixth Class Field Trip to Gortnaglough and Gortacullin
- Participation in Litter Pick Up with the local community
- Picker Pals Initiative
- Tree Planting and Hedge Planting on the Riverbank Walk and School Grounds
- Cumann na mBunscoil Boys Hurling
- Cumann na mBunscoil Girls Camogie
- Hurling/Camogie School Leagues at Lunch time
- Baking Club
- Walk to School Initiatives including Golden Boot Award
- Morning hurling on the Ball Wall
- Morning hurling on the School Astro Turf
- World Book Day Dressup and other activities
- 5 weeks of July Provision
- Hip Hop Dancing Classes
- Creative Schools Mural
- Creative Schools Artwork
- Accelerated Reading Target Awards
- Setanta Bookclub
- Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- John Lillis and his Rap Song 'Let's Plant More Trees'
- Memory Lane Development
- School Motto Art at School Entrance
- 3rd & 4th Class Blitzes
- Juniors-1st Class In-School Hurling Blitz

Staff Continuous Professional Development (Courses attended by the staff during 2017/18):

- Creative Schools Workshops in Printing & Fabric and Fibre
- PDST-Move Well Move Often
- PDST-Primary Language Curriculum Webinar 3
- PDST-Primary Language Curriculum Webinar 4
- PDST-Primary Language Curriculum Webinar 5
- **In-service:** Staff engaged in ongoing CPD during Croke Park Hours in various areas such as; New Language Curriculum, Literacy Lift-Off, Guided Reading, Building Bridges, Writing Genres, Mata

sa Rang, Station Teaching, Team Teaching, Child Safeguarding, Formative & Summative-Assessment, Continuum of Support, School Planning, PE and Fundamental Movement Skills.

Curricular Plans Review -The BOM ratified the following curricular plans that were reviewed.

Mathematics

Music

Organisational Policy Review -The BOM ratified the following policies that were reviewed.

Child Safeguarding (Protection) Policy: Annual Review

Anti Bullying Policy: Annual Review

Health & Safety Policy: Annual Review

Digital Learning Plan

School Tour Policy

Homework Policy

Administration of Medicine Policy

Literacy and Numeracy Scores for 2021-2022

End of year scores attained by pupils both in Literacy and Numeracy were reviewed by the BOM. The BOM is very pleased with the standards being achieved.

Posts of Responsibilities Reviewed:

The posts of responsibilities allocated to the In School Management Team are as follows;

Deirdre Troy- Deputy Principal - SSE Co-ordinator-Primary task is to promote a culture of improvement, collaboration, innovation and creativity in learning, teaching, and assessment by leading and managing a collaborative, inclusive, reflective process of internal school review.

Cara Garrahy-AP 2- ICT co-ordinator- Primary task is to exploit the potential of ICT from an administrative context and a Teaching & Learning context-Also, a responsibility for First Aid:.

Carmel Kennedy-AP2-Initiatives Co-ordinator including Green Schools along with responsibility for the School Band.

Some In School Practices and Initiatives

Whole School Approach to the teaching of the Writing Genres

Literacy Lift Off-Juniors-2nd Class

Reading Recovery for selected Pupils who are on the Continuum of Support

Mata sa Rang for Junior Infants-2nd Class.

Mata sa Rang Comprehension Strategies for 1st-6th Classes

Building Bridges Programme

'Cooking Club' for children in the ASD Class

Guided Reading-3rd to 6th Classes

Team Teaching (Selected Classes)

Whole school approach to Assessment of Learning and Assessment for Learning

Use of Aladdin for recording Assessments and monitoring progress.

National Educational Psychologist Services (NEPS): NEPS Psychologist; Patrick Dolan

Beginning of School Year Meeting and Teacher Consultations

No Educational Psychological Assessments or Review of Assessments took place this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Assistance with Transitioning Programmes

Improvements Works, Applications and Purchases 2021-2022

Construction and Opening of the School Playground
Construction of Outdoor Classroom
Installation of Pedestrian Crossing and Improvements to Footpaths in the vicinity of the school
(Came from CLÁR Grant Application in 2021).
Art Work on the school gable end relating to Local History
Pruning of Trees on the School Boundary
Purchase of a Graded Reading Books
Fire Safety Certificate issued following Fire Safety Inspection
Installation of Pedestrian Gate at Main Entrance to Hurling Pitch for School Use
Purchase of Smart Board for the Big Room
Gift of 20 Desktop Computers from Uber in Limerick

The BOM is very grateful to the DES for the financial support received. The BOM are also very grateful to the parents/guardians for their contributions throughout the year.

Fundraising Events

No Uniform Days: Temple Street & Ennis Voices for Autism.

Communication Methods

Emails and Notes home to Parents and others in the School Community
School Website
Twitter Page
Phonecalls home and Notes in the School Journal
Parish Newsletter and Facebook Page
Parish Notes in the Clare Champion
End of Year Reports
Parent Teacher Meetings
Formal School Meetings
Incidental Conversations/Meetings

Finance

Last year's school accounts were adopted by the BOM following certification by DSB Accountants. The End of Year Accounts for this current year will be sent to the accountant for inspection in September. These will be available to the BOM and patron from the end of November 2022. The BOM expresses its thanks to the school secretary, Robina Jones for maintaining the school accounts to such a high standard.

Conclusion

The BOM expresses its thanks to the Principal, Staff, Parents/Guardians, DES, Primary Inspectorate, School Community and all of those who support the work of our local national school.