



## **Broadford & Kilbane N.S.**

### **Board of Management End of Year Report 2016-2017**

#### **Members of the Board of Management**

Bernard Gunning, Chairperson

Fr. John Bane, Patron's Nominee

Aonghus O' Brien, Principal and Secretary to the BOM

Deirdre Troy, Deputy Principal and Teachers' Nominee

James O' Connell, Community Nominee and Treasurer

Mary Teresa Carroll, Community Nominee

Denise Fahy, Parents' Nominee

Seán McMahon 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 26th 2016
2. January 16th 2017
3. February 16th 2017
4. June 1st 2016

#### **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 2016-2017**

6 Mainstream Class Teachers, 1 Autism Class Teacher, 1 Resource Teacher, 2 Learning Support Teachers (1 Full time & 1 Part time), 3 SNAs (2 Full time & 1 Part time) and 1 Secretary (Part-time)  
Teacher Exchange: Mrs Niamh McDermott is in the second year of a teacher exchange with Mrs Sarah Adams

Job Share: Mrs Carmel Kennedy and Mrs Helen Kelly have completed a job share this academic year in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

**Enrolment September 2016:** 122 pupils-116 mainstream, 6 special class.

**School Inspector:** The Roinn Cigire attached to the school is Mrs. Anne Fitzpatrick who visited our school in November 2016 in what was an incidental visit. Commented favourably on the school.

#### **Child Protection**

Designated Liaison Officer: Aonghus O' Brien

Deputy Designated Liaison Officer: Maireád Howard

Child Protection on the agenda at every BOM as per guidelines; Child Protection Policy reviewed annually and on display in all classrooms.

**Attendance:** Children with over 20 days missed included in reports issued to the National Education Welfare Board as per guidelines.

## **Main School Events and Achievements 2016-2017**

- Establishment of our Junior Traffic Warden Scheme
- Participation in the interschool's Debating Competition
- Participation of all classes in Féile na hInse
- Third to Sixth Class Field Trip to Doon Lake, Annally Lodge and Violet Hill
- Christmas Fundraiser in Danny's Bar
- Upgrade of Broadford & Kilbane NS website
- First and Second Class Field Trip to Hurdlestown Slate Quarries
- Science Week
- Dental Nurse Presentation on Oral Hygiene
- Junior Infants to Second Class attending the Christmas Show 'Frosty the Snowman'
- Green Schools Committee attending Water Forum in Ennis
- School Choir Members playing in Ennis Cathedral
- Energy Workshop by Seedsavers
- 3 Clothes Collections
- Various Whole School Assemblies
- RTÉ appearance on News2Day
- Hallowe'en Dress-Up Day for Temple Street
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Embroidery with Mary Casey
- Swimming Lessons for First to Sixth Class
- Christmas Coffee Morning Organised by Parents
- Receptions for in the Hall and School for Communion and Confirmation
- Secondary Schools Principals' Visits to 6th Class Pupils (Tulla, Scariff & Killaloe)
- Garda presentation on Road and Internet Safety and Fire Safety talks
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Visit by the Eater Bunny
- Junior and Senior Infant 's Teddy Bear Picnic
- Purchase of a Whole School Graded reading Scheme
- Trials for picking candidates for the Hurling/Camogie/Football Primary Game
- Third Class participating in the Write-a-Book Competition and having 2 finalists.
- Active Schools Week
- New Junior Infants Visit
- Irish Dancing with Cathal Lenihan
- First Holy Communion
- Bishop Fintan Monahan confirming the children in 6<sup>th</sup> class
- Solo singing performances at school masses
- Participation of School Choir
- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Irish Music Instrument playing with Carmel Kennedy
- End of Year Standardised Tests
- Sports Day
- Junior & Senior Infant school tour to Bunratty
- First and Second Class School Tour to Loop Head Lighthouse and Vandeleur Gardens
- Third and Fourth Class School Tour to Dublin Zoo
- Fifth and Sixth Class School Tour to Lahinch
- Credit Union Quiz Success
- Interschools Quiz Success
- Receiving our third Green Schools Flag
- Participation in Litter Pick Up in the community
- Third and Fourth Class Field Trip to the Old Mill in Derra
- Boys Hurling and Football Cumann na mBunscoil competitions
- Girls Camogie and Football Cumann na mBunscoil competitions
- Hurling/Camogie School Leagues at Lunch time
- Green Schools trip to Sixmilebridge Water Treatment Plant
- Cross Country Trials and interschool races in Lees Road
- Visit by Diocesan Inspector
- Morning hurling on the Ball Wall
- Fourth Class Draughts Fun
- Graduation Mass and Ceremony
- Visit to the Ombudsman for Children's Office
- Participation in Spelling Bee
- Teachers Spelling Bee
- World Book Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class School Blitzes

**Staff Continuous Professional Development (Courses attended by the staff during 2016/17):**

- New Language Curriculum
- Literacy Lift-Off
- Friends for Life Training
- Anti-Bullying Training
- Occupational First Aid
- Fundamental Movement Skills
- Effective Oral Language Instruction Workshop
- Self-Assessment Learning Folders in the Classroom
- Running Records in Literacy Lift-Off
- Stay Safe Programme Training
- Team Teaching for Literacy
- Special Education Teaching-A New Model
- Team Teaching for Numeracy
- Mindfulness and SPHE
- Using tablets for Literacy and Numeracy
- Autism and Inclusion in the Mainstream Classroom
- ICT and ePortfolios for Assessment
- SPHE in the Primary Classroom
- Learning Support Training
- Management in the context of a Mainstream School with an ASD Class

**In-service:** Staff engaged in ongoing CPD during Croke Park Hours in various areas such as, Mata sa Rang, Station Teaching, Team Teaching, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection, Self-Assessment, Planning.

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

- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Physical Education
- Music
- History
- Geography
- Science

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

Complaints Procedure

Anti Bullying Policy: Annual Review

Critical Incident Policy

Child Protection Policy: Annual Review

Relationship & Sexuality Education Policy

Organisational Routines and Procedures Policy

**New Policies Proposed by the BOM (Drafted but yet to be ratified and implemented)**

Parents as Partners Policy

Healthy Eating Policy

**Literacy and Numeracy Scores for 2016-2017**

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;

Deputy Principal, Responsibility for Numeracy, Standardised Testing & Choir: Deirdre Troy

Responsibility for Literacy, I.T. & First Aid: Cara Garrahy

### **Some In School Practices and Initiatives**

Review and agreement on whole school approach to Handwriting

Reading Recovery for selected Pupils

Mata sa Rang for Junior Infants-2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

Mata sa Rang Comprehension Strategies for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Classes

Building Bridges Programme (Trialled in 4<sup>th</sup> Class)

'Big Block' for selected children

Review and agreement on whole school approach to Assessment of Learning

### **National Educational Psychologist Services (NEPS):** NEPS Psychologist; Dr. Richard Egan

Beginning of School Year Meeting and Teacher Consultations

Educational Psychological Assessments

Review of Assessments

Support in the Application of Assistive Technology

Assistance with Transitioning Programmes

Scheme for Commissioning a Psychological Assessment-completed by Ms. Claire O' Halloran

### **Improvements Works , Applications and Purchases 2016-2017**

Work carried out to Septic Tank: Financed by BOM

Fire Safety Certificate issued following Fire Safety Inspection

Replacement of Interactive Whiteboards (Funded by Insurance Cover and BOM)

New Photocopier (Funded by BOM)

Moving of Pre-fabs to facilitate building works (Funded by Department of Education and Skills)

Purchase of a Graded Reading Scheme (Fundraising and BOM)

Acquisition of four new laptops (Prize won by former pupil, Rachel O' Connell)

Clár '17-BOM made an application under the Clár 2017 scheme for additional play area space. The BOM has sought funding on €50,000 under this scheme and if successful we hope to install an all weather playing area along with additional hard surface area. (The Clár '17 scheme is only available to community groups in rural areas that are suffering from depopulation. The scheme is operated by the Dept. of Rural Affairs.)

The BOM is very grateful to the DES for the financial support received to allow us build new permanent classrooms. The BOM are also very grateful to the parents/guardians for their contributions throughout the year.

### **Fundraising Events**

St. Stephens Night: Annual fundraiser in cooperation with Junior Activity Club

Cake Sale: Organised by Parents

No Uniform Days: Temple Street Hospital, Cancer Research, Children in Calcutta, .

Guess the Jar: Organised by children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes in aid of funding the installation of water wells in African communities.

### **Finance**

Last year's school accounts were adopted by the BOM following checking by an independent accountant. The End of Year Accounts for this current year will be sent for inspection in September. These will be available to the BOM from the end of November 2017.

The BOM expresses its thanks to the school secretary, Robina Jones for maintaining the school accounts.

### **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.