Dear Parents

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 26th February 2024

Agreed Report

- Pastoral & Parish - We celebrated Catholic Schools Week 2024 in January. The theme celebrated schools and the part we play in service to our community. The Service of Light/Commitment Ceremony was held on Sunday 25 February (for 6th Class). First Confessions will be held on Tuesday 27th February at 7pm in the church (2nd Class)Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 8th March. (This coincides with a school closure for the Referendum, but will still go ahead).
- Our School Self-Evaluation this year is focusing on the explicit teaching of comprehension strategies from Infants to 6th Class. We are in the implementation stage of the SSE cycle this term. The ISLT will continue to support teachers in its implementation and progress will be monitored. We will evaluate our progress in May.
- The inspectorate notified the school about a Curriculum Evaluation which took place today and will continue tomorrow. They are evaluating Maths. This involves observations in classrooms, discussions with teachers, pupils (in classrooms and as part of a focus group), a meeting with the APII (curriculum leader for Maths – Ms. Michelle O'Sullivan) and the Principal. A report will be finalised and the BOM will have the opportunity to respond before the final report is published online. A 'Level 1' check of Child Safeguarding and Anti-bullying practices will also be carried out.
- Events/Other: The Christmas plays/performances were a great success. JI, SI, 1st Class and 3rd Class were involved. Well done to all for such super performances. The Carol Service was also a lovely occasion and it was very well attended.
- Our 4th Classes performed in the Peace Proms in February. Great credit due for all the preparation and hard work that went into this and for a wonderful performance on the night. Huge thanks too, to those who supervised on the day. Our 3rd Classes will trial The Big Sing this year on 18 April.
- Our Student Council visited Dáil Éireann recently and met with John Lahart (TD). They have also been organising various events, including a Community Clean-up Day. Well done to all involved.
- Online Safety Week took in February. The Online Safety Charter that the PA developed was brought to the attention of parents/guardians.
- Our camogie team has started training, as has a soccer team. Huge thanks, as always, to the staff who give so generously of their time to train teams.
- 6th Class completed Cycle Right sessions in January.
- Junior Infants to 2nd Class are involved in Write-a-Book once again this year. Thanks to all involved in the worthwhile initiative.
- We have been reviewing the use of digital technologies in SNP and questionnaires were completed by teachers and pupils (from 3rd-6th Class). There is a positive view regarding how digital technologies enhance teaching and learning.
- We were successful in an application for a STEM grant. This has been used to purchase laptops to teach STEM topics such as coding and animation and also general IT skills.
- Our 3rd and 5th Classes are busy preparing for their performances on 20th & 21st March with their class teachers and Ms. Suzanne Binley.
- A revised Parental Complaints Procedure was agreed by the CPSMA & INTO recently. It is designed to provide an open and clearly defined process to facilitate parents/legal guardians in raising concerns about their own child/children in an agreed, fair and transparent manner.
- We will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge during the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day.

Yours Sincerely

The Board of Management