Agreed Report BOM Meeting 20th November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 20th November 2024

Pastoral & Parish:

- Dates have been set for the celebration of the sacraments and they have been communicated to parents/guardians.

Enrolments

- The enrolment process for Junior Infants 2025 began on 2 October. We are offered 120 Junior Infants places and 1 ASD class place. We are currently in round one of offers.

School Improvement Plan, Curriculum & Professional Development:

- For 2024 – 2025 we are focusing on an area of Maths for an SSE Cycle, the teachers will focus on development of: Real-life linkage and application of Maths concepts through playful experiences during 2024-2025.
- The SSE cycle is as follows:
    1. Identify a Focus (complete)
    2. Gather Evidence (complete)
    3. Analyse & Make Judgements (complete)
    4. Write & Share Report & Improvement Plan – Nov & Dec 2024. ISLT to support colleagues (using Oide resources)
    5. Put Improvement into Action – January-April 2025
    6. Monitor Actions & Evaluate Impact – Ongoing and evaluate in May & June 2025

- An outline of **policy/plan development** for the school year 2024-2025 was also discussed with the Board as follows (to be continued/started/completed):

✓ Maths

✓ English & Gaeilge

✓ Digital Learning Plan

✓ Bí Cineálta & Wellbeing (New – to be ready for use in Sept. 2025)

✓ Dignity & Respect in the Workplace

✓ GDPR Policy

✓ Other Policies & Procedures

- Policies/plans that have already been reviewed and approved by the BOM for this year include our:

✓ Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

✓ Anti-bullying Policy

✓ Admission Policy

Bí Cineálta – The Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2013 has now been replaced by Cineáltas: Action Plan on Bullying. All schools are required to adhere to these procedures, which come into effect from the start of the 2025/2026 school year. The BOM must develop its Bí Cineálta policy during the 2024/2025 school year and the policy & procedures must be adopted before the start of the 2025/2026 school year. We will have training to support this and a half-day closure to work on it.

Leadership and Management:

- Our ISLT will lead our School Improvement Plan this year (SIP). Many thanks to the ISLT for their work so far in the various areas outlined and to all those who lead our school improvement informally too.

Building and Finances:

- The PA has agreed to fund the refurbishment of our stage lighting. This is very gratefully received. This will be done in the coming fortnight.

Events

- Some pupils from Ms. Gargan's 3rd Class will be singing in the NCH on Monday 25th November. Well done to all involved on all the hard work.
- The Cumann na mBunscol football season has come to an end after a defeat in a final in Croke Park. We are very proud of the team for getting so far and want are very grateful to all those involved in supporting football in SNP.
- Ms. Sheena Tobin has continued to train a basketball team (6th Class pupils). Many thanks to her for this.
- 6th Class started the Cycle Right Programme this term.
- Swimming continues for our senior classes.
- The Student Council will have some new members soon following elections! Well done to all the pupils in 5th & 6th Class who ran for election, prepared speeches and highlighted their thoughts and ideas.
- Our JI, SI and 5th Classes are busy preparing for their Christmas performances that will take place in December.
- We will have our annual carol service on Tuesday 17 December in the church.
- The school will be used as a polling station on Fri. 29 November for the general election.
- Our 5th and 6th Classes continue to prepare for the National Children's Choir. There will be a cluster practice held in the school next week (with other schools).
- Our school community has very generously contributed 239 boxes to Team Hope's Shoebox Appeal. We will have our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection in the coming weeks.
- Bake sale was a huge success raising just under €2000. Massive thanks to all volunteers
- Annual Santa visit will take place during the final week in December. The PA are supplying all children with Christmas Annuals

Yours Sincerely

The Board of Management