Agreed Report BOM Meeting – 31 March 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on 31st March 2025

Pastoral & Parish:

- The 6th Classes had their Confirmation on 7 March. It was a beautiful ceremony. Many thanks to the teachers involved – Ms. Cathy Hegarty and Ms. Sheena Tobin for all the work that they put into this, SNA Ms. Hilda Curran and to the teachers and pupils involved in the choir and who added so beautifully to the ceremony. Thanks too, to Fr. Michael, for running the information evening for parents and of course for Confirming our pupils.
- The children from Rang 2 will celebrate their First Confession tomorrow at 1pm in the church. They will then celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday, 10 May. Credit is due to Ms. McKenna and Ms. Treacy for the way in which they have been preparing the girls. Thanks also to the teachers and pupils of 5th and 6th Class who will be involved in the choir. The PA will organise a reception for children and their families in the Ruah Centre, which is always a lovely occasion. Thanks in advance for this.

Enrolments:

- 484 children are currently on roll.
- We will have 4 JI and 4 SI classes next year and will continue to have 2 classes at the other class levels (1st- 6th Class).
- The meeting for parents/guardians of incoming new infants will take place on Tuesday 29 April. After my information presentation, one of our teachers who is currently teaching Junior Infants - Ms. Emma Nelson will share some practical guidance with parents/guardians to help their child in Junior Infants. A few members of our Student Council will share their experience of their time in SNP and the chairperson of the PA (Bryan Hickson) will also join us to talk about the work of the PA and to encourage parents/guardians to get involved. Refreshments will be served by the PA afterwards and short tours will be given around the school. Huge thanks in advance to all involved.

School Improvement Plan, Curriculum & Professional Development:

- Teachers engaged in CPD on 28 March (full day closure) on the new Primary Maths Curriculum.
- SNAs completed a First Aid training course and a session about emotional regulation on 28 March.
- Our School Self-Evaluation this year has focused on the use of playfulness in Maths at all class levels and also real-life linkage. The cycle is coming to an end and at our next staff meeting we will make whole-school decisions based on our evaluation.
- Website – The development of our website is finally complete, and we are thrilled with the finished product. Huge thanks to Ms. Sinéad Treacy who did a huge amount of work with me to make this happen. We feel that the website tells our story here to prospectus parents while at the same time serves as a helpful resource for current parents/guardians.

Leadership and Management

- The ISLT engaged in a leadership development session with a facilitator from Oide. We found the session very worthwhile. We will have a further session in May.

Events/Other:

- **Sport** – Our camogie team will be taking part in the camogie Cumann na nBunscol league in the coming weeks. Great credit is due to Ms. Sinéad Treacy, Ms. Orla Smith and Ms. Cathy Hegarty for training our teams (early on Monday morning!) and of course to the girls themselves for their commitment and dedication to this over the last number of weeks.
- **Performances** – our 1st and 3rd Classes will perform their plays after Easter. A huge amount of work and preparation goes into these. Many thanks to the teachers (Ms. Flynn, Ms. Merriman, Ms. Cosgrave and Ms. Gargan) and Ms. Suzanne Binley for this.
- **The National Children's Choir** (5th and 6th Classes) performed in the National Basketball Arena on 25 March. They were superb. Many thanks to all involved in preparing the girls for this. It took a lot of commitment by the teachers (Ms. Treacy, Ms. Cotter, Ms. Hegarty, Ms. Tobin and Ms. Nash) and children and this was evident through their super enthusiasm and by the high standard on the night.
- **Online Safety –** The PA has arranged for Cyber Safe Kids to do sessions re. online safety with children from 3rd-6th Class. We will also host a parent evening on Tuesday 8 April. Thanks to the PA for arranging this.
- Our **Student Council** has been working hard to encourage pupil voice in SNP. Thanks to Ms. Eimear Devlin and Ms. Emma Nelson who have led the council this year and of course to the girls on our Student Council. Its establishment has been a great asset to our school leadership.
- The **Scholastic Book Fair** will come to our school during the week of 13 May. Many thanks to Ms. Róisín Gargan, and Parents' Association & library volunteers who will generously give their time to make this possible. Last year it was clear that our pupils thoroughly enjoyed it and there was a buzz around the school while it was here. The school receives 60% of the total spent to invest in new books for our classroom and school libraries. We consider it a very worthwhile event.
- AJ, Ms. Sinéad Treacy and Suzanne Binley have held review meetings in relation to the new **performance drama arrangement** with a few small changes made.
- Classes will be going on their **school tours** over the coming months.
- As part of the **Counselling Pilot with NEPS**, the **Friends Programme** has been taught in one of our 5th Classes. This programme aims to promote wellbeing (and runs alongside our regular Weaving Wellbeing programme). In addition, as part of the **Counselling Pilot with NEPS**, one-to-one sessions are offered to a small number of pupils.
- **Calendar for 2025-2026** – the calendar for the next academic year was approved by the Board.

Ratification of Bí Cineálta Policy & Supervision Policy:

Our Bí Cineálta Policy (anti-bullying policy) was drawn up in the past few months to align with the new procedures from the Department of Education. The process involved input from pupils, staff and parents. Ms. Emma Nelson and Anna ran a training session for staff on 26 February. The school is required to follow the procedures fully. From September 2025, Anna will present an update on bullying behaviour at each BOM meeting (as currently happens). This update will include the number of incidents of bullying behaviour that have been reported since the beginning of the school year. Where incidents of bullying behavior have occurred Anna will also provide a verbal update which will include, where relevant, information relating to trends and patterns identified, strategies used to address the bullying behavior and any wider strategies to prevent and address bullying behaviour, where relevant. This update will not contain personal or identifying information.This policy was ratified by the Board. It will be reviewed and approved annually.

Yours Sincerely

The Board of Management