



St. Joseph's NS/SN Seosamh Naofa

Board of Management Agreed Report

Tuesday, 14th December 2022

- Opening Prayer - Psalm read by Betty.
- The Astro code was changed, and the lock cover replaced.
- The snag list was completed and Richie gave back €300.
- Attendance improving. Mark communicating with parents whose children's absenteeism is high.
- Eleanor Neville resigned her position to take a teaching job nearer home. Paula Dempsey was appointed as permanent teacher to replace Catherine. Lisa Owens was appointed for the rest of the school year to fill Eleanor's absence. Paula took over 5th class, and Lisa took over Catherine's SEN position.
- We are going to provide swimming lessons for 2nd class for 16 weeks from January 31st. Approximate cost is €12-13 per session – includes transport.
- We took part in Maths Week.
- For Anti-Bullying Week, all classes taught a lesson provided to schools by the DES. We uploaded our work to the anti-bullying website.
- Senior infants and first class went to the library and garda station and took part in a Science Week workshop.
- A very successful Rackard League and Mini 7s campaign. The girls won the Roinn A crown, while the boys lost narrowly in the Roinn A final. The boys' Mini7s team lost the final.
- We will have a medal presentation ceremony on Tuesday 13th December. All three schools will attend. Jerseys and additional medals were bought for the children. Many thanks to the sponsors – Katlan Construction and Hammels shop.
- Gayle looking for permission for guitar lessons in school – hire of premises form to be signed.
- PA meeting took place in November. The uniform was discussed and plans for a change process put in place. A uniform survey indicated a desire for change.
- The parent/teacher meetings took place on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November. Parents were given the option of a phone call meeting or a face-to-face meeting.
- The PA raised €570 through the clothing collection. Well done to all concerned.
- Water bill of approximately €3,000. Ongoing leak/cistern malfunction. Reported to Allianz for potential claim. Loss adjustor contacted the school. Plumber being sought.
- Room shelved for library books – many thanks to Willie.
- We lost electricity twice in the last term. We lost our water supply on another occasion. Luckily, we retained enough water to keep the school open. Toilets are the biggest issue.
- The staff completed first aid in-service with St. John of God ambulance.
- 5th and 6th also received first aid training.

Principal: Mr. Mark Kelly
Deputy Principal: Mrs. Anne O'Dowd



Chairperson: Fr. Michael Byrne

- Bishop Ger Nash has, because of increasing work pressures, directed all schools to ensure that priests should not be chairpersons of the BoMs by October 2023.
- In November, we remember – Fr. Byrne brought the children to the church and to the graveyard.
- End of year school mass – lovely ceremony with all classes.
- Library book grant. Lots of books purchased. Class libraries have been overhauled. A school repository has been created also.
- The Christmas Show will take place in the community centre on Wednesday 21st beginning at 9.30am. There will be a raffle with hampers filled by 3rd – 6th class parents with help from the PA.
- Mark to contact the DES and accept the offer to install a prefab.
- Fr. Byrne will search for someone who could fulfil the role of chairperson.
- 2022/23 Self-evaluation report and improvement plan ratified
- Complaints and Grievances Policy – annual review
- Health Safety and Welfare Statement – annual review
- Posts of Responsibility – 2 proposed new posts
- Posts of Responsibility – review of deputy principal
- Next meeting - 21st February 2023 at 7pm