



Scoil Phroinsias Naofa

Board of Management Annual Report School Year 2015-2016

Board of Management 2015-2016

Chairperson	–	Fr. Pádraig Keenan
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Teacher Rep	–	Mrs. Elaine O'Rourke
Parent Reps	–	Sinéad Dullaghan Robert Cosgrove
Community Reps	–	John Horan Brenda Magee

Policy Development

Child Protection; Enrolment & Admissions; Supervision; Data Protection and Record Keeping; Assessment; Special Education Needs; Interim Relationships & Sexuality Policy; Attendance; Anti-Bullying.

Thanks to all the members of the school community who assisted in this ongoing work or contributed in any way.

School Inspection

St. Francis NS had an inspection from Inspector Marina Ní Threasaigh on 17-02-2016. She reported satisfaction with the teaching and learning in the school.

Staffing 2015-2016:

New Staff: Deirbhile Donnelly, Helen Clinton, Ciara Whately. Teacher Exchange: Carloine Flack. Maternity Leave Cover: Emma Kellegher, Fiona Conroy.

Curricular Development

School Self Evaluation: St. Francis NS has completed work on our Numeracy plan, and is currently working on Literacy and PE. See our school website for further information.

School Planning

St. Francis NS whole School Plan for English & Literacy has been completely revised in line with our School Self Evaluation Improvement Plan for Literacy.

Reading Recovery

Mrs. O'Rourke has trained in Reading Recovery which complements the school plan very well.

Station Teaching

Group activity teaching has been effectively developed throughout the school.

The Board congratulates staff and pupils on the following achievements:

Basketball Team: 2nd place in the Libby Dynamites Schools' Basketball Tournament.

Choir: Participation in Peace Proms, Seinn, Carol Singing and many school events during the year.

Gaelic Teams: Participation in Cumann na mBunscol competitions.

1916-2016 Commemoration: Production of a wonderful school video and public event marking the occasion.

Green School Committee: Helping the School Community achieve a 4th Green Flag for Travel & transport, and a 4 Star GROW award from Louth Co. Council.

Active School Committee: Helping the School Community achieve the Active School Award.

The Entire School Community on renewing their status as a Health Promoting School.

Maith Sibh Uile: All pupils who represented the school in Feis Mhuirtheimhne, Feis Dhún Dealgan, Debates, Quizzes, Dancing, Cultural, Sporting and Business events throughout the year.

School Ethos

St. Francis Day annual school mass was celebrated on Tuesday October 6th by Fr. Keenan.

During the year various prayer services and the sacrament of reconciliation were held.

First Communion was received by 2nd Class pupils on 30-05-2016.

Confirmation for 6th Class pupils was held on 08-03-2016.

Diocesan Advisor, Sr. Tarcisius visited us in February,

Grandparents Day was also celebrated in February.

Intercultural Day was celebrated in conjunction with our 1916-2016 event.

Parents' Association

Huge gratitude our wonderful PA for all their support, fun events and fundraising efforts throughout the year. The money raised allowed us to invest in updating and expanding our school reading programme and providing a range of material for the Reading Recovery Programme. We also gratefully received a beautiful new Basketball Kit which the children have worn proudly at matches.