



Scoil Phroinsias Naofa

Board of Management Annual Report School Year 2016-2017

Board of Management 2015-2016

Chairperson	–	Fr. Pádraig Keenan
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Community Reps	–	John Horan Brenda Magee

School Inspection

St. Francis NS participated in an extremely successful whole school evaluation with inspectors Colm Cregan and Elizabeth Sheridan, during the first week in February 2017. The full report on this inspection is available on our website.

Curricular Development

School Self Evaluation: St. Francis NS is currently working on the **teaching and learning** of Gaeilge.

School Planning

St. Francis NS whole School Plans for Mathematics and for Social, Environmental and Scientific Education have been reviewed.

Reading Recovery

Mrs. O'Rourke has maintained our Reading Recovery programme which complements the school literacy programme.

Staff Training: All staff have participated in "in house **Continuous Professional Development**", skills sharing workshops and modelling of teaching methodologies in classrooms.

School Ethos

St. Francis Day annual school mass was celebrated on Tuesday October 4th 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 May 20th 2017.

Confirmation for 6th Class pupils was held on March 21st 2017.

Diocesan Advisor, Sr. Elizabeth visited us in May.

Grandparents Day was celebrated in February.

St. Francis NS 10th Anniversary was celebrated in conjunction with our 2017 summer Fête. Our Mission Statement was revised to better reflect who we are.

Policy Development

Child Protection; Enrolment & Admissions; Code of Behaviour; Anti-Bullying; Assessment; Parental Involvement; Health & Safety; Supervision; Fire Drill & Evacuation procedures; Swimming.

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

Staffing 2016-2017:

New Staff: Sarah Gray, SarahJane Burns. Teacher Exchange: Carloine Flack. Covering Career Break: Emma Kellegher. Maternity Leave Cover: Réaltein McCann
New SNA: Carmel Pinto

The Board congratulates staff and pupils on the following achievements:

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

Gaelic, Basketball and Rugby Teams: Participation in local school's competitions and blitzes.

Green School Committee: Helping the School Community achieve a 5 Star GROW award, coming in 1st place in Co. Louth.

5th Class: on the design and creation of a beautiful Celtic Garden in Blackrock Park with Blackrock Tidy Towns, and winning 2nd place overall in the Eco tribe competition.

The Entire School Community on receiving an extremely positive report following a whole school evaluation in February.

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.

Student Council: Buddy Benches, Liberty Clothing collections; Monitoring of Green School travel.

Parents' Association

Míle Buíochas - Huge gratitude to our fantastic Parent Association for all their support, hospitality, fun events and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Highlights of the year were the Annual Family Quiz and the wonderful Summer Fête. The money raised allowed us to invest in updating and expanding our PE equipment, IT equipment and extending our range of material for the Reading Recovery Programme.

Every parent is a member - all are welcome to become involved.