



Scoil Phroinsias Naofa

Board of Management Annual Report School Year 2017-2018

Board of Management 2015-2016

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School Inspection

St. Francis NS participated in an extremely successful whole school evaluation during the first week in February 2017. The full report on this inspection is available on our website. We will have a follow up inspection in the coming school year.

Curricular Development

School Self Evaluation: Literacy – we are currently working on writing skills in both Gaeilge and English. Special Education: Staff have undergone training in planning for differentiation and for pupils with special needs.

School Planning

St. Francis NS whole School Plans for Drama, Social, Personal and Health Education, Gaeilge, Visual Arts and Physical Education have been reviewed.

Reading Recovery

Mrs. O'Rourke has maintained our Reading Recovery programme which complements our 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 Wednesday October 4th by Fr. Keenan.

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

We also celebrated St. Francis Day by having a Biodiversity ramble in Blackrock Park, tying in with our Green Schools programme.

First Communion was received by 2nd Class pupils on May 19th 2017.

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

Grandparents Day was celebrated in February.

Policy Development

Admission & Enrolment, Child Safety Statement, Anti-Bullying, Substance Use, Book Bill & Rental, Healthy Eating, Attendance, Relationships & Sexuality Education, Composite Classes, Homework, Parents & Staff Communication, Mobile Phone & Electronic Games, Equality and Ease of Access and Participation, Fire Drill & Evacuation, Vetting Disclosure, Hire & Use of School Premises, Toileting & Intimate Care, Data Protection.

Teaching Staff 2017-2018:

New Staff: Sarah Gray, SarahJane Burns. Teachers Covering Career Breaks/Teacher Exchange: Emma Kellegher, Niamh Brennan, Réaltein McCann. Maternity Leave Cover: Megan Treadwell. 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 another 5 Star GROW award, coming in 1st place in Co. Louth.

3rd Class: on the design and creation of a beautiful Pollinator Garden in Blackrock Park with Blackrock Tidy Towns, and winning 2nd place overall in the Eco tribe competition.

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.

The Entire School Community on completing a happy, successful year.

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 Family Sponsored Walk and the wonderful baking for events. The money raised allowed us to invest in updating and expanding our IT equipment and extending our range of Science and Maths (STEM) resources.

Every parent is a member of our PA. Meetings are held once a month - all are welcome to become involved.