



Scoil Phroinsias Naofa

Board of Management Annual Report School Year 2018-2019

Board of Management 2015-2019

Chairperson	–	Fr. Pádraig Keenan
Treasurer	–	Mr. Joe Corcoran
Secretary	–	Ms. Oreena Lawless
Teacher Rep	–	Mrs. Elaine O'Rourke
Parent Reps	–	Sinéad Dullaghan Robert Cosgrove
Community Rep	–	John Horan

Teaching Staff changes 2018-2019

Teachers Covering Career Breaks/Teacher Exchange:
Réaltéin McCann, Róisín McKeivitt
Maternity Leave Cover: Megan Treadwell.

Policy Review and Development

Parent/Staff Communication (incorporating Disciplinary & Grievance Procedures for Parents); Admissions & Enrolment; Homework; Swimming; Parental Involvement; Assessment; Code of Behaviour; One-to-One Teaching; Work Experience; Job Sharing; Equality of Access and Ease of Participation; Critical Incident; Working Together; Data protection & CCTV; Exemption form the Study of Irish; Code of Conduct; Use of Outside Specialist/Coaches/Tutors; Protected Disclosures; Extra Personal Leave; Special Education Needs; Health & Safety; Administration of Medicines; Supervision; Fire Drill & Evacuation; Accidents and Emergencies.

Curricular & Continuous Professional 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. Homework – we have begun reviewing our homework practices. **School Planning:** Review of whole Music School Plan. **Reading Recovery:** Mrs. O'Rourke has maintained our Reading Recovery programme which complements our literacy programme.

Staff Training: All staff continue to participate in "in-house Continuous Professional Development", skills sharing workshops and modelling of teaching methodologies in classrooms. SNAs have completed many courses in behaviour management and catering for pupils with special needs.

Droichead: A Professional Support Team was trained to facilitate the induction of newly qualified teachers.

School Ethos

St. Francis Day annual school mass was celebrated on Thursday October 5th by Fr. Keenan.

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

We also celebrated St. Francis with a visit from Newgrange Falconry, tying in with our Green Schools programme.

First Communion was received by 2nd Class pupils on May 25th 2019.

Confirmation for 6th Class pupils was held on March 21st 2019.

Grandparents Day was celebrated in February.

The Board congratulates all 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 their very successful participation in Féile Scoil drámaíochta at both local and Provincial level.

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: Liberty Clothing collections; Monitoring of Green School travel; Charity events throughout the year.

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

Parents' Association

Míle Buíochas – As always, we express enormous gratitude to our amazing PA committee. Our school is greatly enhanced by your ongoing support, hospitality, and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Highlights of the year were the Family Sponsored Walk, our Annual Book Fair and catering at school events. Funds raised again allowed the school to invest in updating and expanding IT equipment and extending the range of Science and Maths (STEM) resources - an ongoing challenge as we are a rapidly developing school. **All parents are members** and are most welcome at the monthly PA meetings.