

Board of Management - Annual Report 2017 - 2018



Board of Management 2017/2018

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Staffing 2017/2018

- Mr. Neil Crowley - **Principal** – 3rd to 6th Class
- Miss Aishling Horgan – **Deputy Principal** – 1st and 2nd Class
- Ms. Mary Murphy – **Mainstream Teacher** – Junior and Senior Infants
- Mr. Tom Ryan – **Special Education Teacher**
- Ms. Aishling Healy – **Special Needs Assistant**
- Ms. Lorraine Meaney - **Secretary**
- Mrs. Maureen Mc Inerney - **Caretaker**

School Ethos

The children in Second Class received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Bishop Fintan Monahan administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to children in 6th class.

Policy Development

The following are the policies worked on by the BOM during the year. Thanks to all the members of the school community who took part in the work.

- Child Safe Guarding Statement
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Anti-Cyber Bullying Policy
- Code of Behaviour Policy
- Special Education Policy
- Mathematics Policy
- History Policy
- Geography Policy
- Science Policy

- Music Policy
- Physical Education Policy
- Drama Policy

Curricular Development

School Self Evaluation

The school continued to work on the school improvement plan for Maths and English. The plan looks at ways to improve Problem Solving skills within Maths and Comprehension strategies in English. The new curricular area in which the school will be working on is Science. The plans are available for viewing from the school office.

School Awards

The school received its first Green Flag for Litter and Waste from An Táisce. It also received a Discovery Primary Science Award from the Science Foundation of Ireland for its work in Science.

Activities

The following are a list of activities which took place during the year:

- Maths Week
- Science Week
- Odd Socks Day
- Jersey Day - GOAL
- St. Brigid's Day Cross Making
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Food Dudes – Healthy Eating Programme
- Seachtain Na Gaeilge
- Relax Kids
- G.I.Y. – Grow It Yourself Initiative
- National Spring Clean – An Táisce

- Peace Proms Musical Programme
- Walk around Europe – Active School Programme
- Gardening Activities – Creation of the school garden
- The Crocus Project
- Raidio Corca Baiscinn – Christmas Recording
- Pancake Tuesday – Making Pancakes
- Safer Internet Day
- Anti-Bullying Week

Concerts

- Christmas Concert – “Silent Night”
- Peace Proms 2018 – N.U.I. Galway
- Visit to Danlann an Chláir – Christmas Concert for Infants to 2nd Class

Educational Speakers/Visits

- Clean Ireland Recycling visit to the school
- Kilrush Library Visit
- Vandeleur Walled Gardens Visit
- Moneypoint Power station
- Garda Micheál O’Gorman from Kilrush Garda Station
- Joe Hurley – School Long Ago
- Mura Tierney – GOAL Education Programme

Whole School Initiatives

Literacy Initiatives

- Accelerated Reader
- Literacy Lift Off
- Write A Book 2018
- Shared Reading Programme
- MS Readathon
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Peer Reading
- First Steps Writing Programme
- Aistear

Maths Initiatives

- Ready Set Go
- Mata Sa Rang
- Athletics
- Problem Solving Strategies

Extra Curricular Activities

- West Clare School's Cross Country Competition
- FAI Primary 5 A Side – Soccer – Boys and Girls
- Marion Keane Basketball Competition - Boys and Girls
- FAI Futsal Soccer Competition – Boys and Girls
- West Clare Primary Schools Competition - Doonbeg
- Doonbeg Schools Girls Football Competition
- School's Gaelic Football Blitz
- Swimming Lessons in Quilty Pool
- Cumann na mBunscol Football - Boys Division 1

Coaching/After Schools

- David Tubridy - Gaelic Football – All Classes
- Michael O’Neill – Hurling – All Classes
- Piano/Keyboard – Emma Karren

Assessment

- NNRIT Testing
- Early Literacy Test
- Middle Infant Screening Test (MIST)
- Triail Ghaeilge Dhroimchonrach - Drumcondra Irish Profiles
- SIGMA-T (Maths) and MICRA-T (English Reading) testing

Community Links

- New updated website – www.doonbegns.ie
- Halloween Hobble and Fancy Dress
- Parish Christmas Disco for children
- St. Patrick's Day Parade – Wild Atlantic Way Theme
- Knitting Classes – Parents and Grandparents
- St. Bridgid's Day Crosses
- Attending Mass on the First Friday
- Doonbeg Drama Festival Art Competition
- Trump International Education Awards – 6th Class Children

Haddington Road Agreement

- The staff of the school has met the Department of Education and Skills requirements under the Agreement. Additional time was spent on Curriculum planning, policy development, special educational needs and supervision.

School Opening and Closing Dates

The school will close on **Wednesday, 27th June 2018** for the Summer Holidays and will re-open on **Thursday, 30th August 2018**.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Joseph Haugh - Chairperson - B.O.M.

Neil Crowley - Principal/Secretary - B.O.M.

Date: 26th June 2018