



Agreed Report

Board of Management meeting

7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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Principal's Report	<p><b>Congratulations:</b> Arthur and his family have moved to North Carolina. We wish him all the best. Decision made regarding new community nominee: Carol Lonergan.</p>																				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We currently have 309 children on the roll. This should ensure retention of our developing post and EAL posts.</li> <li>We have opted to begin a new cycle of SSE this year. Our last topics were behaviour, spelling and handwriting. While we will continue to work on these topics, we are ready to look at some other areas.</li> <li>The areas highlighted as needing support are Gaeilge (go háirithe teanga ó bhéal) and Ethos Development.</li> <li>Ursula is leading the Ethos Development group and we are engaging with ETBi as part of a pilot SSE project.</li> <li>Ian is leading our Gaeilge committee. We are focusing on gnáthchaint an lae (with particular emphasis on staff using Irish in their interactions) and also phonics and sightwords in the senior classes.</li> <li>Other focuses for the year: introduction of the Heggerty programme for phonological awareness; continuing our thematic approach to SESE (monthly themes); cataloguing our libraries and sets of novels;</li> <li>Teresa and Joanne are working on standard specific folders which will contain the full school plan plus extra support material for each level.</li> <li>We have 3 children whose families have applied for Irish exemptions.</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="435 1256 1262 1939"> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1256 651 1357"><b>Junior infants 1</b></td> <td data-bbox="651 1256 863 1357">M. Alisha M. Niamh</td> <td data-bbox="863 1256 999 1536" rowspan="2"><b>SET/ EAL</b></td> <td data-bbox="999 1256 1262 1536" rowspan="2">M. Joanne M. Lisa M. Ursula M. Eoin M. Mary/ Catherine M. Nicola M. Claire</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1357 651 1536"><b>Senior infants</b></td> <td data-bbox="651 1357 863 1536">M. Niamh D M. Aoife M</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1536 651 1637"><b>First class</b></td> <td data-bbox="651 1536 863 1637">M. Eilis M. Aoife K</td> <td data-bbox="863 1536 999 1738" rowspan="2"></td> <td data-bbox="999 1536 1262 1738" rowspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1637 651 1738"><b>Second class</b></td> <td data-bbox="651 1637 863 1738">M. Eoin M. Sarah</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1738 651 1839"><b>Third class</b></td> <td data-bbox="651 1738 863 1839">M. Ian M. Fiona/ Mary</td> <td data-bbox="863 1738 999 1939" rowspan="2"></td> <td data-bbox="999 1738 1262 1939" rowspan="2"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1839 651 1939"><b>Fourth/ 5th</b></td> <td data-bbox="651 1839 863 1939">M. Dairine M. Pauline</td> </tr> </table>			<b>Junior infants 1</b>	M. Alisha M. Niamh	<b>SET/ EAL</b>	M. Joanne M. Lisa M. Ursula M. Eoin M. Mary/ Catherine M. Nicola M. Claire	<b>Senior infants</b>	M. Niamh D M. Aoife M	<b>First class</b>	M. Eilis M. Aoife K			<b>Second class</b>	M. Eoin M. Sarah	<b>Third class</b>	M. Ian M. Fiona/ Mary			<b>Fourth/ 5th</b>	M. Dairine M. Pauline
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	<p><b>Covid 19- update and provisions in place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have continued to adhere to our Covid Response plan, and to follow any updates released by the DES regarding ventilation and best practice.</li> <li>• We have been instructed by the DES not to contact parents if there is a positive case in the school with the introduction of new guidelines (no more in school contact tracing)</li> <li>• We have allowed 2 classes to play together outside (as outlined in 2021 Covid response plan) but are adhering to class pods and bubbles. However, if a pod change needs to happen for social or academic reasons, teachers are to consult with me</li> <li>• We are also breaking up one pod for station teaching in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> class</li> <li>• We are continuing all other procedures as per our Covid response plan</li> <li>• We hope to change the infant collection time from 12.50- 1.10 to 1.00- 1.10 after the midterm break.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Policies</b></p>	<p><b>Policies reviewed:</b> RSE policy Child safety statement</p>
	<p><b>Feedback sessions and staff survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I completed the 1 on 1 feedback sessions with each staff member (due to happen in March).</li> <li>• We also sent out a staff survey.</li> <li>• The feedback was hugely helpful and we met as an ISM to discuss the various ideas raised.</li> <li>• We are prioritising the following for 2021/2022             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twice monthly meetings from Sept- Dec with all new staff, with a review at that stage</li> <li>• GMGY mentoring from GMGY committee</li> <li>• Organised curricular areas (currently working on Art, STEM, Aistear and Maths)</li> <li>• Communication guidelines (preserving right to disengage!) particularly with whatsapp messages and parent emails.</li> <li>• Creation of a 'Scoil Chlíodhna handbook' for new staff as much of the info communicated on first day meeting resulted in overload. Múinteoir Dairine and Eoghan have worked on a version of this.</li> <li>• Monthly newsletter with main points from office plus links to other items to prevent overload of emails</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<p><b>Building works</b></p> <p><b>Building works</b></p> <p><b>Temporary accommodation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a delay in the installation of works for prefabs, although they were ready in time to move in September.</li> <li>• We are still awaiting some panel works (railings)</li> <li>• The next two prefabs are due for installation in Jan/Feb</li> </ul> <p><b>New build</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have no update as to the tendering process for the new campus.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Cork ETB/CNS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New school has opened in Carrigaline</li> <li>• We are working with ETBi on our SSE</li> <li>• Teresa is meeting monthly with our Director of schools, ensuring ongoing support from CETB</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<p><b>General report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lunch bag.ie are a great success so far</li> <li>• Our first student council is being set up at the moment</li> <li>• Parent teacher meetings will take place in November- awaiting guidance re online v zoom</li> <li>• Welcome meetings took place last week (online) and were very well attended</li> <li>• Our Open night will take place next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>• We have set up a formal mentorship for our new staff. This has been progressing well.</li> <li>• We are holding our Jersey day tomorrow, 8<sup>th</sup> October in support of GOAL Global.</li> <li>• We are also working towards             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM award</li> <li>• Rights respecting school</li> <li>• Green flag</li> <li>• Autism Friendly school</li> <li>• Gaelbhreach</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A parent is facilitating the collection of shoeboxes for Hope</li> <li>• More issues with <a href="http://www.carriguniforshop.ie">www.carriguniforshop.ie</a>. To be discussed at PTA.</li> <li>• County photos came to take photos of all classes, adhering to guidelines</li> <li>• Ian is again working on ideas for the fundraising calendar (to be shot next week)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>