

St Joseph's
BNS

Board of
Management
Report

2017 – 2018

School Ethos

Completed year 4 of supporting and taking ownership of the characteristic spirit in our catholic school with school partners: BOM, teachers, parents and students.

The school has:

- Introduced school assemblies – on going reflection on the Christian way of life, for Junior classes and Senior Classes
- Implementation of the ‘Grow in Love’ religious programme in Junior and Senior Infants, and First and Second classes and Third and Fourth Classes
- Participated in Catholic Schools Week and held a Prayer Service for all the people in our lives and planted a remembrance tree in the main garden
- Devoted more time to prayer at the beginning and end of the day
- Raised awareness of the importance of inter-religious dialogue in Catholic education
- Provided support to enable all members of staff to be confident in articulating the school’s Catholic ethos
- Is continuing to ensure that all pupils in a spirit of mutual respect and trust can approach all staff, share concerns and feel listened to – Student Council
- Has supported Trocaire during Lent, the Shoe Box Appeal at Christmas and The Society of St Vincent de Paul through our Toy Sunday Mass

Parish and Church Events

Many thanks to the teachers for preparing the pupils for the Sacraments and other religious occasions in the community: First Penance, First Holy Communion, Service of Light and Confirmation, Christmas and Easter Services.

Teachers and pupils are also thanked for preparing the pupils as readers, choirs, altar boys and for helping to organise the following school, church, parish and community events:

- Beginning of school year mass
- Toy Sunday
- First Penance
- First Holy Communion
- Service of Light
- Confirmation
- Graduation mass for our sixth class pupils

Curricular Developments and Achievements

Numeracy:

- Reported statistics to the Dept. of Educ show that our Numeracy standardised score attainments for our pupils show that 30% of our pupils achieved a standardised score of 130 and above (very high) while the normal distribution for Ireland is 2%. 23% of our pupils achieved a standardised score of 120-129 (high) while the normal distribution for Ireland is 7%. 21% of our pupils scores a score of 110-119 (high average) while the national norm is 16%.
- Awarded the Discover Science and Maths Plaque of Excellence for a second year
- Scratch Coding and Problem Solving has been further engrained in our teaching and learning

Literacy:

- Reported statistics to the Dept. of Educ show that our Literacy standardised score attainments for our pupils show that 23% of our pupils achieved a standardised score of 130 and above (very high) while the normal distribution for Ireland is 2%. 26% of our pupils achieved a standardised score of 120-129 (high) while the normal distribution for Ireland is 7%. 25% of our pupils scores a score of 110-119 (high average) while the national norm is 16%.
- 15156 AR Quizzes completed
- 258404970 words read in total – 38,000000 more than last year

Sporting Achievements:

- Two senior and two junior football teams enjoyed representing the school in the Cumann na mBunscol GAA football leagues
- Two junior and one senior panel of boys happily represented the school in the Cumann na mBunscol GAA hurling league
- Every boys from 3rd to 6th class got a chance to represent the school and almost 200 boys took part in 6 Cross Country Runs throughout the school year with many scoring top points for the school team and a few winning their races.
- Some of our boys were fortunate to experience the new indoor arena in Abbotstown. The relay team secured 2nd place to add to our wins in athletics.
- Santry Athletics: Competing against 30+ large schools, our pupils achieved the following after much practice and great determination: Gold in shot put, silvers in 600m and relays and bronze medals in 600m and hurdles. 3 Gold medals in hurdling.

<p>Board of Management 2017/2018</p> <p>Chairperson Fr Philip Bradley Treasurer Gerard Whyte Principal Anne McCabe Teacher Nominees Carmel Durkan</p> <p>Parent Nominees Maggie O’Neill Daragh Moneley</p> <p>Community Nominees Edie Wynne Seán McCormack</p>	<p>Policy Development and Review</p> <p>Child Safe Guarding and Risk Assessment Statement Anti – bullying Policy review Health and Safety Policy Review First Aid Policy Administering Medicines Policy Healthy Eating Policy Critical Incident Management Policy Internet Access and Acceptable Use Policy Data Protection Policy School Attendance Policy School Attendance Strategy</p>
<p>Staffing</p> <p>Haddington Road Agreement – 36 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Teachers Meetings – extra time allocated • Monthly meetings – professional development, curriculum planning, school organisation • Planning and Consultation with connected agencies – DES, HSE, Enable Ireland, NEPS psychologist, Child and Family Agency, NCSE, HSA, OHS • Planning and consultation with partner teacher, special education teachers • School Self Evaluation and Improvement Planning • Planning Day for School Year 2018-2019 in August <p>Job Sharing: Ms Serena Mulhall and Ms Charlotte Larmer New Class Teachers: Mr David Kelly, Ms Fiona Tynan</p> <p>6 members of staff have completed First Aid Training specialising in First Aid for Children</p>	<p>Parents’ Association</p> <p>Supporting our school in curricular, religious, community and social events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Exhibition • Communion and Confirmation blazer rental scheme. • Communion ‘white’ party • Meeting the new parents’ evening • Be Active and Get Healthy events • Talks for parents on First Aid, Internet Safety, Child Protection, Relationship and Sexuality etc • Comenius Project – host families for visiting students • Christmas and June Cake Sale – social event for all • Back to School Parent Social Night for the school partners: parents, teachers and Board of Management • Issuing of receipts for voluntary contributions • Many fundraising events to provide extra resources for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English Reading Programme AR 2. Maths Equipment 3. Science and Nature Studies 4. Sports Day and PE equipment 5. Music equipment 6. Art Exhibition and Materials 7. Texting Service to parents 8. Social events for the pupils and families

Works/Buildings

The DES Summer grant application has not been approved for the school year 2017-2018. The application was for tarmacking school exits and the senior yard. It may be considered in next year's allocation of funds by the Department of Education and Skills. In the meantime, the school Board of Management has decided to go ahead with resurfacing of the senior yard/Church car park when the boundary wall has been rebuilt.

The Minor Works Grant part funded with the assistance of the parent voluntary contribution the following:

- Painting of the school entrance, school offices, infant corridor, school hall lobby area and wet room.
- Repairs to the main entrance ceiling area
- Repairs to the polymeric surface in the junior yard
- The purchase of new roller blinds for the school hall and ICT hub/computer room.
- The purchase of pupil chairs for the senior classes
- Continuing upgrade of Fire Alarm systems and Monitoring Service
- Quarterly checks on fire alarms and monitoring systems
- Annual Service of Fire Safety Equipment
- New desk table tops for the senior classes
- Big yard sweeping and skip hire
- Plumbing repair work in kitchen
- Maintenance and service on the public address system
- Purchase of secure key filing cabinets for each classroom
- Installed hand sanitisers in every classroom

Curricular Development and Achievements:

Be Active Campaign:

Reminders of eating healthily in school journal and website

Review of Healthy Eating Policy

Healthy lunch box competitions

Active schools' week – 10 school days

Taster sessions in yoga, cricket, tag rugby, dance, gymnastics, inventing new games, busy breaks, Go Noodle etc

Sport's Evening provided for the school community

Super Troopers

Fitness tests

Walk to School week each term

3 PE lessons per week

Mindfulness and yoga sessions for the pupils

Water Safety and Swimming Classes have been extended to include all pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes.

Inter schools' competition for football and hurling with Cumann na mBunscol and 'Joey's school league'.

Santry Athletics.

Cumann na mBunscol cross country runs.

Sports' Evening – community event.

In school coaching in Hurling, Football, Cricket and Rugby.

After and before school training in Hurling, Football, and Athletics.

Leinster Rugby Blitz.

Regular flash mob dances.

Saturday evening Swim Classes.

Art and Crafts: Pupils prepare throughout the year and get the opportunity to display their finest creation to the community at Annual Art Exhibition.

Cultural Exchange: Hosting a week of shared cultural and educational activities with visiting students and teachers from Barcelona, Spain.

Creativity and the Arts:

- Highly commended Actors' Award at the 'Terenure College Drama Festival'
- High Commendations for 3rd class choir, Off Beat Music Group and Recorder Band in 'Córtheile Na Scoileanna 2018'