

Annual Report on the work of the Board of Management 2013-14

The Board met on five occasions and there was a full attendance at all but one meeting. All board members made regular and important contributions and debate was always lively.

A comprehensive treasurer's report was given at all meetings and great efforts are made to use our financial resources wisely and to the best benefit of the children and curriculum delivery.

Our school had its Whole School Evaluation in September and subsequently a very positive report was posted by the inspector on the Department of Education and Skills website. The school was praised for its excellent standard of teaching and teaching methods, its active Board of Management and supportive parents as well as its child protection and policy development.

The school took an active role in the parish Mission and prepared children for the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. The school was very involved in the bi-centenary celebrations of Glenmore Church. It also had a number of in-school prayer services and services of penance.

The board set itself the task of establishing a parent's association before the end of June 2014.

The school welcomed Ms. Caoimhe Langan as new Shared Learning Support Teacher and Ms. Mairead Barron who is subbing for Mrs. Spencer during her maternity leave. Mr. Norris was hired as a part-time resource teacher.

Maintenance issues dealing with new classroom lighting, water quality, grounds safety and fire safety were handled.

Contracts for ancillary staff are being put in place.

An appeal was made for an additional class teacher as our enrolment is expected to reach 60 in September 2014. This appeal was successful and an extra teacher has been granted subject to review on October 24th and is predicated on our school having 60 pupils.

There were outings to various educational events as well as the annual summer educational tour. The school had visiting authors and Khan's bookstore visited.

The child safety policy was reviewed. The anti-bullying policy renewed and a critical incident policy is progressing.

The Board of Management thank the pupils for their efforts and co-operation, the parents for supporting the school and its activities and the wider community for its goodwill. It hopes that the parent's association will soon become a valuable partner in supporting the development of Ballyfacey N.S.

The Board of Management wish the pupils leaving for secondary school every blessing and look forward to our new intake and our new teacher in September.

Signed:

Michael A. Honnan, P.P.
Chairperson

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