

**Scoil Chroí Ró Naofa
Ballymurn, Wexford
Board of Management – Annual Report 2022 - 2023**

Fáilte romhaibh go léir. Caithfidh mé a rá go raibh bliain an-ghnóthach ag an mBord Bainistíochta. Seo a leanas cúntas ar imeachtaí an Bhoird i rith na bliana 2022-2023.

The purpose of this Annual Report of the Board of Management of Scoil Chroí Ró Naofa National School is to provide a summary of information on the operation of the school in line with the requirements of the 1998 Education Act.

This Report serves as an addition to the information provided on the school's website www.ballymurnns.ie, the various newsletters issued by the school, circulars to parents, texts to parents, Facebook page, induction evening, Booklet for Parents of Infants Starting School and information provided to parents at parent teacher meetings.

The current members of the Board of Management took office on December 1st, 2019 and will run for a four year term, which ends this year.

Board of Management members

Matthew Kelly (Chairperson, Patron's Rep), Emer O'Gorman (Secretary), Mairéad Cummins (Treasurer, Parent Nominee), Fr. Jim Finn (Patron's Rep), Chloe Ormonde (Teacher Nominee), Greg Wade (Parent Nominee), Mary Maher (Community Nominee) and Eoin O'Connor (Community Nominee)

Policy Development

The following policies were developed /reviewed and ratified over the past year: Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment, Health and Safety, Anti-Bullying, Assessment, Homework, Protected Disclosures, Leave of Absence, R.S.E., Intimate Care & Critical Incident.

School Ethos

Our school is an inclusive school, who work in conjunction with Ballymurn parish to uphold our Catholic ethos. We worked with Fr. Finn to celebrate various religious feasts over the course of the school year. 2nd Class pupils celebrated their First Confession and First Holy Communion in May. All classes had the opportunity to attend mass with their class and the whole school beginning and end of year masses resumed.

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Child Protection

Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was updated last November to reflect the new template required by the DES and can be viewed on our website www.ballymurnns.ie and is on display at the front door of our school. Our current Designated Liaison Person(DLP) is the school acting principal Chloe Ormonde and the Deputy DLP is the acting deputy-principal Nicola Sheehan.

Curriculum

Mandatory Curriculum Programmes: All classes completed the Stay Safe and Relationships and Sexuality Education S.P.H.E programmes this year.

Implementation of new Primary Language Curriculum: Teachers engaged with all new elements of the PLC, and also engaged in Sustained Support with the PDST in relation to the PLC. This support focussed on developing pupils' Irish reading ability and has now concluded.

Introduction of the new Primary Curriculum Framework: Teachers engaged with training webinars to introduce the new Primary Curriculum Framework. This will continue to roll out over the next number of years.

Staffing

In September 2023, our school will have five mainstream class teachers, one autism class teacher, one full time Special Education Teacher, and a part time Special Education Teacher (7.5 hours) We will have 4 SNA posts. Our ancillary staff consists of a secretary, caretaker and cleaner, and we will also have bus escorts.

ICT

The ICT grant for schools this year allowed us to purchase more teacher laptops. The grant also funded the online assessment and learning platform Seesaw, Xtra maths and Mangahigh. We purchased a full class set of headphones for use with the class set of tablets. A new speaker for school events was also bought. Two tablets, cases and wireless headphones were purchased for use in the Crescent Class.

Library Book Grant

Following receipt of the library book grant, The Student Council created surveys for the senior classes in the school to express interest in various types of library books that they would like to see in their class libraries. The school then purchased library books to update the class libraries in 2nd to 6th class based on the interests of the pupils. Many new fact and fiction books were purchased.

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School Books Grant

A school book grant came in this year which amounts to the same as what we asked parents to pay for book rental. Leanna has received three quotes and she has chosen the cheapest quote, which is a local shop in Enniscorthy and we are delighted to be able to support local businesses. The children's school books and copies are all covered for the coming year under this grant.

Board of Management Meetings

B.O.M meetings were held on the following dates: 7th September 2022, 30th November 2022, 25th January 2023, 7th February 2023, 28th March 2023, 15th June 2023 and 19th June 2023.

Finances

The financial management of our school is conducted in strict compliance with DES requirements, which come from the FSSU. (Financial Services Support Unit)

Our accounts were prepared by Foley Doyle & Co Chartered Certified Accountants and submitted to the FSSU on 28th of February. Mairéad Cummins is B.O.M treasurer and issues a financial report at each meeting. The accounts are computerised by our office administrator Leanna Redmond.

We would like to thank parents for making their annual €100 voluntary contribution to the school, and for the many other ways that they support the school through various fundraisers. This year we raised funds from our Halloween Hike, Ballymurn Fun Run, and non-uniform day, as well as through generous sponsorship from local businesses.

Parents' Association

The Board of Management would like to thank the Parents' Association for all their hard work and support during the 2022/23 school year. The committee are a fantastic support to the school, organising things such as a lovely Christmas gift for each pupil in the school and a barbecue for Sports Day. They also provided teas and coffees to parents at our Open Evening. They ran an Easter raffle as a fundraiser and were able to sponsor part of the bus fees for school tours. We look forward to the A.G.M in September, and the BOM would really like to encourage more parents to become involved in the P.A., which brings so much extra to school life for all pupils.

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Conclusion

The Board of Management would like to thank all staff members for their continued hard work and dedication to the school. We also extend our thanks to the parents in our school community who are always so supportive of everything we do to give the children all possible opportunities in our school.

We hope that the next school year will be a healthy, successful and happy one for all members of our school community. Wishing all of our pupils, staff and their families, along with all other members of our school community an enjoyable summer break.

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Matt Kelly, Chairperson B.O.M

Date: 19th June 2023