

## **BOM Meeting Agreed Summary 5/4/22**

### **Enrolment**

We currently have 114 pupils on roll. We have 8 Junior Infants confirmed for September 2022 and 11 6th class leaving.

### **Teaching and Learning**

Staff recently completed training in the new Primary Language Curriculum. They have formulated an Action Plan which will inform the SIP (school improvement plan) for 22/23.

### **School trips**

School Tours have been booked for all classes for June. Permission has been granted by the BOM to go on these trips.

### **Special Educational Needs**

Congratulations to Mrs Tara O'Malley who has been accepted on a Special Educational Needs Postgraduate course in Mary Immaculate College. She will complete this next year and will have block release from teaching duties for 8 weeks to complete part of the course, the remainder of it will be done in her own time. During this time a suitable substitute teacher will carry out her teaching duties. The expertise that will come from a staff member having this qualification will be very beneficial.

Our plan to convert a room to a Chill-out or Sensory room has been evaluated. This space is very important to our pupils as a safe place to relax and reconnect before returning to class when the need arises. This space can also be used as a reading room, safe space for circle time or well-being sessions or for other similar purposes. Our PA has kindly agreed to help with the funding of the equipment.

### **School policies:**

Our BOM ratified 3 policies at this meeting,  
Rental of the School Building Policy (new)  
Code of Behaviour Policy (revised)

## Communication Policy (New)

These policies will be uploaded to the school website once ratified.

### **Correspondence**

Spraoi na Gaeilge requests to use the school for summer camp. Forwarded to St. Senan's for approval. Approval given by BOM. This is a great opportunity for our pupils and the camp is very popular.

Grant approval received for improvement works to the parking area outside school. €1,000 contribution payment (10%) approved by BOM.

Notice received for funding approval from Gaisce to install a Bicycle shelter.

### **Parent Association**

In consultation with our PA we have redesigned our PE top. Feedback was taken from parents, pupils and staff and a vote held on whether to abandon the use of our formal uniform in favour of wearing tracksuits every day. The results were overwhelmingly in favour of moving to tracksuits every day.

The new top will be available in Fennessy's in the summer and both old type and new PE top will be acceptable uniforms for the transitional period.

School walk this year will be on May 27th. PA are organising a Garda permit.

A PA meeting will be held shortly after Easter. Parents are encouraged to get involved.

Open Day for new Junior Infants will be in June

There will be an invitation to our new Junior infants to join us on the school walk. It's a nice informal way to meet children and parents and to become involved in the school community.

### **Covid**

From February 28th some restrictions were lifted meaning that the requirement for wearing masks was no longer in place. Our staff continued to wear masks but most pupils did not, as was their right. Hand sanitising and desk washing continues and extra cleaning hours are still ongoing.

Parents were thanked for their understanding in what has been a very difficult period as regards staffing in our school. Most of our staff contracted Covid in the month of March making staffing an issue. There is a nationwide teacher shortage at the moment and keeping classes open has been a huge challenge.

## **Easter Holidays**

School will close for Easter holidays this Friday, April 8th and re-open on April 25th.

The BOM wishes both pupils and staff a restful and safe break.