

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT END OF YEAR REPORT 2018/2019

OVERVIEW

Scoil Bhríde is a large co-educational school with 689 pupils currently on roll, 41 teachers, 14 SNAs and 2 ancillary staff and includes three A.S.D. units.

Mission Statement

Scoil Bhríde N.S is a co-educational Catholic, primary school, which strives to provide a well ordered, caring, happy and secure atmosphere where the intellectual, spiritual, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are identified and addressed.

While Scoil Bhríde is a school with a Catholic ethos, it also has due recognition for all other religions.

Scoil Bhríde will strive to promote, both individually and collectively, the professional and personal development of teachers through staff development programmes.

Scoil Bhríde will encourage the involvement of parents through home/school contacts and through their involvement in Scoil Bhríde Parent's Association.

Scoil Bhríde will endeavour to enhance the self-esteem of everyone in the school community, to imbue in the pupils respect for people and property and to encourage in them the idea of being responsible.

Scoil Bhríde will promote gender equity amongst the staff and pupils.
Déanfaímid iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt.

The school motto is:

Ar Aghaidh Linn le Chéile

Board of Management Members 2018/2019

September 2018-June 2019

Siobhán Tutty Bardon-Chairperson-Patron's Nominee

Fr. Martin Harte-Patron's Nominee

Ger Breen-Community Representative and Treasurer

Martin Murphy-Community Representative

Tanya Flanagan-Parent's Representative and Secretary

Jay Lambert Mills-Parent's Representative

Anne Flanagan-Principal

Siobhán Murphy-Teacher's Representative

The Board of Management have met on the 17/09/2018, 6/11/2018, 10/12/2018, 18/02/2019, 2/04/2019, 28/05/2019, 26/06/2019 in the current school year.

The following are examples of some of the activities and initiatives that have taken place within the Scoil Bhríde school community from September 2018-August 2019.

INITIATIVES

- Friends for life for 10 weeks in 4th classes
- Friendship Week October 1st – 5th
- Anti-bullying-Friendship week
- 4th Class-Music concert with guitars
- Credit Union, Community Games and Cumann na mBunscol quizzes
- Coicise na Gaeilge-March 3-17
- Dress up Day Witches Walk – October
- Celtic Books donated lots of books to school
- R.S.E Week
- Accord facilitators for 6th classes
- Standardised testing-administered the New Micra T to facilitate standardization
- Walk to Old Kilcullen-Gerry O'Donoghue gave talk on its history to 6th class
- Visit to Castlemartin Estate 6th class September 24th
- Visit to Glendalough 5th class-Education Centre
- School choir- Peace Proms, Christmas Fair, Communion, Confirmation, Graduation Mass, school plays to name but a few
- Recording of Christmas C.D on 7th November
- Art Competition to design cover
- Interview on K.F.M. and they played tracks on the run up to Christmas.
- Fairy Trail - launch of Fairy trail, costumes, wings etc.
- St Patricks Day Parade - assisting with celebrating International aspect of parade. Celebrating 36 different Nationalities in School – flags etc.
- Town Twinning-making recording showing our school for French visitors
- Made flowers for the Kilcullen floats, tidy towns
- Tidy Towns-Planting more trees, decorating Beehives (bio-diversity) in conjunction with Tidy Towns.
- March 13th – Clothes Recycling Bank – Raised 1120.00
- Silver Lining Productions did show for all children on 29th November
- Kilcullen GAA presented award to school to acknowledge their commitment and contribution to Kilcullen GAA
- 15 classes put on Concerts from Thursday 13th to Thursday 20th December 2018
- Carol Service for School Thursday 20th December
- Santa visited on Friday, December 21st
- Student Council set up
- 29/01/2019 Eric Donovan International Boxer spoke to 5th & 6th classes on “Getting Hooked on Health” Holistic approach facilitated by Julie O'Donoghue – Library Service.
- Feb 3rd 60 children attended Peace Proms Concert in R.D.S.
- 4th Feb 2019 Annual Credit Union Quiz in Educate Together School Kildare – senior team - pipped came 2nd. Under 11 team won went forward to next round.

- 15th Feb 2019 Cumann Na mBunscol Quiz – Newbridge – team lost on tie-breaker question hence 2nd place.
- 7th March - Science Blast – 6th class presented project on Bones in R.D.S. and visit Science Show
- Book week was on in April writers/Authors etc. visited all classes
- Julie O’Donoghue, (local librarian) and Woodbine books read stories to the infant classes.
- Book Fair Raised €3500 approximately
- Readathon Raised €2500 approximately
- Dave Prendergast Community Liaison Garda spoke to 5th and 6th classes on Internet Safety.
- Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
- Science Week 13 – 17 November 18.
- Parent Teacher Meetings 12-16/11/18
- Wellbeing Week 19th – 23th Nov 18. Week included
 - Yoga Classes
 - No written homework – wellbeing activities
 - Classes on wellbeing
 - HSE talk for staff on “Stress in workplace”
 - Other Activities
- Active Schools Committee
- Greens schools Committee
- School committee formed to celebrate Kilcullen 700-some of the activities under taken below
 - Art Competitions – Prizes
 - Inter-schools Quiz hosted Feb 27th in Scoil Bhríde.
 - Play written by Maurice O’Mahony staged early April by 2 5th classes helped with singing by choir.
 - Trees being planted on School grounds linking with Tidy Towns & *the Tree Council of Ireland*.
 - 6th class Art project taking photos of Bridge etc. in conjunction with Art Programme.Project -
 - Competition on Local History.
 - Design alternative logo Competition
 - Poetry
 - Local Engineer from Murphy Surveyors came into 5th classes with footage of Kilcullen Bridge and giving a talk on Bridge design. Was rolled out to other classes got children designing alternative Bridges linking with Engineers Week - 2nd- 8th March
 - Seachtain Na Gaeilge – Emphasis on Kilcullen place names etc.
 - Talks in school & Heritage Centre on Local history and happenings from Nessa Dunlea, Gerry O’Donoghue, Noel Clare & Mary Orford
- Guest speaker for staff Jacinta Kitt
- All classes participated- walk/running on pitch every day for a month.
- April 7th Credit Union Quiz – All Ireland in R.D.S. Under 11 team did very well in top 10.
- May 9th Ffyfes Activity Session for Junior & Senior Infants.
- April/May – Three 5th classes went on trips to Glendalough –orienteering, tracking, Biodiversity etc.

- Induction Meeting for Incoming Infants 29th May 2019.
- 24th June Woodbine Books presented prizes for Art & Writing Competitions from Book Week.
- All classes went on School Tours throughout June.
- 13/06/19 Biz World 2 x 5th classes.
- 14th/15th Talk by Noel Clare in Town Hall in conjunction with Kilcullen 700 ON “Growing up in Kilcullen in the past”.
- 17/06/19 – Drumming Workshop with David Day.
- 21/06/19 – Fire Safety Talk – 3rd classes.
- 7/6/19 6th class Cake Sale raised €1300 approx
- Teacher Artist Residency Programme-Brian Gregan, photographer/Artist has been linked to Scoil Bhríde to undertake a 14 hour artist/photography programme for 6th class

Sporting and Extra- Curricular Events

- Athletics training-Crookstown Athletics Club inter school competition
- Under 10, U-11, U-13 boys Cumann Na mBunscol Football training and league
- Under 11, U-13 Girls Cumann Na mBunscol Football training and league
- Camogie girls lost final
- March 22nd – Mini 7’s Girls finals – County Champions
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- Boys took part in Hurling League reached semi final
- Girls participated in Camogie Blitz and League
- Boys and girls Basketball- leagues and blitz
- 3rd & 4th class Winter League – Thursdays
- 5th & 6th class Winter League – Fridays
- Chess League
- 10th – 14th June Active Schools Week – Dancerise, Badminton, tennis & handball.
- 12/06/19 – Crookstown Inter School Athletics’ Competition – Won cup for overall School
- 20/06/19 - Sports Day.
- 25/06/19 Rose of Tralee visits – Presentation of Girls Medals, Raising of GAA Flag.
- Cross Country Competition
- May – 6 weeks Hurling/Camogie coaching by Eamonn O’Callaghan- Camogie Association of Ireland 2nd – 4th classes.
- Boys and girls soccer teams got to semi-final & final respectively.
- Boys Football Under 11s - Semi-final
- Girls Football Under 11s Winners
- Girls won Senior Division 1 Football Final
- Boys narrowly lost football Final
- Neil Taylor conducted Tag Rugby coaching for 6 weeks with 5th class- Leinster Council
- Hurling training

- Soccer League for boys and girls
 - Gymnastics Junior infants to third
 - 25/01/2019 R.S.A. gave Road Safety Talk to 3 First classes.
 - **Be Active Programme**
-10 week after-school programme from 22/01/19 to 26/03/19 for 2nd class pupils – average of 60 attending each week.
- 23 trained adults volunteering.

Religious Ceremonies

- School Mass on 04/10/19
- Communion Enrolment Mass 23rd October
- Confirmation Enrolment Mass 17th October
- Carol Service
- Ceremony of Light for 6th classes -12/02/19.
- Confirmation 05/03/2019 with Bishop Éamonn Walsh
- First Penance 2nd/3rd/4th April 2019 in Church
- Communion May 11th 2019
- Catholic Schools week 28th Jan – 1st Feb
- St Brigid's Day- Crosses made by children and 6th class went to mass in church
- 6th Class Retreat 31/01/2019.
- Ashes on Ash Wednesday.
- Grandparents day with 2nd classes 31/03/19.
- 6th Class Graduation Mass

Fire Safety

Fire Drills were held on a regular basis throughout the school year.

Improvements/Additions to School Facilities

- E-Payment system was introduced and is very successful to date
- New External doors installed
- Moved Computer Room to a new location
- New laptops purchased to upgrade out of date units
- New interactive whiteboards installed in Spring and in summer-all school has now been updated
- 32 new ipads purchased
- Beebots bought for junior classes to aid with early coding, problem solving etc.
- New shelter installed
- New track installed
- Front wall and prefab painted
- External Classroom moved
- New furniture for extra numbers

Parent's Association

- Christmas Fair 09/12/2019
- Paired Reading Programme May 11th
- April & May - also assisted with Infant Reading Programme. Thanks to all the volunteers.
- Communion/Confirmation/Graduation teas/coffees
- Fruit Day
- Coffee morning for parents
- Book Fair
- Parents' Association presented cheque for €7000 – proceeds of years fundraising.

The Board of Management recognises and appreciates the outstanding hard work and dedication of the Parent's Association.

Courses Attended

- Staff Training 5th class teachers Grow in Love Religion Programme 19/09/2018
- Staff Curriculum day February 6th 2019- Implementation on New Language Curriculum and School Self Evaluation
- Staff attended Zippy's Friends HSE programme dealing with anxiety
- Staff attended Teaching SESS students with Dyslexia and Learning Difficulties
- Staff attended A.S.D. Course SESS Teaching Course
- Staff attended "Pathways to Prevention" SESS
- 13 Staff attended training on Speech & Language for children with complex needs given by Network Disability Team - Speech & Language Therapist
- 20 Staff attended "Be Active programme" training on December 3rd in Scoil Bhríde
- Staff attended Seminar at KEC on Digital Framework
- Staff implementing "The Alert Programme" HSE/OT initiative on emotional regulation
- Staff member attended N.E.S.E. training on "Autism, Mental Health and Managing Anxiety"
- Training for teachers on use of new interactive whiteboards
- May 2nd First Aid & De fib Training for Staff from 6.45 – 9.00 p.m. Course given by Kildare/West Wicklow Rescue Service -35 + staff attended.

Policies and School Plans Reviewed and Ratified

- Child Protection
 - Risk Assessment
 - Child Safeguarding Statement
- Complaints Procedure
- School Policy on Swimming
- Supervision Policy

- SPHE
- RSE
- Stay Safe
- Special Education Provision
- Statement of Strategy for School Attendance Policy
- Planning and Procedures for E.P.V Days
- Revised Enrolment Policy and Admission Policy.
- Religious Education and Faith Development Policy reviewed and revised
- The school's Critical Incident Management Policy was reviewed and approved by the Board.

Board of Management Obligations

The Board of Management of Scoil Bhríde has met its obligations in respect of

- a) Child Protection/Safe guarding children
- b) Anti-bullying procedures
- c) Annual Budget is approved by the Board of Management and accounts are presented and reviewed by the Board at each meeting

The Board of Management has reviewed

- a) Standardised Test Results
- b) Pupil Attendance

The School accounts have been audited by Smyth & Co. The Village Sq, Tallaght in line with DES guidelines.

Conclusion

The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge the commitment of staff, the support of the parents/guardians and the enthusiastic co-operation of the pupils who work together to make Scoil Bhríde a centre of excellence in Catholic primary education.