

## **Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report - 21st November 2025**

### **Pupils**

82 pupils on roll. 9 pupils in Junior Infants and 1 new child has started in 5th Class

Currently 9 children have submitted applications for admission in September 2026. 1 child will start in 1st Class and 8 in Junior Infants.

### **Child Protection**

Child Protection Oversight Report Presented

New Child Protection guidelines for Primary and Post-Primary Schools were published in Ireland in May 2025. Principal and Deputy Principal attended training on the new guidelines in September. Training for Boards of Management will take place in due course.

The staff will attend training in Carrick on Shannon on Monday, December 1st. The school will close on this date as a result.

### **Bi Cinealta - Anti- Bullying**

Anti-bullying report presented.

### **Attendance**

No reports have been made to Tusla with regards to attendance since the start of this school year.

### **S.N.A. Review**

A new application was made, for an S.N.A. review in the hope that our SNA support will increase from September 2026.

### **School Closures**

The school was closed on Friday, October 24th as the school was used as a polling station for the Presidential election.

Therefore school was closed for the mid-term break on Thursday, October 23rd and reopened on Monday 3rd of November.

The school will close on Monday, December 1st to facilitate staff training on the new Child Protection Guidelines.

We had to close early on October 10th due to having no water in the school. This was due to a burst water pipe in Ballyleague. Parents were notified at 10.30am and asked to collect their children as soon as possible.

### **Policies**

The following were ratified:

- Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessments
- Whole school plan for Gaeilge

### **Policies ready for Draft Folder on website**

- DEIS Plan
- Digital Learning Plan
- Sustainable Development Plan

### **Hot Lunches**

The Lunch Bag continues to supply the children's hot lunches. To date, 19 children have opted out of this initiative.

### **Work Experience**

Past pupil Ciaran Mc Gloin, carried out his Transition Year work experience with us for two weeks in October.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 26th & 27th.

### **After School Service**

Mrs Concannon approached a company called Lyons Den last June about the possibility of them setting up a before and after school service in the school. They conducted a survey amongst the parents and at the time, there was sufficient interest to proceed. Throughout the summer, Mrs Concannon was in contact with them with regard to terms and conditions. She also prepared a Licence Agreement which was signed by the Bishop and Lyons Den. Initially they said that they would be in a position to start offering the service in October but unfortunately this timeline was pushed out to January. Just last week they contacted Mrs Concannon again to say that they were increasing the minimum numbers from 12 to 24 and would be releasing the booking link to parents in the coming weeks. This is very disappointing as it is unlikely that we will get 24 children to avail of this service on a full-time basis.

### **LIVING OUR ETHOS**

#### **School Mass**

Fr Daniel said mass for the children on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> to mark the beginning of a new school year. He visited all classes on Tuesday, November 18th.

#### **SNA Appreciation Day**

We celebrated SNA Appreciation Day on Thursday, September 25th.

#### **Past Pupils**

We invited back our past pupils who recently won their U14 football final with St Faithleach's. The children were delighted with the visit and to see the shield.

#### **Communion and Confirmation**

Dates for the Communion and Confirmation have been set.

Communion will take place at 12pm on April 25th in Ballyleague Church

Confirmation will take place at 4pm on March 12th in Ballyleague Church.

### **Shoe Box Appeal**

We collected over 30 boxes for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

### **Religious Inspection**

Mary O'Brien Healy will call on Wednesday, November 26th to conduct a Religious Inspection

### **MAINTENANCE**

#### **Works throughout the summer**

A large amount of work was carried out throughout the summer .

James Heywood - replaced the basketball hoops, fixed the drainpipe, replaced table tops...

Longford Blinds - Blinds were replaced in our new classroom

An Interactive whiteboard was installed in the new classroom and the one in the Senior Room was replaced.

Damaged light fittings were replaced

We organised a deep clean

T.J. O'Neill painted the front wall of the school and the black parts of the school building.

#### **Sliabh Bawn Grant - Attic Insulation**

We had new attic insulation in three classrooms and this was funded by the Sliabh Bawn Community Benefit Fund.

### **CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **Sports**

- 5th & 6th Class won the B final at the Ballyboro Fc local schools tournament for the 3rd year in a row on October 9th
- 3rd & 4th Class attended a tag rugby blitz in Creggs Rugby Club on September 10th.
- Soccer coaching has commenced for the children from 3rd to 6<sup>th</sup> Class.
- Hurling coaching has commenced for all children.
- Jerome Kelly is visiting weekly giving Gaelic lessons to all classes.
- The children from 3rd to 6th attended the Roscommon Cross Country Championships on October 1st.
- 5th & 6th Class attended a football blitz in St Faithleach's on Thursday, November 20th.

#### **Computers**

The children from 1st - 6th Class completed a 7 week Computer course before Halloween

#### **Music Generation**

Music Generation lessons commenced on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Concern Debating**

Mrs Collins is currently preparing her debating team for the Concern Debating Competition which begins in January 2026.

### **Doctor Eoin**

Doctor Eoin from Castle Street Surgeries visited the Junior and Senior Infants on Thursday, October 2nd to explain what it's like to be a doctor. They had great fun examining the contents of his Doctor's bag!

### **Story Time**

Amy O'Sullivan from Lanesboro Library will be calling to do an interactive storytime with Jr & Sr Infants and 1st & 2nd Class on November 28th.

### **School Photos**

School photos were taken on Tuesday, October 14th.

### **Mercy Convent Science Week**

5th and 6th Class attended Science Week in the Mercy Convent on October 17th.

### **Open Days**

5th & 6th Class attended RCC Open Day on November 6th and LCC Open Day on November 13th.

### **Creative Schools**

Alice Dixon is our Creative Associate for the Creative Schools Initiative visited the school to meet with our Creative Council to plan our activities for the year ahead on Friday, September 26th.

### **Food Dudes**

The school took part in the Food Dudes Initiative again this year. Fruit and vegetables were delivered to the school for all children from October 13th - 17th.

### **Maths Week - Science Week - Anti-Bullying Week**

The children celebrated Maths Week from October 13th -17th.

We also celebrated Science Week and Anti-Bullying Week from November 10th-14th.

### **Heritage specialist**

Heritage specialist Tony Kenneally called on Friday, November 7th and taught the children all about birds of prey and garden birds.

### **Musical**

Our 3rd to 6th Class pupils had a fantastic time at the Mercy College Roscommon enjoying their wonderful production of Annie on November 12th

### **BLAST**

Our BLAST Artist, Lorraine Clancy, has visited the last 3 Fridays to complete art projects with the children. She made clay Christmas trees with the children from Jr Infants - 2nd Class and light up stars with the children from 3rd to 6th Class.

### **Say Yes to Languages**

French classes commenced for the children in 5th and 6th class on September 29th.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Voluntary Contribution**

Each family was asked for a voluntary contribution of €50 per child for the first child in a family and €25 for each child thereafter.

### **Used Clothing Collection**

A used clothing collection was held on Wednesday, September 17th. A total of €274 was raised.

### **Christmas Card Initiative**

We are getting involved in the Design A Christmas Card initiative again this year. This will raise a small amount of funds for our school.

### **Sensory Box**

We were delighted to receive a free Classroom Regulation Kit worth €290 with thanks to funding from Early Childhood Ireland's National Pyjama Day Fund at Community Foundation Ireland. Our classroom teachers have set up a lovely sensory area in each of their rooms so the sensory tools were shared amongst our 4 classrooms.

### **Trees**

Thank you to Ms Collins for entering in the Coill na nÓg competition and in doing so won a free tree planting kit for the school.

### **P.A.**

The P.A. held their AGM on Wednesday, September 24th. A new committee was formed consisting of

Chairperson: Gwen Curley and Vice is Amy Murray

Secretary: Cathy Masterson and Vice is Joe Kellegher

Treasurer: Cheryl Donovan and Vice is Amanda Kenny.

P.R.O. Michelle Kenny

Other committee members are Deirdre Whitlow Loughlin, Tommy Carr and Leisa Murphy.

They are currently running the Last Man Standing fundraiser . I would like to acknowledge all of their hard work and thank them for their support.

### **ESD**

Mrs Concannon submitted an application to the Education for Sustainable Development Funding for an Outdoor Classroom and was delighted to receive word that they are giving us €2500 towards our project.

### **Climate Action Summer Works Scheme**

Unfortunately we weren't successful in getting funding under the Climate Action Summer Works Scheme.