

Board of Management Meeting – Agreed Report - 28th February 2025

Enrolment

We held our Open Evening on February 18th. We currently have 8 on roll for Junior Infants 2025 and 1 prospective child for 2nd Class. This will mean we will have a total enrolment of 80 meaning we will be able to appoint a 4th mainstream class teacher in September 2026. We plan to submit an appeal to the Department requesting permission to appoint this teacher in September 2025.

Child Protection

Child Protection Oversight Report presented.

Anti- Bullying

Anti-bullying report presented.

School Closures

The school was closed due to an orange snow and ice warning on the 8th/9th Jan, late start Fri 10th - 11am

24th, 27th & 28th Jan - Storm Eowyn

6th Feb - Power outage, 10am start

The school was closed for mid term break on Feb 20th & 21st.

Policies

The following policies were ratified:

- Accident and Injury Policy
- Administration of Medicines Policy
- Communication Policy
- Whole School English Policy

Draft Policies section on website

Our new anti-bullying policy, Bí Cinealta, is in the draft policy folder on our website at present. We have requested input from parents.

Work Experience

One student Special Needs Assistant completed her work experience with us from Feb 4th - 7th.

LIVING OUR ETHOS

Catholic Schools Week

We marked Catholic Schools Week with prayer ceremony on January 22nd.

Grandparents Day Mass

Fr Daniel celebrated mass with us on Feb 14th in Ballyleague Church to mark Grandparents Day. Refreshments were served afterwards in Ballyleague Hall. The Lunch Bag were very generous in sponsoring platters of sandwiches for the occasion and the parents equally so as they sent in cakes, buns and biscuits. The children travelled to the hall by bus and the school covered the cost of these buses.

St Vincent De Paul & Pieta House Fundraisers

We donated €200 to St Vincent De Paul from the profit of the Christmas show and we raised €171 for Pieta House by holding a non-uniform day during Wellbeing Week.

Wellbeing Week

We celebrated Wellbeing Week from the 4th-7th of February. Mrs. Mulkeen planned a variety of activities for the children & they thoroughly enjoyed the week.

Our Shoes Charity

We're having a wonderful response to our shoe appeal for the townships in Africa with over 20 pairs donated to date.

Grow in Love Presentation

Our school hosted a Grow in Love in-service training evening for Ballagh, Ballyleague and Fourmilehouse National Schools on February 6th.

Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light for our 6th Class children will be held on Thursday 20th March at 7pm in Ballyleague Church

6th Class Retreat

The children in 6th Class will be attending a retreat in the Father Peyton Centre in Mayo on Thursday 13th March along with the children in Ballagh and Ballyleague National School. The Parish Finance Committee have kindly agreed to pay for the bus for this trip and the school will cover the cost of the retreat and lunch for the children on the day.

First Confession

Our Second Class children will be making their First Confession on Tuesday, March 4th in Ballagh Church.

MAINTENANCE

Mrs. Concannon has been following up on our application for Emergency Works on our boundary wall without success to date. She has made numerous phone calls and sent many emails but as of yet, have not been able to get confirmation of their decision.

Road Safety

As you all know the issue of road safety is ongoing. Mrs. Concannon has been working closely with Shauna O'Neill to prompt action from the Garda Siochana and Roscommon County Council.

Solar Panels

2 site visits have been completed in preparation for the installation of the solar panels. It is hoped that they will be installed in the coming weeks.

CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Santa

Santa, visited the school on December 20th with his two elves, Damien & Leisa Gill. They gave the children selection boxes which was generously sponsored by Gerry Mulheir and Deirdre Curley from the Slaughter House, Roscommon.

Christmas Plays

We held our Christmas plays on December 17th at 7pm in Ballyleague Hall. It was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. One of our parents, Tommy Delaney, spent hours setting up the lights in the hall and ensuring they worked correctly on the night. The P.A. sponsored prizes and ran a raffle on the night. Thank you to County Photos and the Ballyleague Hall committee who also sponsored prizes on the night.

Say Yes to Languages

The children from 1st – 6th Class will be starting French lessons on Tuesday, 4th March.

DEIS Literacy and Numeracy Camp

We have decided to run a DEIS literacy and numeracy camp from July 14th- 18th. There was a huge response from parents with the camp filling up within 50 minutes. 36 children will be attending.

Sports

The children from 4th-6th Class attended a G.A.A. Activity Day in the Dome on Tuesday the 21st Jan.

They also attended the FAI 5 a side soccer competition in Lecarrow on February 12th and did very well!

The boys team topped their group and narrowly missed out on a place in the final. The girls team topped their group and won the semi final. They played their hearts out in the final and were beaten by a very strong team.

County Photos

County Photos visited on January 14th

Drama Workshop

Sarah Byrne from Tí na Falla Theatre came to give a one hour Drama workshop to each room during wellbeing week.

Internet Safety Day

John O Connor Garda visited on the 11th Feb, Internet Safety Day, to speak to the children in the Senior Room about cyber safety. The school also purchased a Cyber Safety training bundle which included training webinars for parents and teachers and a series of lessons for the children. We will have access to these resources until June 2025.

Music Generation

Music Generation lessons are ongoing. The Parents Association have kindly agreed to pay for the lessons this term and have donated €1224 to the school.

Creative Schools

Alice Dixon as our Creative Associate for the Creative Schools Initiative will be returning to do a workshop with the children next Thursday March 6th..

Cycle Right

The children from 3rd-6th Class are completing the Cycle Right programme with Roscommon Sports Partnership at present.

FINANCE

FUNDRAISING

Sliabh bawn application

We submitted an application to the Sliabh Bawn Community Benefit Fund for funding for attic insulation and LED light fittings. Hopefully we will be successful.

Christmas Show

A total of €2,812 was raised at our Christmas Show. After expenses of €822, there was a profit of €1,990.

Inver Leading Lights

We have applied to Inver Filling Station in Ballyleague for consideration for their Leading Lights Initiative.

Accounts

Damien Lohan, Accountant, has prepared our Board of Management Report and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2024.