

Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report - May 9th 2025

Enrolment

A child enrolled in Senior Infants on March 31st bringing our total enrolment to 76.

New Uniform Suggestion

We are considering phasing in a new uniform from September to gradually replace the current one. The new uniform will consist of a crested ¼ zip top and a t-shirt, along with navy tracksuit bottoms. We feel this uniform will be more comfortable for the children, especially those with sensory issues. George Bannon will stock both the top and t-shirt all year round at a cost of €30 & €14 respectively.

S.N.A. Review

Our Special Educational Needs Organiser, Maire Ahern, visited the school on March 21st to review documents for those children receiving SNA support. I subsequently submitted our application for an increased allocation of SNAs and am awaiting news of the outcome.

Child Protection

Child Protection Oversight Report presented.

Anti- Bullying

Anti-bullying report presented.

School Closures

The school was closed on Monday, March 17th for St. Patrick's Day.

The school closed on April 7th to facilitate staff inservice training in the new PLC and the new anti bullying procedures.

We also closed for our Easter holidays on April 11th and reopened on April 28th. We will close for the summer holidays on June 23rd.

Policies

The following policies were ratified:

- Our new anti-bullying Policy 'Bí Cinealta'
- Health and Safety Statement and Risk Assessments

Work Experience

Past pupil Olivia Tom completed her Transition Year Work Experience with us from March 31st - April 4th.

LIVING OUR ETHOS

Wellbeing Wednesday

We continue to celebrate Wellbeing Wednesday weekly.

Ceremony of Light & Confirmation

The Ceremony of Light for our 6th Class children was held on Thursday 20th March in Ballyleague Church . They made their Confirmation on March 26th.

6th Class Retreat

The children in 6th Class attended a retreat in the Father Peyton Centre in Mayo on Thursday 13th March along with the children in Ballagh and Ballyleague National School.

First Confession & Communion

Our Second-Class children had their First Confession on Tuesday, March 4th in Ballagh Church. They made their First Communion on Saturday, May 10th.

MAINTENANCE

Our application for Emergency Works on the boundary wall was successful. We were allocated €40,375. David Gately was appointed as builder and work has commenced.

Storm Eowyn

I would like to thank Damien Gill who so kindly removed the tree and fence that fell during Storm Eowyn .

Goal Posts Netting and Ball Stop

We would like to acknowledge Michéal Farrell who installed the netting behind our goalposts, as well as the goal post netting itself. This has made a real difference to our sports area and we are thrilled with the result.

Solar Panels

Our solar panels were installed on March 31st and are working hard in this glorious sunshine!.

Summer Works Scheme

Mrs Concannon met with engineer Albert Looby on May 1st to discuss an application for the Multi-annual Climate Action Summer Works Scheme. We intend to apply for funding for attic insulation, cavity wall insulation, LED lighting and for a new boiler as our current one is 27 years old and becoming less and less efficient. Applications must be submitted before the end of June.

Security Cameras

One of our security cameras and the monitor box in the Office has been replaced.

CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Say Yes to Languages

French lessons are continuing each Tuesday for the children in 1st-6th Class. We have applied to be involved in the programme again during the 25-26 school year. Next year, the Department are only offering the programme to 5th & 6th Class children unfortunately.

Sports

The senior room travelled to The Hub in Castlerea on April 8th to take part in the Roscommon Primary Basketball Blitz. While both the boys team and the girls team performed incredibly well, we have to say a big congratulations to our girls who won all their games and topped the group. The girls will now advance to the next round of the competition.

The senior room also competed in the Cumann na mBunscol football competition in Faithleachs on April 9th.

Jerome Kelly called to the school on May 6th to give an hour of his time to offer Gaelic coaching to our 1st3rd Class children.

Hip Hop Dance Classes

We began our Hip Hop Dance classes with Ms. Drummond on Tuesday, 6th May. They will last for a further 6 weeks.

World Book Day

In celebration of World book day, on 6th March the children dressed up as a character from their favourite book.

Success at Roscommon Drama Essay Festival

Congratulations to Lana Cox who was a winner in the recent Roscommon Drama Festival Essay Competition. Sixth class pupil Lana was presented with her award at a ceremony in Roscommon County Council offices in February.

Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to Olivia Onifade in 1st Class who came 3rd in the Credit Union Art Competition.

Garda Visit

We were very lucky to have four Garda visitors to our school recently. The Garda allowed the children to inspect their Garda Car and the Garda Motorcycle. It was a very exciting visit and we would like to say a big thank you to parents Gardaí Michéal & Nora and their colleagues Éanna and Amanda.

Amber Flag

We have been awarded a Pieta Amber Flag in recognition of our effort in promoting positive mental health in the school. Thank you to Mary Mulkeen who coordinated our efforts and submitted our application. We will hold a small flag raising ceremony later in the year.

School Tour

This year we have organised an activity based tour for the Junior Room with Let's Go. The tour will take place on Friday, 6th June in the TUS International Arena in Athlone.

Children from 1st to 6th class are going to The Shannon River Adventure in Rooskey on Wednesday, 18th June.