

## **Board of Management Meeting - Agreed Report - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **Pupils**

68 pupils on roll. 12 children are leaving us in June 2024 and presently we have 13 Junior Infants on our list for the 2024/2025 academic year.

### **Child Protection**

Child Protection Oversight Report presented.

### **Anti- Bullying**

Anti-bullying report presented.

### **School Closures**

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and reopen on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **SSE / Policies discussed**

The DEIS improvement plan

Critical Incident Policy: Reviewed, Updated and Ratified

Code of Behaviour: Reviewed, Updated and Ratified

Anti-Bullying: Reviewed, Updated and Ratified

### **STAFFING**

Lorraine Collins has been appointed as Deputy Principal and Mary Mulkeen as Assistant Principal II.

### **Wellbeing Wednesday**

In an effort to promote wellbeing amongst the students we have introduced Wellbeing Wednesday. On this day music will be played during breaktimes on the yard and the children will take time out of their busy day to do a relaxing and enjoyable activity in class. An enjoyable activity will also replace normal homework on one Wednesday per month.

We recently received a Cineáltas Flag from the Department in recognition of all of the work currently being done on anti-bullying and the promotion of kindness in the school. This flag was recently raised by the two eldest children in the school.

### **Student Council**

We have recently formed a new student council. A number of children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class ran for election. They presented a speech to their classmates and one child per class was subsequently voted onto the council. Council members will meet once a month and report back to their peers during school assemblies.

### **Sports**

Our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class students recently won the B Final in the Annual 5 aside Primary Schools Soccer Competition, hosted by Lanesboro Community College and Ballyboro Football Club. Thank you to Eamon Bolger who called to the school to present the children with their medals. Special thanks to Stephen McGloin for his support and advice on the day of the tournament and to Anne Mc Cormack for organising the medals.

### **Peace Proms**

The children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are busy practicing their songs for the Peace Proms Concert which will take place on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the RDS, Dublin. The rehearsal in the National Arena on 5<sup>th</sup> December was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### **Fred the Party Professor**

On the day of the Peace Proms rehearsal, the children from Junior Infants to 1<sup>st</sup> class were treated to a wonderful show by Fred the Party Professor. He performed magic, played music and made wonderful balloon models for the children to bring home.

### **Lanesboro Community College Christmas Show**

Pupils in the Senior Room were delighted to be invited to the LCC Christmas Show which was held in Lanesboro Hall recently. This was a variety show performed and directed by the Transition Year Students of LCC. It was a fantastic and hugely entertaining show and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Swimming Lessons** will begin on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class. They will run for seven weeks.

### **First Communion & Confirmation Dates**

First Communion for the children of Cloontuskert N.S & Ballyleague N.S will be held in Ballyleague Church on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Confirmation will be held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 4pm in Ballagh Church.

### **Art Competitions**

We are delighted to say we had two winners in the North Midlands Credit Union Art Competition. Congratulations to Thomas Cox who came first in his age group and has gone on to national level. Congratulations also to Lana Cox who was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place in her category.

We also took part in Roscommon County Council's roadside anti-littering competition and are happy to report that Harry Kenny came second in this competition.

### **Parents Association**

The Parents Association had a meeting at the school on November 27<sup>th</sup>. They discussed ways in which funds can be raised for the school for the remainder of the year. We're very lucky to have such a proactive and supportive parent body.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Used Clothing Collection**

Our used clothing collection on the 29<sup>th</sup> November raised €360 for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported.

### **Tesco Blue Token Collection**

The blue token collection for our school has come to an end. We look forward to receiving a donation from Tesco in the coming weeks.

### **Bring and Buy Sale**

We recently held a Bring and Buy Sale in the school. This was organised and run by the children in 6<sup>th</sup> Class. It was a huge success raising a total of €893.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

A very successful online book club took place recently. The school earned 20c from every €1 spent and a total of €79 in free books was earned for the school.

### **Christmas Design A Card**

This venture was once again very successful, and some beautiful Christmas Cards were designed by the children. We are awaiting confirmation on the total raised for the school.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, to raise funds for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal. We will ask each child to bring in a minimum of €2 towards this worthy cause.

**Christmas Raffle**

Huge thanks to the Parents Association who are currently running a Christmas Raffle.

**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** A big thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. Over 50 boxes were donated which is a wonderful result.