



## Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown Board of Management Annual Report 2018

### Board of Management 2017/18

Chairperson:	Don McAleese
Patron's Nominee:	Fr. Con Cronin
Treasurer:	Sylvia Coakley
Secretary (Principal):	Ciara Ní Bhuaigh
Teachers' Nominee:	Diarmuid Murphy
Parents' Nominee:	Sinéad Flannery & Frank Lyons
Community Rep:	Eugene Harrington

### School Ethos

We are an inclusive Catholic school, in Diocese of Cork. In co-operation with the clergy and parents, Catholic children were prepared for Sacraments of Reconciliation (06/03/18) & First Communion (12/05/18). Sacramental classes regularly attend mass. Whole school mass: Feast Days, beginning & end of school year & Christmas. Diocesan Advisor visited all classes in Jan 2018, reporting positively.

### Enrolment

Enrolment for 2017/18 was 212 pupils. Projected enrolment for 2018/19 is 205. (Number for retention of 8 classes: 201)

### Building Works / Improvements

In summer 2017, repair works were made to sections of the roof. Upgrades were made to the school security system. Additional new basketball backboards were purchased. New furniture was acquired for 3<sup>rd</sup> class room and new carpet tiles laid. Further emergency works carried out on roof following Storm Ophelia. Risk assessment of trees & fencing on property & associated works. Kitchen renovation in Jan 2018 (thanks to support from parents). Purchase of kitchen equipment. Handrails installed at entrances. Parental support ensured garden upgrading is ongoing. Sensory equipment purchased. Internet issues resolved.

### School Achievements & Events

Achievements include: 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag (Biodiversity) acquired; Health Promoting School Flag; Participation in Junior Entrepreneur Programme (6<sup>th</sup> Class); Participation in Port of Cork Schools Initiative; Participation (boys & girls) in Sciath na Scol Football, Cork City Sports, Indoor GAA Blitz, Basketball Blitz, Passage West GAA Blitz (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>), Shamrocks GAA Blitz (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>); Charity & School Fundraisers organised by active Student Council –Enable Ireland, Breakthrough Cancer Research, SBN's Got Talent; Healthy Eating Week, Friendship Week, Active Week, Well-being Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Grandparents' Day; Swimming, Basketball, Irish dancing, GAA, Tag-Rugby; Drama Workshops; Pantomime; Visits to Lifetime Labs; Christmas Carol Service; School Choir Performance

(Pieta House); School Tours; Monthly Assemblies with class performances. Online Safety & Cyber Bullying Workshops & Activities.

### Policy Development

Policies worked on and reviewed by the BoM during this year include: Child Safe Guarding Statement, Child Safe Guarding Risk Assessment and Checklist; Anti-Bullying, Statement of Strategy for School Attendance, Special Educational Needs, Supervision, School Tour. In-School procedures reviewed regularly throughout year.

### Curricular Development

Staff CPD ongoing regarding New Language Curriculum. Gaeilge & Music school subject plans full reviews ongoing. Literacy (Genre Writing & Comprehension), Numeracy (Problem Solving) and Gaeilge (ó Bhéal) initiatives continued. Aistear ongoing in Infants Classes & Station Teaching to 5th Class. Gross Motor Initiatives ongoing. Sensory Equipment purchased & initiative launched. School wide 'Cooking' initiative in process of drawing up.

### Parents' Association

Thank you to our PA for their amazing support including Hallowe'en Disco, Santa Sunday, Sports Night, Coin Collection, Communion Reception, Active Week, Healthy Eating Week, Grandparents' Day, Communion Blazer Rental, sponsoring kitchen renovation/Garden improvements & sporting equipment. A special thanks to those parents involved in Library, Garden & Book Rental Committees. Míle Buíochas.

### Staffing

2018/19: Administrative Principal, 8 class teachers, 3 SEN F/T Teachers, 3.5 SNAs, part-time ancillary staff: school secretary, caretaker and cleaner. The Board of Management would like to acknowledge and thank all of our staff for their hard work and dedication to the school.

### Communication

Successful Open Night held in October; Information Meeting for Junior Infant parents in May; Parent Teacher Meetings in November; Reports issued in June; Fortnightly newsletter; Particular / Incidental communication through text, email, School Website, Twitter, Facebook, External Noticeboard, telephone calls and individual meetings. Parents invited to school events & information evenings (Online Safety Meeting). Positive liaison with PA.

**The school will re-open on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.**

*Míle Buíochas to all who helped make this year such a positive and productive one in Scoil Barra Naofa.  
Bainigí tainneamh as na laethanta saoire!*