



## Scoil Barra Naofa, Monkstown Board of Management Annual Report 2019

### Board of Management 2018/19

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

### School Ethos

We are an inclusive Catholic school, in the Diocese of Cork. In co-operation with the clergy and parents, Catholic children were prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (07/03/19), First Communion (11/05/19) and Confirmation (11/03/2019). Sacramental classes regularly attended mass. Whole school mass at beginning & end of school year. Confirmation Classes attended SCALA retreat. Diocesan Advisor visited all class in Dec 2018, reporting positively.

### Building Works / Improvements

Continuation of garden redesign and upgrade thanks to Garden Committee, Vivian Prout & Secad Workers – installation of labyrinth, external blackboard, new plant pots, wall murals (sponsored by J&J), railway line etc. Boundary Trees trimmed. New oil tank purchased Sept 2018. Classroom renovation project commenced Oct 2019: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – new flooring, blinds, storage furniture, IT upgrades. New pupils furniture Juniors-2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Glass panel inserts in all classroom doors. Installation of internal disability parking bay. Application for Summer works 2020 (Roof) submitted.

### School Achievements & Events

Achievements include: Health Promoting School Flag retained; Work on 6<sup>th</sup> Green Flag (Global Citizenship); Participation in Port of Cork Schools Initiative & P.W. Maritime Competition; Participation in Sciath na Scol Football – reaching final, Cork City Sports, Indoor GAA Blitz, Basketball Blitz, Shamrocks GAA Blitz (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>); Charity & School Fundraisers organised by active Student Council –Rapunzel Foundation, WFF, SBN's Got Talent; Wellbeing week, Healthy Eating Week, Friendship Week, Active Week, Internet Safety Month, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Grandparents' Day; Swimming, Basketball, Irish dancing, hockey, GAA, Tag-Rugby, Skipping; Drama Workshops; Pantomime; Visits to Lifetime Labs; Science Workshops (SEAI), Christmas Concert; School Tours; Monthly Assemblies with class performances.

### Policy Development

Policies worked on and reviewed by the BoM during this year include: Child Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying, Access & Visitors, External Partners, RSE, Stay Safe, Substance Use, Grievance & Complaints, Acceptable Use of Digital Technologies, Digital Technology, Parental Involvement, Homework, Enrolment & Admissions Policy. In-School procedures reviewed regularly throughout year.

### Curricular Development

Literacy (Genre Writing & Comprehension), Numeracy (Problem Solving) and Gaeilge (ó Bhéal) initiatives continued. Digital Learning Plan drawn up. Aistear ongoing in Infants Classes & Station Teaching to 5th Class. Staff CPD ongoing regarding New Language Curriculum. Gaeilge and SPHE school subject plans fully reviewed. Sensory activity initiatives ongoing.

### Parents' Association & all Parent

Thank you to our PA for their amazing support including Hallowe'en Movie, Santa Sunday, Sports Night, Coin Collection, Communion Reception, Active Week, Grandparents' Day, Communion Blazer Rental, sponsorship Garden improvements & classroom renovations. Full review of PA Constitution took place & parental feedback received for policy reviews. A special thanks to those parents involved in Library, Garden & Book Rental Committees, as well as parents involved in organisation of Cookery Demonstration Fundraiser. Míle Buíochas.

### Staffing

2019/20: Administrative Principal, 8 class teachers, 3 SEN Teachers, 3.5 SNAs, a 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 Oct; 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. Positive liaison with PA.

**The school will re-open on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.**

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