

<b>AGREED BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES</b>					
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	November/ December 2015 January 2016	<b>Time:</b>	8.00pm-10.05pm	<b>Location:</b>	GET NS

1	Critical Incidents Policy – Updated and Ratified
2	Complaints Procedure to be completed
3	All 2 New classes of junior Infants for Sept 2016 offers accepted.
4.	Awaiting final accounts to be returned from accountants. Minor Works grant received. First moiety of Capitation Grant received
5	Job-Share Policy ratified
6	Health & Safety/Fire – Merrion Security to review fire extinguishers.
7	New Community Nominee proposed and elected: Laura Mc Aleavey
8	One year review checklist of Anti-Bullying policy completed and circulated to P.A., DES and E.T.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Pupils

- Children all did a fantastic job on the Flag Presentation occasion with our youngest and oldest accepting the flag and the declaration of independence. 6<sup>th</sup> class recited Padraig Pearse 's poem The Wayfarer.
- The new Student Council has been elected.
- Oral Language student surveys for School Improvement Plan ( S.I.P.) commenced in the Senior Classes and being completed on the laptops
- Great projects on the Normans and Castles and the Romans being done in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class
- Tom's 5<sup>th</sup> class delighted with their exhibition in the RDS at the Young Scientist's exhibition. Their application was shortlisted from over 1000 applications.
- 6<sup>th</sup> class are participating in the amazing Young Entrepreneurs programme, commencing with the Dragons Den presentation this week!
- The Xmas performances were fantastic with one class doing a song entirely in sign language.
- HSE to do Infant vaccinations in February.

### **Staff**

- We have been approved for two new SNA posts of .75 of a day each. We will advertise on Education Posts, specifying ISL for one of them.
- We have also been allocated another 8.295 Resource Hours, which will be taught by a teacher in a 'clustered' arrangement with St. Anne's in Shankill and the Gaelscoil in Bray.

- The newly recruited SNAs ( 4 people) have slotted in their new timetables very well and the children from the Special Classes, in particular, are benefiting.
- Claire O and Edel attended a Literacy Link workshop in BEC after school on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Angelina will attend Croke Park on 25<sup>th</sup> November for the Special Ed conference
- Blaithin and SNA Rose did their Clicker training with Enable Ireland on 26<sup>th</sup> November.
- Julie will be assisting a group (externally) with SPHE curriculum development
- Edel and Tom attended a course on Oral Language Development in BEC for 2hrs after school.
- Teacher Emma and a group of parents have organized the Food Dudes programme for Junior classes, with great success
- Laura has totally planned Science Week and booked the amazing Skydome planetarium.
- SALF folders are trickling home!
- Principal to attend IPPN conference.
- Shortage of available substitute teachers in the Wicklow area. % teachers absent one Friday and no substitutes available.
- We say goodbye to temporary teacher Sarah O Tierney and welcome Jacqui back to 1<sup>st</sup> class.

#### Other

Notification that all fire extinguishers now in service must have a Pressure Relief Device fitted to the valve. A survey can be arranged by Merrion Securities.

Numicon Training organized by teacher Kate to take place in the school after hours on 19<sup>th</sup> 20 staff members to attend.

Community being asked to support the No Fry Zone submission to Wicklow County Council, following he publicity for our school concerning the proposed Mc Donald's site.

Plans in progress for the commemoration of 1916 in the school with different classes taking on various aspects of the commemoration, and parents being encouraged to partake.

#### Great Fundraising done this term....

- **One Day Together .....amount raised was almost 800 euro: 220 raised for Focus Ireland ( cake sale)**
- 330 raised for Skydome ( Xmas raffle) 340 for Food Dudes ( Recycling of clothes) and over 2000 euro for M.S. ( Readathon)

**New Board** : Principal thanked Board for their support in the term of this Board. Thanks, in particular to Lynnea Connolly, outgoing Board member and Patron Nominee, who committed to the full four year term of the Board, along with teacher Emmett Hickey and Parent Nominees, John Callaghan and Fiona Nic Choiligh. Looking forward to another four year term, with Liam Friel continuing as Chairperson. New Board comprises Liam Friel, Catherine Sadlier, John Callaghan ( now the Patron Nominee), Stefan Schulmeistrat and Barbara Campbell ( Parent nominees).and Laura Kavanagh( teacher nominee). The new Board also elected Suzanne Deery to continue as Community Nominee. One Community Nominee place yet to be filled ( see above) New Board members will be attending Educate Together Training this Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Drumcondra.

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