

Annual Report Board of Management 2018/2019

Chairperson: Luke Wojtaskiewicz

Patron's Nominee: Samantha Mullaney, Mike Kavanagh

Parent's Nominee: Lorriane Kearney, Luke Wojtaskiewicz

Principal: Elizabeth McKennedy

Teacher's Nominee: Katie Duggan

Community Representatives: Cathal O'Connell, Claire Murray

Mission Statement

Cork Educate Together NS is an inclusive community. We foster a creative, joyful environment in which all can learn and grow. We support each other to become inspiring leaders in life.

Pupil Wellbeing

- Full implementation of the SPHE programme which includes the RSE, Stay Safe, Walk Tall and Webwise programmes.
- Zippy programme for 2nd class
- Friends for Life programme for 5th class
- Full implementation of the Learn Together programme.
- The school garden: caring for the environment
- The Social Skills groups
- Carol singing- joy of giving
- SHARE-visiting the elderly, caring for others
- Anti-Bullying Year 2 of the cycle: poster competition, focus on resilience
- Visits from the Community Garda Marie
- Assemblies and Leadership Awards.
- Active Week including Sports Day
- Forest School for 6th class

Curricular Development

- Revised Whole School Plan particularly in the areas of music and the integration of digital learning at whole class and individual levels.
- Introduction of the Oral Language aspect of the new Language Curriculum from Junior Infants to 2nd class alongside the staff training organised by the Literacy Team.
- Béim níos mó ar teanga ó bhéal sa Ghaeilge
- Further development of the revised SEN model to include stretch maths groups, stretch literacy groups and the facilitation of individual children's assistive technology to access curricula.

- Further development of Movement Break

Policy Development

- Annual review of Child Protection Policy and updated the Safeguarding Statement
- Annual review of Anti-Bullying Policy
- Annual review of Health and Safety Statement
- Reviewed and ratified Enrolment Policy
- Reviewed and ratified the Relationship and Sexuality Education Policy
- Reviewed and ratified the Code of Behaviour and the Managing Challenging Behaviour policy

School Self-Evaluation

Engaged with the process throughout the year. After consultation it was decided that the Digital Learning Strategy would be our focus. The plan will be published on the website as well as the School Improvement Plan (SIP) for the implementation of the plan.

School Achievements/Awards/Certificates

- Sport: Took part in Sciath na Scol, Irish Dance Classes, ISSA Soccer Blitz, Cork City Sports, ISSA Athletics Tournament, School Sports Day. Cricket training and matches. Rowing training and tournament. Ocean to City race. Awesome Walls climbing competition. Golf training. Couch to 5k.
- Music: School Choir sang at the Lord Mayor's fundraising Coffee Morning. School Choir Performance as part of Cork International Choral Festival, Katie H's Music Group took part in the Cór Fhéile as well as Music Group performances throughout the year. School Choir took part in the ISM Choral Competition in New Ross.
- STEM: A team from 5th/6th took part in the VEX IQ competition.
Discover Primary Science and Maths Award.
- Catholic Confirmation May 08th, Catholic First Holy Communion May 18th
- Leadership Awards
- Lord Mayor's Anti-litter Competition
- SuperValu Cooking Allstars

Staff

- Caoimhe will be finished her fixed-term contract at the end of August.
- Gráinne was appointed as a full time member of staff
- Aisling took a career break
- Staff engaged in CDP throughout the year and completed 36 Croke Park hours.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the excellent contribution of all staff.

Communication

- New Parents Evening in May with Welcome Pack. Information meeting for parents of Junior Infants in September
- Parent Teacher meetings for 1st-6th in November
- Parent Teacher meetings for Juniors and Seniors in September and March
- Written reports posted to parents in June
- Monthly Newsletter
- Website and FaceBook
- Text and email alerts
- School journal
- Noticeboards
- Meetings with staff by appointment

PTA

Full programme of events throughout the year:

- Educational e.g. garden, support for workshops, visits of theatre groups to the school or outings to stage events.
- Social e.g. Egg Hunt. Coffee Mornings.
- Fundraising e.g. Winter Fair, cake and plant sales.
- School Community e.g. contributions to school policies, maintenance of the website, compiling of the monthly newsletter, Fantastic Friday Shows.
- Support for The Literary Festival
- Afterschool programme.

The Board wishes to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and wonderful support the PTA offers to the school community.

Building Works and Improvements

- New play markings in the playground
- Networking for the whole school in preparation for the implementation of a school digital learning plan.
- Installation of two new interactive whiteboards.
- Shed installed
- New stage bought and old one sold
- Library fitted in the hall

- Repairs carried out on the blue portacabins and on the roof where the old building meets the hall.
- Roof installed over the scooters and the bikes, beside and behind the portacabins.
- New carpets for classrooms 6 and 8

Other Events

The Literary Festival: book fair, readings, writers workshops, illustration workshops, binding and presentation workshops. Storytelling, dress up favourite character etc.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: ranganna rince, comórtas póstaer, scéalaíocht, Seó Faisean, Oíche Gaelach &rl

Active Week: aerobic exercises, skipping/skip a mountain challenge, dance, Sports Day, yoga, orienteering

5k Fun Run Family Event (Executive Committee)