

Board of Management 2016/2017

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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

- Staff training undertaken for the Revised Stay Safe & Walk Tall programmes. These are ready to be engaged with at class level next year.
- Friends 4 Life- Fourth Class
- Anti-Bullying – 'Mad, Sad, Bad' Campaign
- Zippy on going with second class
- The development of the Whole School Production 'Our Many Coloured Days'
- Focus on Green Flag- caring for the environment
- Focus on Active Flag- staying healthy
- Carol singing- joy of giving
- SHARE-visiting the elderly, caring for others
- 5th & 6th class talk on Internet Safety from Transition Year Students
- 3rd – 6th class talk on internet Safety from Alienware
- Assemblies and Leadership Awards

Curricular Development

- Subject plans reviewed by staff in 2017 to introduce short user-friendly plans guided by the use of a template to encourage uniformity and continuity at a whole school level.
- Aistear ongoing in junior classes
- SEN Team support for Phonological Awareness in junior classes as well as Powerhour (Literacy and Numracy) in all other classes.
- New approach to the teaching of spelling
- Development of the Sensory Room

Policy Development

- Annual reviews of Child Protection, Anti-Bullying and Health and Safety Review
- Development of the Managing Challenging Behaviour Policy completed
- Review of Pre-Enrolment Policy
- Review of Communications Policy
- Development of a 3 year plan
- Ratified a Hall Policy, Critical Incident Policy and Sensory Room Policy

School Achievements/Awards/Certificates

- Sport: Took part in Sciath na Scol, Irish Dance Classes, cycling training course, morning skipping, ISSA Soccer Blitz, City Sports, ISSA Athletics Tournament, School Sports Day
- Music: School Choir performance in St. Finbarre's Cathedral, School Choir Performance as part of Cork International Choral Festival, 1st & 2nd Class took part in the Cór Fhéile, Music Group performances throughout the year
- 6th took part in the VEX IQ competition
- We had a winner in 'Take Pride in your Jersey' competition
- 1st & 2nd prize in the Credit Union Table Quiz
- 1st prize in All Ireland Climbing competition
- Award for our school garden from Cork Food Policy Council
- Junior and Senior infants Christmas Show- 'Ralph the Reindeer'
- Whole School Performance 'Our Many Coloured Days'
- Catholic Confirmation May 12th, Catholic First Holy Communion May 20th
- Humanist Milestone Event June 5th

Staff

- Emer was successfully probated by Department of Education Inspector
- James retired
- Staff wellbeing was addressed by facilitators from HSE Health Promoting Schools
- Staff engaged in CDP throughout the year and completed 36 Croke Park hours
- The Boars 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 and January
- 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, social e.g. Egg Hunt, fundraising e.g. Winter Fair, School Community e.g. contributions to school policies
- Afterschool programme
- CyberSafe talk for parents
- The Board wishes to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and wonderful support the PTA offers to the school community

Building Works and Improvements

- Summer work 2016- leaks throughout the building, bay windows in 2000 extension fixed, attic insulation, some new floor coverings
- New tables and chairs in 5th & 6th classrooms
- Electrical improvements including fitting sensor light at back door
- Tarmac fixed, manhole fixed
- 1 tree removed, 2 trees cut back
- Kitchen fitted in the hall (PTA)
- AV system fitted in the hall (PTA)
- Integration of the Fire and Intruder alarms