



St Oliver Plunkett's NS

BOM Annual Report 2021/2022

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Enrolment

The enrolment for 2021/2022 is 323

Annual attendance report up to

June 13th is 89.9%.

Staffing: St. Oliver Plunkett's N.S. currently has an administrative principal, a deputy principal, twelve mainstream class teachers, five Learning Support/Resource Teachers and one shared teacher for one day a week, five full time SNAs and one part time SNA. We currently have one AP1 post, Mr Callaghan and two AP2 posts Mr Caffrey and Ms Roisin Patterson (acting AP2). The Board of Management would like to thank Ms Adele Mc Hale for her service to the school and wish her the best of luck as she moves to her new school. The school also has the support of our school secretary and our caretaker. We use a contract cleaning company, Macleans, to clean the school. The staff continue to fully implement the Haddington Rd. agreement on Public Service Reform. The additional hours have been used to facilitate class teacher planning, staff meetings, whole school planning, school improvement and professional development. The staff took part in training in Gaeilge with PDST, training in the New Primary Language Curriculum, Manual Handling Training, Brain Calming training, NCSE training in Autism and Online child Protection training. The Board of Management took part in FSSU training and training in the Flourish programme. Mairéad Murphy attended webinars by Mason Hayes and Curran.

School Ethos

We celebrated Christmas with an outdoor Carol Service.

Catholic Schools Week took place and the theme was Living Life to the Full. The pupils did activities to reflect these themes.

All classes have a sacred space and prayers are said daily.

The first Confession, the First Holy Communion and the Confirmation all took place as normal this year.

Assemblies were held throughout the year which had prayers, songs and stories to promote well-being.

Board of Management

The Board of Management had 6 meetings. A number of policy documents and school plans were revised and agreed by the board during the course of the year which included the Child Safeguarding Statement and risk assessment review and checklist, Anti-bullying Policy and review checklist, Safety Statement Policy and Risk Assessment, Annual Admission Notice, Psychological Assessment Policy, Statement of School Attendance Strategy, Visual Arts Plan, Music Plan, History School Plan, Inclusion Policy, Anti-racist policy, Psychological Assessment Policy, Assistive Technology Policy and the Covid Response Plan and Risk Assessment. Teachers engaged in professional development throughout the year. Various courses were taken by teachers in the summer months and by SNAs throughout the year.

The school accounts were audited and this was communicated to the FSSU.

School Building: There are 5 classrooms and 4 SEN rooms in the prefabs. The Board continue to work with MCOH on the new school building project. The Board met with Norma Foley and Darragh O' Brien and a representative from the building department and secured approval to go to tender. The Board is waiting on a response from MCOH. The roof replacement summer works project will take place this summer.

The Board would like to thank the staff and parents for their continued patience with the building project.

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Curricular Development

Literacy: A supplementary reading scheme is available throughout the school, the New Primary Language Curriculum is fully implemented from junior infants up to 6th class and continued familiarisation of the new curriculum was facilitated by Mr Callaghan. PDST facilitated sustained support in the implementation of the NPLC. Oral Irish and Irish verbs are our focus areas for 2021/2022 and for 2022/2023

There is an established whole school approach to the teaching and learning of Oral language (English and Gaeilge), cursive handwriting, free writing and writing genres.

Numeracy: Problem solving, the language of maths, the learning of tables continue to be focus areas.

Standardised tests in literacy, numeracy and spelling were administered. The results were communicated to parents on the annual report cards. The literacy and numeracy returns were sent to the Department of Education.

SPHE and Well-being: The focus on SPHE continues. The Marathon kids programme was continued and classes take part in the run a mile programme. The Weaving Well Being Programme continues in classes from 3rd to 6th. Well Being Week was a positive experience. As a whole school we focussed on SPHE lessons and anti-bullying lessons. The school succeeded in their application for an Amber Flag. The stay safe programme and the RSE were taught. The Yellow Flag programme is up for renewal. The Yellow Flag Committee/Student Council lead this and held an Intercultural Day this year. Outdoor learning took place in Glebe park for most classes this year.

E-learning: Pupils are very familiar with the platform Google Classroom and have learned many ICT skills. Senior classes took part in Zoom workshops with an Taisce (Global challenges) and with PWC (Science workshops).We continue to build on this.

Buildings and Grounds: The Board of Management has continued with its campaign to improve the facilities, the buildings and the grounds of our school. The grounds continue to develop as an outside learning space. Benches have been ordered to create an outdoor classroom. Tommy Gallagher continues to make the grounds an attractive and inviting space for the school community. During the year 2021/2022 the following improvements were effected in St. Oliver Plunkett's NS:

- Purchase of educational resources including maths/literacy resources, PE equipment, ICT devices,
- Purchase of digital educational resources to support learning through ICT.
- ICT grant was received. A new Flat Panel Board was purchased. Additional Ipads have been ordered. Laptops were purchased for teachers.
- Fire and intruder alarms maintenance completed.
- Fire extinguishers checked and maintenance carried out.
- Minor Works Grant was spent on new floors for two
- Painting of lines to determine play areas and lining up areas were refreshed.
- Painting of boiler house of the school took place.
- Extra cleaning hours were paid for in light of Covid 19.
- Cleaners completed a deep clean.

Parents: Parents are very supportive of their children's education and actively support their child's learning through checking and guiding homework, communicating with their child's teachers and attending parent/teacher meetings. The parents committee is actively involved in supporting the work of the school. The committee held the AGM on Zoom, they also met face to face. They organised a Santa visit with chocolate, held an Easter Egg hunt, purchased food for our annual Breakfast Morning during Friendship Week, purchased hoodies for 6th class pupils, organised a cake sale, a sponsored walk and are planning a sponsored run. The chairperson of the committee along with another member spoke at the Induction meeting for new parents.

Other Noteworthy Events

- Ukulele lessons took place in 6 classes for 6 week blocks
- All classes had coaching sessions with Siobhan O' Connor, Man O' War GAA.
- 5th and 6th class had Cricket coaching
- 3rd and 4th class had tennis lessons
- The school took part in the Discover Science and maths award programme.
- The school was awarded an Amber Flag
- 5th class took part in the Children School Life Survey.

- Creative Schools: Mosaics were made with Dave West by 6th class
- Friendship week
- Christmas Carol Service outdoors.
- Green Flag Programme continued.
- Sponsored Halloween Dress Up walk was held.
- Intercultural Day was held for pupils and parents.
- Classes took part in the Run a Mile Programme
- 6th class and 5th/6th class took part in JEP, junior entrepreneur programme.
- Yellow Flag/Student Council committee is working hard on inclusiveness and anti-bullying. Renewal of the Yellow Flag takes place on the 14th of June 2022
- 6th class graduation will be held on the 17th of June in the school. The Parents' Committee purchased hoodies and will supply pizza and drinks for the pupils. The BOM have ordered the food and tea and coffee for the adults.
- A "Seomra Glas" was developed with vegetables and a pollinator garden along with a compost heap and leaf collectors. This is supported by Fingal Co Council and Balrothery Tidy Towns Committee.
- Wild flowers were planted by children in 6th class
- Parent/teacher meetings were held by phone call due to Covid restrictions.
- Active Week was held.
- 6th class completed their passports to education.
- The Droichead Team (probation of new teachers) completed the programme successfully with two newly qualified teacher
- The School Summer Based programme for pupils with additional needs will take place in July.
- The Parents' Association held an Easter Egg Hunt, a Halloween dress up sponsored Walk, supplied treats and Santa at Christmas.

- 6th class tour is to Bay Sports in Athlone. 3rd,4th.2nd and 1st will go to the Crystal maze in Cavan and the Infants have been to Newgrange Farm.
- Bike and scooter workshops were held by An Taisce/Active Travel to Schools programme.
- A new bike rack will be installed in July by Fingal Co. Council.
- Sports Day at the Man O War GAA
- Choir at the Communion and Confirmation.

None of this could have been achieved without the hard work and dedication of the staff of St. Oliver Plunkett's NS. They are truly an invaluable resource and are very committed to their roles as educators in your child's education. Your cooperation as parents and guardians is also vitally important and we thank you for your continued support in the coming school year.

Board of Management of St Oliver Plunkett's NS.