



# Newport N.S.

## Board of Management – Annual Report 2016



### Board of Management 2015/19

Chairperson	– Joe McGovern
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School premises	– Mary Noonan
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Capital project	– Frank Mulchrone

### Policy Development & Review

Code of behaviour and anti-bullying policy, data protection, Safety statement, ASD enrolment, SPHE, English and maths have all been reviewed by BOM this year.

### School Inspection

School inspector Ann O’Sullivan visited our school and carried out successful probation with Aisling Doherty. She complimented the school’s work on inclusion and commended the school’s major art exhibition

### Sporting Achievements

Girls’ soccer 5-aside county champions.  
Boys contested gaelic county final.

### Initiatives

Carpets were replaced in two classrooms over the summer. New panoramic windows were fitted. Painting was carried out also when the school was closed at Easter. We have planted an herb garden to compliment the edible landscape established earlier in the year. Our new hall and Explorers Centre is complete. 20 new laptops, 5 tablets, 5 ipads were purchased. Swift boxes installed. Major electrical upgrade completed. School was awarded “Best kept school in Mayo” prize.

### Curricular Development

The school continues to develop and monitor our levels of literacy and numeracy. Our standardised tests in English and Maths in 2016, show that the school is performing in the above average range in both subjects nationally. This is due to the dedication of teachers who engage in a wide range of teaching methods in order to motivate our students to learn. We have a highly skilled and committed SEN team who provide assistance to children with differing learning needs

### Catholic School Ethos

Our Second class received the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist this year. They also participated in the “Do this in memory” programme and in Corpus Christi celebrations. Thank you to the parents who organised a party for the children who received the sacraments this year.

### Staffing

We will have seven class teachers in September and four Special Educational Needs teachers. Four temporary teachers were appointed to staff and one SNA was recruited.

### Parents’ Association

Parent association have worked tirelessly this year to organise the quiz night and refreshments at so many gatherings. The committee held the AGM is on Tuesday September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Highlights

Poetry anthology published. Major art exhibition opened by MCC Cathaoirleach  
Flag raising ceremony  
Information evening for parents organised.  
Roll books put into safe storage.

OT Brenda Cassidy hosted parent information night.

### ASD classes renamed Explorers’ Centre