



Newport N.S.

Board of Management – Annual Report 2017



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Professional Development for staff

- Autism specific behaviour (SESS)
- First Aid (STAC)
- Challenging Behaviour (SESS)
- New Language Curriculum
- Forbairt for principal and deputy principal

Initiatives

Carpets were replaced in two classrooms over the summer. Sound proofing was carried out in resource rooms and a new window was fitted in Senior Explorers class. An extensive electrical upgrade was completed at Halloween. A major building project was delivered. The BoM worked very hard to ensure that high quality facilities were provided to meet the growing needs in our school while also ensuring that we had to the funds to complete the finished project. Our fantastic new look website was revealed in May. Fiona oversaw a seamless transition from the original website to the new one.

Curricular Development

A new Model of delivery of support to pupils with special needs has been initiated by the department of Education and will be implemented according to guidelines. Teachers have received initial training for a new Language curriculum. The school continues to drive improvement in Maths and literacy through innovative team teaching.

Highlights

Fashion show organised by Caroline and Caitríona raised almost €3K!
Information evening for parents organised.
Building project is completed on time and within budget.
School astro, hall and rooms used extensively by community after school and in July and August.
Free parking was provided during summer.

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. The new "Grow in Love" programme is being taught. Diocesan examiners visited school in Dec. Pupils in 5th & 6th class were confirmed. In June Fr Tod celebrated mass with sixth class.

Parents' Association

Parent association have worked tirelessly this year to organise the Christmas Fete and refreshments at so many gatherings.

Policy Development & Review

All organisational policies have been reviewed by BOM this year. Curriculum policies on SPHE, English and Maths were ratified following review.

Staffing

One principal, six SNA's, seven class teachers and seven Special Educational Needs teachers, part time secretary, three bus escorts, two part time cleaners and part time caretaker.

ASD classes renamed Explorers' Centre