



Newport NS

Board of Management – Annual Report 2018

Board of Management 2015/19

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School Premises	Mary Noonan
Chaplain	Fr Tod Nolan
Building Maintenance	Aedin Halpin
Capital project	Frank Mulchrone

Policy Development & Review

Child protection, new SEN policy, reviewed by BOM this year.

School self-evaluation

- Literacy initiatives: peer tutoring and literacy lift off
- Numeracy: Mental maths and focus on language of mathematical operations
- Year 3-2018/19 Oral language initiatives

Initiatives

- Carpets were replaced in two classrooms over the summer. Sinks were replaced also.
- Drainage work was carried out to alleviate flooding.
- 10 on-site additional car spaces were provided in the interest of road safety
- New signage has been attached to the school building
- School grounds have been enhanced with planting and clearance
- Outside toilets upgraded

Parent Association

- Hosted pancake Tuesday
- Provided refreshments at open evening and social events including sports day
- Participated in retirement ceremony for caretaker Martin Maguire
- Information evening for parents organised.

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.
- Fr Tod celebrated mass with sixth class on June 29th at 1.30pm.

Highlights

- Major art exhibition opened in Linenhall following 5th and 6th class participation in "Fighting Words" project.
- Awarded 8th green flag
- Third Explorers' class sanctioned

Sporting Achievements

- Girls' soccer 5-side county champions.
- U13 handballers won county Gold.
- Girls team won the mini-sevens
- Girls 9 aside are county champions
- Our set dancers won scór na bpaistí
- Our school golf team won the Mulranny Golf plaque

Staffing

- Caretaker Martin Maguire retired
- Ged Gallagher was recruited as new caretaker.
- Martina Conlon left to take up position as principal in Killala diocese

New staff for 2018/19

- **Teachers:** Clary Lee & Micheál Moran
- **SNA:** Cáit McNulty