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**Agreed Report from Board of Management Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Correspondence**

- Thank you card
- School Meals Inspection
- Resignation bus escort
- Resignation - Teacher
- Application withdrawal – Job sharing
- August Camp

**Applications for unpaid leave**

One – this was granted

**Job Sharing Applications (Special Needs Assistants)**

One – this was granted

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**Students**

75 students on roll.

Bullying report – no incidents.

Transitions into this school and transition for school leavers continues for students.

We have 7 school leavers and 14 enrolments processed for September 2024.

2 visiting US Students will spend 12 days in the school.

**Staff**

We wish to propose a vote of sympathy to staff members Breege Whyte who has been a special needs assistant here for 22 years and her husband Bertie who is a bus escort for the past 3 years on the death of their daughter Aoife on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

A new bus escort has been appointed on the Kinlough route.

A second school nurse Eilis O' Connor has been appointed by the HSE.

We will have several permanent teaching and SNA appointments this summer.

Ben the DP has been on sick leave for a few weeks with a broken leg.

**Parents and Friends Association**

The Parents and Friends Association helped with the 5 K – thank you.  
The Easter Egg hunt was great fun – thanks to Triona who organised this with Debbie Forde.

At the AGM the following were elected:

Chairperson: Patricia Kilcullen

Secretary: Jennifer Flaherty

Treasurer: Patricia Furey Lawrence

### **Building**

Modular building is open finally.

The shelving in the office has been repaired.

Work on the hoist in the hall had to be postponed – wrong steel arrived!

### **Summer Provision**

We hope to run Summer Provision for 8-10 classes. We will not be in a position to offer a place to School Leavers. Ciara is struggling to find staff with hoist training.

### **Health and Safety**

Health and Safety committee met in May. No outstanding issues.

### **Curriculum**

5 new subjects are being introduced in the Primary Curriculum next September.

A play therapist is working with 2 students for 6-week sessions.

### **Erasmus**

3 staff members travelled to Turkey as part of the music project. We will be hosting our colleagues from abroad in November of this year.

### **Training:**

Samuel Keen attended the SPLD Course in Dublin for 8 days and is also attending the TEACCH course in Sligo 13-17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Hoist refresher and hoist training was held for all SNAs on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April while teachers attended Maths Training in Sligo Education Centre.

### **Abbott**

Abbott have been holding a number of events – their inhouse bake sale raised €1343.50, the Carney run €1505, some of their staff have pledged a salary deduction and they have told us to put a deposit on the geodome for the outdoor class.

### **Special Events/Extra Curricular Activities**

Fr. Carroll's celebration was a complete success. The Sisters, Joe Kenny and the Carroll family all gave us donations which covered the total cost of the event.

We had a small function to thank Michael Horan retired Chairperson on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Many thanks to Des for liaising with the venue.

Our students excelled at two special Olympic Events – Motor Activities and Athletics. Well done to each athlete and thank you Janice O’Brien the teacher in charge of organizing everything.

Congratulations to all students who received First Communion and Confirmation. We had two special days, and everything went off very well. The staff were amazing - preparing the children, rehearsing, mass booklets, flowers, baking, making sandwiches, putting up and taking down flags and bunting, setting up and decorating the hall, serving and cleaning up afterwards. I cannot thank them enough – they really are a great team. Thanks to Ben Lewis and Ciara Hannon who took the lead for Confirmation and First Communion respectively.

For First communion we had a beautiful choir – children from St. John’s N.S. Temple Street with guests, teachers Avril O’ Hanlon and Enya Mc Cafferty. They really enhanced the ceremony.

The family of Keeva Coughlin whose first anniversary occurred recently asked if they could have an anniversary mass for her in Cregg Chapel which we celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. Thanks to Joanne Mc Groary teacher who took the lead in organizing this.

Active Schools’ Week was organized by the active school committee. It was great fun. Clay Pigeon Shooting for the staff, a Boccia tournament for the students, walks, cycling, a visit by Sligo Rovers, Jersey Day and the 5K to top it off – thank you so much to the committee.

Well done to Fiona Fahey Gilmartin, Anna Valente and members of the ATP and Parents Association who organised the 5K. There were 250 participants which is a very good achievement.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Creative Cluster – outdoor exhibition of all artwork over the past 2 years carried out by the 5 schools involved – Summerhill, St. Mary’s Ballisodare, St. Brendan’s N.S.Ransboro N.S. and our school all led by Triona O’Dowd Hill.
- Ballisodare Cycle – 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Soccer Tournament – 1<sup>st</sup> June
- School Leavers Ceremony 27<sup>th</sup> June

### **Policies**

The following policies were adopted at the meeting

1. English (New)

2. Code of Behaviour (Annual)
3. Anti Bullying (Annual)
4. Child Safeguarding and risk assessment (Annual)

**Principal Meetings from March 19th 2024.**

Fr. Carroll's celebration (1), Builders (3), MDTs (4), Transition Meetings (2), Students on placement (1), New parents (3), NABMSE – Galway (1), ATP (1), INTO Seminar Radisson (1 day), Subbed in Pink Class (1 Day), ATU (2), Opening of Radisson Trail , Holy Family Pre-school (1), Play Therapist (1), Erasmus (1), First Communion Parents (2), Confirmation with Parents (2), AAC Consultant (1), Outdoor Classroom (1), Secretaries(1), Abbott (1),

**Acronyms**

AAC – Alternative Assistive Communication

ATP – Action Team Partnership

ATU – Atlantic Technological University

MDT – Multidisciplinary Meetings

NABMSE – National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education

SNAs – Special Needs Assistants