



Darver NS

Agreed Report

Date of Board Meeting: 24/1/2024

Board of Management:

Our new Board of Management has now been constituted and is as follows:

- Ann Geary - Chairperson (Patron Nominee)
- Emily Scully - Secretary (Principal)
- Wendy Lawlor - Treasurer (Parent Nominee)
- Fr. Gerry Campbell (Patron Nominee)
- Catherine Callan (Teacher Nominee)
- Fintan McGroder (Parent Nominee)
- Declan Callan (Community Nominee)
- Sinead Quigley (Community Nominee)

Staff News:

The Board would like to welcome Mrs. Meehan back from maternity leave and wishes her the very best for the remainder of the school year.

The Board would like to extend a very warm welcome to Caroline McCabe who has been appointed as our new Special Needs Assistant (SNA). This brings the total number of SNAs in our school to 2 - Caroline and Elaine.

Ethos Matters:

- School choir sang at the Do This in Memory Mass on Sunday 17th December in St. Michael's Church, Darver. Very positive feedback from Fr. Pat and the community was received. Well done to Jane O'Hare on leading this.
- NET Team continue to visit 5th/6th class and it has proved to be a very positive experience and the children enjoy it.
- 6th class continues to participate in Confirmation Preparation Workshops every Tuesday with Fr. Pat.
- Catholic Schools Week takes place this week (21st-27th January) with the theme being Communities of Service. A school mass with Grandparents took place on Tuesday 23rd Jan at

10am in St. Michael's Church. A whole school assembly and prayer service will take place on Friday 26th Jan.

- Fr. Gerry Campbell informed the board that the NET Team will meet on Thursday 25/01/2024 with all 6th class teachers from schools in the pastoral area with a view to organising a retreat for all 6th children.
- Next Do This In Memory mass takes place on Sunday 11th February at 10.30am in St. Michael's Church, Darver.
- First Penance takes place on Thursday 7th March at 7.00pm.
- Confirmation takes place on Friday 15th March at 11.00am. School remains open for Junior Infants - 2nd classes. 3rd - 5th classes to sing in school choir at Confirmation mass.
- First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday 11th May at 11.00am.

At this meeting the Board reviewed and updated the following policies:

- Critical Incidents Policy and Plan

Parents' Association

- The Christmas Craft Fair table made €572 which will go towards the part funding of a cookery workshop for all pupils during Wellbeing Week.
- Quiz Night takes place on Friday 9th February at 8.00pm in Cluskey's Pub, Duffy's Cross. This fundraiser is going towards funding our school garden.

Spanish Lessons

- Araceli Gisbert Botella has very kindly offered her language skills to the school so that all pupils can begin to learn Spanish. We will have 4-6 weeks of lessons beginning in May. Lessons will take place during the school day. The Board wishes to thank Araceli for sharing her skills so generously with the pupils.

School Self-Evaluation (SSE) Update:

- New wellbeing programmes are being implemented across all classes. Teachers and students have given positive feedback on this.
- Calm/positivity corners in progress in classes - space is an issue in some classrooms.
- Wow work wall is in use and has been a positive addition to our whole school assemblies.
- Class communication tools are in use in all classes.
- We Play Together Wednesday play groups are up and running.
- Still to come this year - peer assessment, Grandparents Day, Wellbeing Week, cookery workshop for all classes, school garden with community volunteers, Sports Day, Exhibition Project.
- Staff meet each month to discuss SSE and plan for upcoming events.
- Details of upcoming events will be shared with parents closer to the time of each event.

Upcoming School Closures:

- School closed Friday 8th March 2024 for Referendum (school is a polling station).
- School closes at 12.30pm on Tuesday 27th February to facilitate whole staff training from the National Council for Special Education.
- School closes at 12.30pm on Thursday 18th April for staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum