

St. Mochta's National School



Board of Management

Agreed Report – April 2014

The Board of Management hope that this finds all members of our school community well. As you are aware, we issue this Agreed Report each term to update you on matters relating to St. Mochta's National School.

1. Annie

Huge congratulations and very well done to the boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th Classes who staged this production last weekend. The shows were magnificent and the children were simply superb. Such a wonderful occasion for our school! Thank you and congratulations to Mr. Cryan, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Cummins for leading another fantastic production in our school. We are grateful for all the help from staff, parents and the wider community in staging the show.

2. New School Building

In recent months, our Design Team has been busy completing Stage 2a of design detail and a draft cost report.

A Meeting with the Department will be scheduled in Tullamore in the coming weeks where the Design Team will present the finer details of our proposed new school build. This is when we present our final design and seek approval to go for planning. It is hoped that this part of the process will go so smoothly and we hope that there will be no more delays.

3. School Finances

The Board of Management has serious concerns about the financial situation in our school. We have written to you recently outlining the €25,000 shortfall in our school accounts this year. We are working hard to address this situation with your support and help. We appreciate all voluntary contributions received to-date and thank you for your generosity.

We fully understand the current economic climate and are grateful for any and all contributions. We are also grateful to everyone who supports the Parents' Association with their fundraising events.

4. Traffic/Parking

The BOM have ongoing concerns about the safety of children and pedestrians accessing St. Mochta's National School, crossing the Clonsilla Road and the Porterstown Road.

We would like to remind all members of our school community to respect each other and our neighbours and to have consideration for all when parking outside the school. The health and safety of all members of our community is of paramount importance at all times. We need everyone's support and consideration to achieve this.

5. Child Protection

The Board of Management has reviewed the Child Protection Policy in our school. This policy is reviewed on an annual basis. Ms. Farrell is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for all Child Protection concerns. In her absence, Ms. O'Boyce is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL).P).

6. Anti-Bullying

The Board of Management has ratified our new policy on Anti-Bullying in accordance with Department of Education and Skills (DES) Anti-Bullying procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools. The policy was formulated by teachers, parents, SNA'S and BOM members. The policy is available on our school website. Thank you for your support of this important policy.

7. School Self-Evaluation

Our school have identified numeracy and literacy as areas for development this year. Numeracy and literacy lessons are delivered through team teaching and station teaching. Huge thanks to the PA for fundraising €4,000 for essential literacy equipment at each class level. Classes are working on the area of oral language development and comprehension literacy and problem solving in numeracy.

Thanks to all pupils and parents who participated in the questionnaire. The teachers are using this valuable information to form a 3 Year Improvement Plan for literacy and review our improvement plan for numeracy.

May we take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and peaceful Easter break.

With warmest regards,

The Board of Management

Mr. Tony Rock, Chairperson

Fr. John Daly, Ms. Maria Farrell, Mr. John Cryan, Mr. Dermot Casey,

Ms. Samantha Reilly, Ms. Rita Marron and Ms. Jean McDonald