

St. Mochtas National School



Board of Management

Agreed Report – June 2014

1. Thank You

The Board of Management would like to thank the staff of St. Mochta's for all of their hard work and commitment throughout the year. We have celebrated many achievements and successes during the year, thanks to the great efforts and dedication of our staff. We would like to thank our parents for all of your support and for working with us as partners in your child's education. We have a great school in St. Mochta's thanks to our parents, staff and above all our wonderful children.

2. School Building Update

The Board of Management received a letter from the Department of Education and Skills on 22nd April seeking further information from our Design Team. This information has been prepared and was submitted to the Department in May. Unfortunately, we remain waiting for a date for our Stage 2a stakeholders meeting. We hope this meeting will take place over the summer holidays after which we will be in a position to commence our planning application.

3. Task Force

The task force was set up last year to keep everyone informed and drive our communication to ensure that we maintain momentum in having our new school building approved as soon as possible. Our School Building Task Force met recently and will be writing to all councillors who have recently been elected to seek their support with our building programme. They will meet again in early September when we hope to have had our meeting with the department and will be planning a public meeting in the school prior to our planning application.

4. Thank you and Best Wishes

A valued member of our staff is retiring this summer. The Board of Management would like to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Ms. Ellen Demetriou, Assistant Principal, for her service to our school. We are most grateful for her dedication, hard work and commitment to our school.

Ms Demetriou has shown great kindness and compassion to our children over the years. We are very lucky to have had Ms. Demetriou in our school. She will be greatly missed. We wish her every joy, health and happiness in her retirement.

5. Parents' Association

The Board of Management would like to thank the PA for all of their work and support throughout the year. Val Haslam has done a wonderful job in leading the PA. We are very grateful to all of the PA members and volunteers who are so generous with their time. St. Mochta's NS would not be the wonderful school it is today without the great work of our PA.

6. School Self-Evaluation

We have reviewed our school self-evaluation report and 3 year school improvement plan for numeracy. We will continue to focus on the area of problem solving over the coming years.

Our focus for 2013/2014 has been on Literacy with particular attention to discrete oral language and comprehension strategies. Some lessons are delivered through team teaching and station teaching. We held a successful book week and book fair. A draft Literacy Self-Evaluation Report has been formulated. We are working on our 3 year improvement Plan for Literacy and plan to continue with this focus over the coming years. Thanks to all parents and children who have participated in the questionnaire. We plan to share our reports and plans with you on our website during the Autumn term.

The focus for 2014/2015 will be in the area of Gaeilge. We will be gathering information on teaching and learning in Gaeilge next year. We are grateful to you for taking the time to help us with this by completing questionnaires.

7. Achievements

We are very proud of all our achievements, successes and school events over the last academic year – our musical Annie, Maths Week, Science Week, Santry Sports, Seachtain na Gaelige, World Book Day, Sports Day and School Tours. It has been a very busy and enjoyable year for everyone. Well done to all.

We hope every member of St. Mochta's school community enjoys a happy and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back in August.

With warmest regards,

The Board of Management

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