**Agreed Report Board of Management Meeting – 19th December 2024**

​A Board meeting took place in the school on Thursday 19th December at 3.30p.m.

The meeting was opened by Chairperson Keith Dransfield. The opening prayer was led by Martin Delaney.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed and seconded.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence was read out

* There was a Christmas card and €200 donation from Mount Melleray.

**Principals Report**

Principals Report was presented. It included the details of enrolment, staffing, curriculum, ethos, extracurricular and fundraising. See some of the following details from the report.

**Principal’s Report 19/12/2024**

**November & December**

After the mid-term break we returned to school on Monday 4th November. We had a busy run in to the Christmas which I will detail here. Christmas holidays begin tomorrow Friday 20th December.

**Enrolment**

Since our last Board meeting one pupil has moved to another school and this means we now have 191 pupils currently in the school.

**Staffing**

**As we were at our last meeting.**

● Teachers- 14 posts including the Principal being covered by 17 teachers and 15 hours per week EAL hours covered by 1 teacher and another 5 EAL hours per week covered by another teacher.

●SNAs – 6 full time positions covered by 8 SNAs (one job share and 2 working part-time hours)

● Bus Escorts – 5 positions being covered by 6 people.

**Work Placement**

●Two SNAs are currently doing work placements for a total of 6 days each to gain SNA experience as part of their courses.

**Ethos**

Thanks to Jamie Corcoran and James Casey for putting up the crib and the Advent Wreaths as well as the Christmas tree and other decorations in preparation for Christmas.

All classes attended Mass for a November Remembrance Mass on Wednesday 27th November.

3rd to 6th Class children went to Confession in the church in Fr Keogh last week.

**Confirmation** will take place in Cappoquin Saturday 29th March at 12.30p.m.

**First Confession**

Our First Confession tbc

**First Holy Communion** will take place on Saturday 10th May.

***Curriculum***

**PLC – Primary Language Curriculum** )

**New Maths Curriculum *New Primary School Curriculum***

***Maths & Literacy***

There is a new primary school curriculum currently being phased into primary schools in Ireland replacing the 1999 Curriculum. It started with the introduction of the new Language Curriculum (English agus Gaeilge) over the last few years. We are now in year two of the New Mathematics Curriculum.

**Mathletics**

Thanks to Fresh Today for sponsoring the renewal of Mathletics for our ipads.

**Literacy & Maths Stations** Literacy and Maths Stations are taking place across a number of different classes in the school with SET teachers going in to support classroom teachers for these.

**Reading Eggs** is up and running again for all classes.

**Library Visits**

It is great that Cappoquin Library is back open again. Classes will start visiting the library again in the next term.

**Music**

Mrs Veale continues to prepare the choir (comprising of children from 4th to 6th class) for the Peace Proms, which takes place in SETU Waterford on Saturday January 25th at 2p.m. Thanks to Mrs Moore and Ms Scanlan who help Mrs Veale with the choir.

The choir also performed at Santa at the Strand in Lismore on the evening of Thursday 28th November.

**Christmas Performance**

We had a Christmas Concert in the school hall yesterday, Wednesday 19th December at 10 a.m. Junior and Senior Infant classes combined to perform their play, Christmas Cracker while first to sixth classes combined with their partner classes to perform a song. There was a lovely atmosphere that morning and there was a great turnout of parents, grandparents and other relatives. Thanks to all the teachers for preparing the children for the performance.

**Little Red Kettle Production Company**

Little Red Kettle Production Company were in the school on Friday 22nd November to perform their interactive play. Again this performance seemed to go down really well with the children. A huge thank you to the Parents Association who are covering the cost of the play for the children.  It is just over €900 for the whole school.

**SESE (Social Enviromental & Scientific Education) -Seachtain na hEolaíochta**

**Science Week** Ireland took place from the 11th to 17th November. The pupils and teachers were very active carrying out science experiments and investigations during the week with a special focus on a Science Day in the school, Thursday 14th November. Thanks to Ms O'Brien and the teachers and students for all their work on Science Week & Science Day in the school.  They made some fantastic constructions of wind turbines.

**Lego**

Linked to Science Week & Maths is the students' use of lego. Firstly, thank you to the families who donated lego to the school in October. We then also purchased bags of lego from the Jack & Jill Charity shop in Youghal recently.  It was great to get lego for the school at cheap prices while also supporting a charity with the purchase.  Some of the students used the lego during Science Week.  The lego is there available for the teachers and the students as a resource for Maths & STEN activities.

**Art – Credit Union**

The children participated in the Credit Union Art competition and congratulations to Dylan Casey in 2nd Class on winning a prize.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher meetings took place in the school on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November.

**Sport**

**Gaelic Games**

CP on behalf of Déise Óg Coaching was in On Thursday 24th October and Thursday 7th November coaching Gaelic Football.

Thanks to both Cappoquin Camogie Club and Cappoquin/Affane GAA Club for helping with coaching in the school. Fintan Murray and Tricia McCarthy are currently helping out on Thursday afternoons with the school’s hurling and camogie teams respectively. Transition year students from Blackwater Community School have also being coming in to help. Unfortunately, the poor weather has meant that we had to cancel the coaching on a good few Thursdays during November and December.

**Gymnastics**

There were six weeks of gymnastics lessons during November and early December for all the children. Mikey from DK Sports was the gymnastics coach.

**Soccer**

Again thank you to the soccer club for continued access to the astro pitch.

**Cycle Right**

Cycle Right for 5th Class finished up on Tuesday 5th November.

**Swimming**

Le Chéile 1 and Le Chéile 2 have had regular trips to the swimming pool in the Aura Leisure Centre Youghal during the first term.

#### **The Parents Association/Council did great work during November and December.**

The Parents Association/Council were extremely busy in December. On Sunday 8th December, the Parents Association hosted a Santa Visit and a Mini Disco in the school hall. The children who attended this seem to really enjoy it. The Parents Association also organised the rota for Kellehers Christmas raffle. Thanks also to Tom Kelleher and Supervalu for sponsoring the €500 shopping voucher and congratulations to the winner Mary Flynn, our former school caretaker in the school. Mary had her dog Bella’s name on the winning ticket. It was a very successful fundraiser. A lot of time was given by a number of people to sell the tickets in Kelleher’s. Thanks to all who supported it.

**Other Fundraisers**

**Onesie/Pjamas Day**

We held a Onesie/Pjamas day in the school on Friday 15th November.  The Type Onesie Day is an educational and fundraising day that supports children living with Type 1 Diabetes.   The €503 raised goes towards Paediatric Diabetes Service at Cork University Hospital. We currently have two children attending the school with Type One Diabetes.

**6th Class Christmas Fair & Bake/Cake Sale**

On Friday 13th December Ms Murray and 6th Class organised a Christmas Fair and Bake/Cake Sale. Over €800 was raised and €400 of this will be donated.

**End of Principal’s Report.**

**Child Protection**

Oversight Report was presented by Martin Delaney.

**Health & Safety Report**

Report prepared by James Casey, Health & Safety Representative.

**Enrolmen**t

Current enrolment is 191. Possibility of a new child in 3rd class in January 2025.

**Solar Panels**

5 new quotes have to be got and re-submitted.

**Finance**

Report was presented by Sheila Curtin.

2023/2024 accounts are gone to the Accountant.

**Irish Water**

The most recent Irish Water bill was discussed.

**Admissions and Enrolment Policy**

See updated Policy. This will be attached to the school website.

**Votes of sympathy are extended to the family and friends of the following:**

* Margaret Cunningham Co Offaly, grandmother of 5th Class pupil, Ciarán Veale.
* Jerry Bergin of Castlenknock & formerly of Cappoquin.
* Katherine Moynihan wife of the late Shaun, (Former Principal of Cappoquin Boys’ National School.)

Date for next meeting February 2025.