

St Anne's NS, Board of Management - Annual Report 2015/2016

Board of Management 2015/2016

The formation of a new Board of Management took place in November 2015. The term of the current Board is from the 1st of December 2015-30th November 2019

Chairperson	Fr. Kevin Cahill
Treasurer	Ann Codd
Principal/Secretary	Nicola Roche
Teachers' Nominee	Jess Codd
Patron's Nominee	Niall Ryan
Parents' Nominees	Alan Barry and Geraldine Berry
Community Representatives	Mick Berry and Ann Codd

School Ethos & Liturgical Events during the year-

School Masses: 10th September 2015, 2nd February 2016 and 28th June 2016

Carol Services: 16th and 21st of December 2015

First Confession: 2nd March 2016

The Service of Light took place on the 6th of March 2016

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: 14th May 2016

Sacrament of Confirmation: 22nd March 2016

The school ethos also found expression in supporting different charity activities; Goal Jersey Day, the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, donation to Crumlin Children's Hospital and Down Syndrome Ireland.

Building/Maintenance Projects

We made a successful application to Airtricity Community Fund and were awarded €2,000 which will be used towards the upgrading of the school building.

Rathangan Childcare Group continued to use a room in the school for their activities. They provide a child-minding service from 2-3pm for Infants.

Staffing News

Kevin Murphy joined the teaching staff in a permanent capacity.

Emer Fitzharris was on maternity leave during the year – congratulations on the birth of baby Anna. Thanks to Alison Duggan for teaching the class in Ms Fitzharris's absence.

Ms Tanya Cooney worked as part-time resource teacher in our school.

Ms Ita Cunningham returned in a full-time capacity after job-sharing for 2 years.

Ms Clara Murphy and Ms Ann Kenny will job share for the next school year.

Our allocation of Special Needs Assistants was increased by 0.75 in December 2015 and Sharon Mernagh re-joined the SNA staff.

Ms Bernie Wickham applied to the Board for a leave of absence in January 2016 and was replaced by Ms Jenny Byrne as school secretary.

Parents' Association

Thank you to the Parents' Association for their help in so many ways during the year – Among the events organised and supported by the Parents' Association were;

- Christmas Party

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- Table Quiz
- Easter Hamper Raffle
- Party for choir
- Teas for children and their families after the sacramental celebrations.
- The Parents' Association gave a cheque of €8,000 to the school in April 2016 which was greatly received and funded the purchase of iPads for the school.

The officers on the 2015/2016 committee were:

Lorraine Robinson Walsh
Tracey Lambert
Ann Hore

Ber Geelan
Catherine Sinnott
Helen Furlong

Thanks to everyone who supported the work of the Parents' Association.

Policy Development and Review

The following policies were developed and/or reviewed by the Board during the year;

- Homework Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Supervision Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Code of Behaviour

Professional Development was provided to the staff in the following areas as part of the Croke Park Hours; Patricia Shanahan (PDST) – Child Protection and the new Stay Safe Programme and Theresa Newman (NEPS) -Emotional/Behavioural/Social Disorder

Curricular Development

Thank you the parents who volunteered to help out with our Literacy Lift off programme during 2015/2016.

The following curricular areas were prioritised during the year -

- Literacy Lift off – parental involvement
- Literacy Plan – focus on Oral Language
- Numeracy Plan – focus on Problem Solving Skills
- Introduction of 'Grow in Love' – new religious programme in Junior & Senior Infants

School Activities & Achievements

Music

- Our annual orchestral musical performance took place in the Parish Hall on the 16th of June 2016.
- Our second musical performance took place in June when our trad musicians took to the stage and demonstrated their wonderful talents. These are the pupils who receive tuition on Friday afternoons in school.
- The school took part in the Sing Out Loud performance in the National Opera House on the 23rd of November 2015.

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Sport

- We entered teams in the various GAA competitions during the year – mini 7s and Rackard League. We entered teams in camogie, hurling, boys' and girls' football and rounders.
- St. Anne's GAA club members carried out coaching activities (hurling and football) with the Infants in June. Our boys' football and hurling teams reached their finals but were unfortunately beaten on both occasions.
- 4th class attended a series of 10 swimming lessons in the Whitford House Hotel in Term 1.
- Stretch n Grow activities/lessons took place for 9 weeks in Term 3 for Infants.
- A series of 8 Gymnastics lessons were held in the Parish Hall for all classes from 1st – 6th in Term 2.
- The Nuala Stafford Cup (Rounders) Day took place on the 21st of June 2016.
- Sports Active Week (June 1st – 10th) proved to be a huge success and we are very grateful for the support we received from the local clubs in the community.
- School Sports Day took place on June, 9th.

Other

- Drama classes, funded by the Board of Management, continued from September to Easter with Ms. Irene Way. Children from Infants, first and second classes attended.
- The school was awarded our 3rd Green Flag on the 11th of May 2016 with a flag raising ceremony taking place on the 13th of June in the school yard.
- The school took part in Proclamation Day with a flag raising ceremony on the 15th of March and a re-writing on the Proclamation by a team in 6th class and the performance of a play; *A Triumph of Allsorts* in Rathangan Hall.
- A team from 3rd and 4th class competed in the All Ireland Finals of the Credit Union Quiz in the RDS in Dublin in April 2016.



Cast of *A Triumph of Allsorts* performed for Proclamation Day March 2016