



Newport NS

Board of Management – Annual Report 2019

Board of Management 2015/19

Chairperson	Joe McGovern
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Safety Officers	Majella Palasz
School premises	Mary Noonan
Chaplain	Fr Tod
Building Maintenance	Aedin Halpin
Capital Project	Frank Mulchrone

Initiatives

- School grounds have been enhanced with planting and clearance
- School hosted speakers on astronomy during Dark Sky Festival
- School celebrated Maths week and Science week
- Fruits and vegetables were harvested from edible landscapes in June
- Our school is implementing the New Language Curriculum following training
- School hosted in-service for teachers in July

Highlights

- Funding granted for new classroom
- Festive Harmony concert in Westport Town Hall theatre
- Daily mile - lunchtime walk and talk
- Parking, footpath and railings all enhance safety
- Visiting music teacher: Chris O'Malley
- Visiting Sports coach: Brian McLoughlin
- Cycling and scooter classes provided to seniors
- Application for digital strategy funding lodged
- New Building project to start Nov 2019

Policy Development & Review

- Data protection
 - New SEN policy,
 - Consultation with all stakeholders on Draft Code of behaviour – website
- Submissions welcome to BOM

Sporting Achievements

- Girls' soccer 5-aside county champions.
- Our set dancers won Scór na bPáistí
- School golf team won Mulranny Golf plaque

School self-evaluation

Literacy initiatives: peer tutoring and literacy lift off – Team teaching

Numeracy: Mental maths and focus on language of mathematical operations

Catholic School Ethos

Our Second class received the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. They also participated in the "Do this in memory" programme and in Corpus Christi celebrations. Fr Tod celebrated mass with 6th class on 29 June.

Parent Association

- Hosted pancake Tuesday
- Provided refreshments at open evening and social events including sports day & graduation mass
- Parents Information evening organised

Staffing

- Mary Leonard was recruited as cleaner.
- **Teachers:** Gráinne Berry & Aisling Masterson
- Enrolment in excess of 200 means we have eight mainstream classes for the next number of years.