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Board of Management Annual Report 2018

The purpose of this report is to provide to the school community a summary of the activities of the Board of Management as required by the Education Act 1998.

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School Ethos

Scoil San Carlo is a Catholic school under the Patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin. The school has strong links with the parish. We had a very successful visit from the Diocesan Advisor for education during the year.

Children in sixth class were confirmed by Monsignor Dan O'Connor on March 16th. The confirmation candidates participated in the Faith Friends programme prior to the celebration of the sacrament. Many thanks to all who helped the children in this programme.

Summer Works/Building

The emergency lighting and fire alarm system were upgraded in Sept/Oct 2017.

A survey of the roof was carried out by the Department of Education as a result of our application under the emergency works grant for repairs to the school roof. We are very disappointed by the rejection of our application. We will continue to pursue this matter. Additional furniture to accommodate an increase in pupil numbers has been purchased.

Staffing

Ms Geraldine Convery Principal teacher retired from the school staff on April 8th 2018.

There are currently 9 mainstream teachers and 4 support teachers. We hope to have 10 mainstream teachers in 2018/19.

We currently have 2 full time S.N.A.s and hope to have an additional partime S.N.A. in 2019/19

Best wishes to Mr. Ruaidhri Fennell and Ms Ciara Hogan who are leaving at the end of this school year.

They have taught their classes with enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism. We wish them every success in their future careers. They will both be great assets to other primary schools. We welcome Ms Catherine Valley and Ms. Mary Burcheal to the school teaching staff.

Policy Development:

The Board of Management ratified the following policies this school year.

1. Child Safe guarding Statement
2. Data Protection Policy(G.D.R.N.)
3. Hire and use of school premises policy
4. Special Education needs policy
5. Student Teacher Placement Policy
6. External Coaches Policy
7. Guest Speakers Policy
8. Work Experience Policy
9. Religious Education Policy
10. Administration of Medicines Policy
11. First Aid / Accident Policy

The annual review of the Anti Bullying policy was completed

Curricular Development:

The school is reengaging with the School Self Evaluation Process. The proposed area of focus for 2018/19 is Fundamental Movement Skills, part of the Physical Education Curriculum. We hope to avail of support from PDST in the coming school year to assist us in our efforts.

The school was awarded the Discover Science Ireland Plaque of excellence in the Stem subjects.

The fifth classes participated in the “Write a Book” project.

Every class participated in workshops in the library on topics such as biodiversity, robotics, engineering and Kildare Young Readers The school book rental scheme has been expanded to include “Small World” Geography and Science series for both 3rd and 4th classes. The school implemented the revised Stay Safe Programme and will continue to do so on a biennial basis.

Parents Association

The parent association have had another extremely busy year. The talent show was yet again a huge success with large numbers of pupils participating. Likewise the Annual Duck Race held on the June Bank holiday weekend. This year these were 600 ducks swimming down the river Rye to the delight of the watching crowd.

Non-Uniform days and discos were also held. Without the support of the parents association the school would struggle to provide the facilities needed by our pupils to achieve their full potential. Once again a big thank you to all involved and a reminder that volunteers are always needed to help run all these events so if anybody is willing and available to help please contact any member of the association for more details.

Sports:

Once again it was a busy year for sports in the school. Teams in cross country running, soccer, Gaelic football and hurling took part in many competitions with a large degree of success in terms of winning medals but more importantly in participation. We would like to thank all the teachers involved with these teams for their work. Our regular swimming, table tennis, rugby and G.A.A. coaching continued throughout the year. Thanks to Mick Gillick, Phil McLaughlin and Rob Mullen.

The school will reopen on **Friday 31st August 2018.**