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Carrigeen NS Board of Management – Annual Report 2024

Purpose

This report has been prepared to comply with section 20 of the Education Act, 1998. It covers the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2024. It was approved at a Board of Management meeting on 25th June 2024. The purpose of this Annual Report to Parents is to provide a summary of information on the operation of the school in line with the requirements of the Education Act. The Report serves as an addition to the information provided on the newsletters issued by the school, the Information Booklet provided to all new parents on enrolment, and information provided to parents on all other occasions.

Board of Management from December 2023-2027

Chairperson	Eamon Delahunty
Treasurer	Eileen Gaynor
Secretary	Sinéad Murphy
Teacher Nom.	Ian Duggan
Parent Nom.	Noel Delahunty & Sharon Dunne
Patron's Nom.	Fr Martin Tobin
Community Rep.	Margaret Phelan

Total enrolment

124 students were enrolled in the school in 2023/2024.

Success & Achievements

Academic Programmes and Achievements

- Literacy/Numeracy Power Hour - Infants to 6th Class
- Academic Achievements: Notable improvements in Gaeilge (Oral Language) across all classes following our School Improvement Plan
- Maths Week
- Science Week (Bricks 4 Kids visited)
- Every Child a Reader prize winners with workshops with author Helena Duggan and 250 new library books
- School Assemblies
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Swimming: 3rd-6th class
- STEAM in a Box

Extracurricular Activities and Events

- Active School Programme - Active flag renewed including Active Schools Week
- Activity Bundle (Rhythm n Shakes/Yoga/Irish Dancing/Ukulele/Gymnastics/Cycling Training)
- Chess Tournament
- Credit Union Quiz
- Debating Team reached All Ireland Semi-Finals
- Graduation Ceremony
- Easter & Summer Camp
- World Book Day
- Christmas Carol Service and Nativity / Hoof Top (hot chocolate) van



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- Christmas Baking & Decoration Workshop & Santa Claus
- Peace Proms
- Farm visited Carrigeen NS
- Historian Eoin Walsh - Local history walk
- Dale Treadwell - Biodiversity talk
- Local Geography with Margaret Brennan
- School Walk
- Green School Programme - Biodiversity Flag awarded
- The Wexford Barn Owl bird visit
- Lego Spike workshops
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Sports

- GAA Hurling and Camogie
- Roinn B Hurling Champions
- Country Cup champions
- Coaching provided by Mooncoin GAA club
- Lunchtime Leagues - Basketball, Gaelic, Hurling
- Spar 5 a-side & soccer coaching

Catholic Ethos

- Sacraments: First Communion, Confession & Confirmation
- School Choir

Student Involvement and Leadership

- Student Council / Active School & Green School Committees
- Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- Bring n Buy sale
- 6th Class Trips to Winterval; Medieval Museum; Kilkenny KBowl
- School Tours to Ardmore Farm / IOAC, Wexford

School Services

- Book Provision Scheme
- Hot Meals Scheme
- Before & After School Club

Other

- Whole School Evaluation
- Active Parents Association involvement
- Community Engagement: Partnerships with local organisations such as GAA club, Drug Awareness Group, Mooncoin Vintage Club; Mooncoin Utd
- Staff Development: CPD in new Primary Maths Curriculum
- Facilities & Infrastructure: SEN Base designed/approved & Planning Permission sought
- Supports for Pupils: Involvement with NEPS

Board Meetings

The B.O.M had meetings on the following dates: 18th September 2024; 22nd November 2024; 16th January 2024; 4th March 2024; 24th April 2024; 25th June 2024.

We thank our Board members for their voluntary work in governing our school.

School Ethos & Spiritual Development



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The school marked the various religious feasts and festivals throughout the year. Our 2nd class pupils received the sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of Eucharist and our 6th class pupils received the sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them on the effort they made in preparing for it.

A variety of services and liturgies took place during the year, as follows:

Start-of-Year Mass, Graduation Mass for 6th class students, 6th class retreat and attendance at weekly Lenten mass.

Charity and Social Awareness

Students and staff made contributions to the following charities: Mooncoin St. Vincent de Paul Shoebox Appeal & Mooncoin Residential Care Home

Finance

The financial management of our school is conducted in strict compliance with guidelines set out by the Dept. of Education and Skills. The full set of accounts is examined annually by the school's accountant, who certifies that they are true. The treasurer presents up to date accounts at each Board of Management meeting. School finances are kept under strict control. The Board acknowledges the valuable contribution parents and the Parents' Association make towards helping to fund school activities.

School Development Planning

The following policies were reviewed this year:

Intimate Care Policy

Irish Exemption

Science

All policies are available for viewing in the school or on the school website or through the school office.

Teacher Appointments & Staffing

For the 2024-2025 school year classes will be grouped as following:

- Junior Infants: Ms P Phelan
- Senior Infants/1st class: Ms F Hanlon (On Maternity Leave)
- 2nd & 3rd class: Ms L Walsh
- 4th & 5th class: Ms L Phelan
- 5th & 6th: Mr Duggan
- Multiclass: Ms G Dowling
- SET: Ms Forristal & Ms Murphy

The school was granted 3.83 Special Needs Assistant position for 2024/2025.

Posts of Responsibility

Ms. Dowling held the position of Deputy Principal during the 2023-2024 school year and Ms. Forristal and Ms Phelan held the positions of Assistant Principal II. They oversaw day-to-day responsibilities and duties in the running of the school and supported the principal in leading and managing the school. The Board expresses its thanks to the leadership and management team for their commitment and dedication to the roles held and for all their work during this school year.



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Book Rental

The Book Grant Scheme will continue for another year - funded by the Dept. of Education and overseen by the Board of Management.

Standardised Test Results

The principal reports the results of the standardised tests in English and Maths, in 2nd, 4th and 6th class to the Board of Management at the end of each year. These results are also reported to the Department of Education through the POD system. The Board is pleased with the efforts of our pupils and are very proud of how diligently they work throughout the year.

The BOM congratulates all students and their teachers on the continued excellence of results in the school while encouraging all to focus on the potential for continued improvement.

Curriculum / Resources

Science kits
STEAM boxes
Lego Spike kits

Pupil Numbers

Currently there are 124 pupils in our school.

Child Protection

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) was Ms. Sinéad Murphy and the Assistant DLP was Ms. Paula Phelan. The principal provided a Child Protection Oversight report at every Board meeting during the school year. The Board carried out its annual review of its Child Protection Policy in 25th June 2024.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The board carried out its annual review of the anti-bullying policy in 25th June 2024 and the principal provided an anti-bullying report at each Board meeting during the school year.

Code of Behaviour

Students continued to cooperate in a very positive way with the school's behaviour code as evidenced by favourable comments throughout the year from teachers and visitors to the school. The Board commends the students for their excellent behaviour.

Parents' Association and Parental Involvement

The Board of Management would like to sincerely thank all parents and Parents' Association committee for all their work and support throughout the year. The school, children and staff benefit greatly from this great support which comes in many forms. Every parent at our school is part of the Parents Association. A smaller number of three parents (Marguerite Joy; Deirdre McGrath and Kayleigh Whittle) form the committee.

The Principal, Deputy Principal and all teachers were available on an appointment basis to meet parents to discuss any concerns about students. Members of the Parents' Association committee worked with Ms. Murphy, Principal, on a regular basis to liaise on school matters.

Community Links



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The BOM is particularly appreciative of the assistance provided by the local Carrigeen and wider Mooncoin community. In addition, the school appreciates the generosity of local clubs and organisations in sharing their facilities with our staff and students. The school also supported a number of local organisations throughout the year.

Conclusion

Our thanks to the students, parents and staff working as part of the school community for their support and commitment to the education and wellbeing of all our students.