

Caheragh National School Board of Management – Annual Report 2024



Board of Management 2023/24

Chairperson – Rose McCarthy
Treasurer – Leah McCarthy
Secretary – Mary-T Minehane
Teacher Rep – Angela Galvin
Parent Reps – Leah McCarthy

Pat Cronin

Community Reps – Lillian O'Sullivan

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School Ethos

Confirmation took place on March 8th where 12 pupils received the sacrament. First Confession took place on February 29th and First Holy Communion on May 19th where 7 pupils received these sacraments.

Summer Works/Buildings

Applications are ongoing to replace the Prefab with a solid structure extension which would be attached onto the spare room. The engineer is still negotiating with the Dept on this matter.

Sporting Achievements

Well done to all our athletes who represented the school in a variety of competitions this year – quizzes, soccer blitzes, athletics and football. A particular well done to Annie O'Donovan and Holly Connolly Jeffrey who came 2nd and 3rd respectively in Cork Primary Sports and to our Girl's Football team who won Roinn 4 of Sciath na Scol.

Staffing

Class allocations will remain the same for next year:

MaryAnne Hayes – Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class

Agnes Foley – Second Class and Third Class Mary-T Minehane – Fourth Class, Fifth Class and Sixth Class.

Angela Galvin – SET but due to a reduction in our hours by the Department, she will only be in Caheragh NS 4 days a week.

Charlotte Jeffrey and Siobhán Leahy will both remain as full time SNAs.

Ellen O'Regan will cover the principal admin days every Wednesday.

Policy Development

Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk

Assessment

Code of Behaviour

Anti-bullying Policy

Code of Conduct for Parents & Visitors

Policy

Enrolment Policy

Safety Statement

Code of Conduct for Sports

School Inspection

An Incidental Inspection by Department of Education Inspector Gráinne Cull took place from 9.30am-3.30pm on March 11th.

Overall the inspection went well and the report and recommendations will follow.

Curricular Development

School Self Evaluation focused on Wellbeing this year.

While focusing on this, we worked towards achieving our Amber Flag and Active Flag as well as participating in Food Dudes and having a Pyjama Day where the focus was on having fun.

We also surveyed our parents and our pupils on the effects of Covid 19 on pupil's learning and wellbeing. Only a few parents had concerns over the academic effects, more were worried about the damage to social skills and mental health.

Our focus for next year will be Drama/Oral Language. This is to tie in with the Primary Language Curriculum.

The new Primary Maths Curriculum will come into effect in September 2024

Parents' Association

A massive thank you to our Parent Association who organised 4 fantastic fundraising events this year.

The Flag Day raised €1758
The Halloween Disco raised €764
The Movie Night raised €433
The Quiz Night raised €1410

The school will reopen on August 28th.