

Board of Management Meeting
8th October 2024

Principal's Report

- 22/08/24** Staff returned to school and planning commenced for the 24/25 academic year. 2nd and 3rd year students attended school. During their return, all students received school materials for the academic year. Staff planning continued and our new 1st year students commenced day one of
- 23/08/24** their three day induction programme. 1st year induction continued.
- 26/08/24** 1st year students completed day three of their induction and travelled to Derg
- 27/08/24** Isle Adventure Centre. Return of all students commenced on this date. Our Transition Year students travelled to Dingle on their first trip out of school.
- 03/09/24** The group travelled to the Gaeltacht Corca Dhuibhne with their Gaeilge teachers Ms O'Sullivan and Ms Meaney. Our 3rd Year students travelled to the Burren to complete part of their
- 09/09/24** coursework for Religion. The group were accompanied by Ms O'Brien and Ms Fitzgerald. Our Transition Year students travelled to Kilrush and crossed over to visit Scatterry Island. Students were accompanied by Mr Moloney and SNA Emma O'Gorman. Our U17 boys football team took on St Patricks Comprehensive Shannon on
- 12/09/24** their first outing of the school year. Our boys claimed victory on the day with a substantial win over Shannon. Mr O Dwyer is training our U17 boys this year. Our current Gaisce Group travelled to the Burren to complete their venture trip activity, a 35 km walk over two days and overnight stay in order to qualify for the Gaisce Award later in the school year. The group of students taking part were accompanied by Ms Convey and Ms Moroney.

- Members of the Department of Education Inspectorate visited our school to complete a two day subject inspection in the area of French.
- 17/09/24** Well done to Ms Fitzgerald teacher of French for her work during this inspection.
- The final draft of the inspection report will be issued soon to the Board of Management for factual verification.
- Both Ms Haugh and I interviewed a number of Transition Year students who showed interest in fundraising and travelling to Missionvale South Africa in February 2025. Two students were selected following the interview process and both students will now start their fundraising to go towards their travels.
- Our Transition Year students travelled to Ennis along with their Business teacher Mr Liston to attend TY Enterprise Induction.
- 19/09/24** Our entire student cohort along with school staff celebrated our start of year Mass in the local Church in Kildysart.
- 20/09/24** Fr Albert McDonnell was the main celebrant and many of our students took part in the Mass along with our newly elected Student Presidents getting proceedings underway introducing the theme of our school year. The theme for this academic year is “You are the hero of your own story”
- All students taking part were prepared by Ms O’Brien, Ms Fitzsimons and Ms Ayers along with Trilby Edwards preparing our new school choir.
- At the end of Mass, Fr Albert was presented with a framed personalised message from our school thanking him for his service to our school community over the past 12 years.
- We wish Fr Albert well as he joins a new Parish in early December.
- Our Junior Girls football team had their first outing of the school year as they took on Kilrush Community College. The girls won with a substantial lead on Kilrush. This year Ms O’Sullivan will train the girls with the assistance of Mr O Connell.
- 24/09/24** Our Transition Year students travelled to Petersburg for their first overnight trip this year. The group were accompanied by Ms Ayers and Mr Moloney on the overnight trip where the group took part in a number of outdoor activities during the day and campfire activities at night.
- Our U17 boys football team took on Mungret Community College and claimed victory on the day.
- 26/09/24** Our newly formed Gaelbhreach group met with Gaelbhreach advisor/inspector Siobhan Murphy to plan initiatives for the year ahead.

Ms Convey organised a Coffee Morning for Milford Hospice in our staffroom which raised €155.00.

We held our 1st Year Mass for parents and students of our new 1st year students.

Fr Pat Malone joined on the evening to celebrate this special occasion where a large number of 1st year students took part in the Mass. All students were prepared by Ms O'Brien, Ms Fitzsimons, Ms Ayers and Trilby.

All 1st year parents had the opportunity to meet school staff at the end of Mass as light refreshments were served by Ms Haugh's 5th year students in the GP area.

Our Senior Girls football team took on St Michaels Kilmihil in their first match of the season.. Our girls won on the day. The team were accompanied by their trainer for the year, Ms O'Sullivan.

27/09/24

Our U17 boys footballers took on Lisdoonvarna Secondary School. Our team won on the day. They were accompanied by Mr O Dwyer.

01/10/24

Our Transition Year Students welcomed Garda Ken Butler to our school. Garda Butler presented to our TY group on the topic of "Road Safety".

Our 5th year students took part in their annual School Retreat which was organised by Ms O'Brien, School Chaplain. Facilitator Declan Browne engaged with the group in our school sports hall for the day.

02/10/24

Our 1st year students took part in their first School Retreat which was also organised by Ms O'Brien, School Chaplain. Declan Browne, once again, facilitated the retreat on the day.

03/10/24

Under the guidance of Home Economics teacher Ms Haugh, our Transition Year students held a bake sale in aid of Milford Hospice. The students raised a total of €205.

07/10/24

Our Senior Boys Footballers took on Ennistymon Community School. Our team won on the day and were accompanied by their trainer Mr O Dwyer.

3. Anti-Bullying Procedures Report

3.1 There are no recorded incidents to report since our last board meeting.

NOTE: CHANGES TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES TO BE REVISED IN 24/25.

4 Departmental Reports (including programmes)

4.1 Additional Educational Needs (AEN) & Autism Classroom (AS)

The following changes have been made to staff involved in our AEN team.

- AEN CO -Ordinator-Fiona
- Autism Class Co-Ordinator - Damien (1/10/24)
- AEN teacher and L2LP co-ordination- Chris
- EAL teacher, numeracy & digital literacy support - Anne
- Accessing curriculum for junior and senior cycle maths/ numeracy learning support/ co-teach maths - Caroline
- Accessing curriculum for 1st yr maths - Michelle
- Accessing the curriculum support for students- Claire , Siobhan, Paddy ,
- Co-teach maths - Paddy and Daniel
- Roles and duties of AEN team on shared SET google drive .

Since the team returned in late August they have been busy planning for the needs of our students who have been identified as having additional educational needs.

The team have completed the following:

- AEN teacher timetables compiled
- Teaching assistant timetables compiled
- Autism class students AEN support timetable compiled and sent to parents.
- Student care plans for students accessing supports (on google drive)
- Ongoing compilation of student support files.(on vs ware)
- Individual student subject plans for students with autism (on google drive)
- Drumcondra post-primary testing in maths and reading for 3rd yrs on the 13/09/24.
- Application for resources .
- Devices for students with AEN .
- Drumcondra post-primary testing for maths and reading profile completed.

Students highlighted on the profile for accessing support for maths and students

identified for RACE. On shared SET google drive .

Following the approval to open our second Autism Special Class, work has taken place to create a second classroom to be used for supporting students attending the class.

4.2 Student Support Team (SST)

Our Student Support Team has carried out its annual review for the academic year 2024/2025.

We welcomed Ms Meaney as a new member to the team. Ms Meaney has attended the mandatory two day SST training in LCETB Marshal House since she took up her place on the team.

The team continues to meet weekly to discuss and support individual students.

Leading Learning and Teaching

4.3 Our LLT team continues to support and maintain our current actions within the SSE strands.

In the first number of weeks, The LLT team has been gathering data from Transition Year and 5th Year students which will assist the school when completing the “Other Areas of Learning” section on student profiles of achievement.

5. **School Extension**

Since our last meeting, Clare County Council have sought clarification in relation to an Ecology report submitted as part of the school extension application.

Healy and Partners Architects are currently working on responding to this request. (See Correspondence).

6. **Missionvale**

Once again we are delighted to engage in the Missionvale Volunteer Programme. Final notice of the programme going ahead came later than normal this year however we have selected two Transition Year students to travel to Missionvale.

Students Arabelle McGauley and Tadhg Hennessy will now take on the onerous task of fundraising for the cost of their travels to South Africa.

7. **A Word of Gratitude**

On behalf of our school community I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your support and dedication to our school community over the past four years. Your commitment to fostering a nurturing and innovative environment has made a significant impact on our students, staff, and families.

Thank you for your guidance, vision, and the advice you have provided. Together, we have achieved so much during the term of this board. I hope we are as fortunate with our new board and continue this journey of growth and excellence in the future.

8. **Wellbeing Curriculum**

As part of the development of the school’s Wellbeing Policy, we are currently running a school developed curriculum for all junior students in the school.

Each Junior year group will have one period of Health & Wellbeing per week as part of our new curriculum, which was developed by our Wellbeing Team. Please see a copy of the updated time allocation for all Junior classes and a copy of the draft wellbeing curriculum attached.

St John Bosco CC Kildysart Timetable Management Final						
Length of class period	40	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Time	
Subject	No. of Periods	No. of Periods	No. of Periods	No. of Periods		
Core Subjects	Irish	4	4	4	267	
	English	5	5	5	334	
	Maths	5	5	5	334	
	History	3	3	3	200	
					0	
Core/Optional Subjects	Science	4	4	4	267	
	French/German	4	4	4	267	
	Metalwork/Woodwork/Hecon	3	4	4	245	
	Business/Art Craft Design/Woodwo	3	4	4	245	
	ICT Skills	1	0	0	22	
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					0	
	Religious Education	3	3	3	200	
	PE	2	2	2	134	
	SPHE	2	2	1	111	
Wellbeing	CSPE	2	1	2	111	
	Life Skills	1	1	1	67	
					0	
Other Area's of Learning				0		
Total	42	42	42	42	2806	
Total Hours Year 1	935.2	Core Subject		240 Hrs		
Total Hours Year 2	935.2	Optional Subject		200 Hrs		
Total Hours Year 3	935.2	Short Course		100 Hrs		
Total Number of JC Programme Hours	2805.6					
Wellbeing	423					
Surplus/Deficit of TT Hrs	0					



Wellbeing Plan 2024-2025 (Draft)

1st Year

(Gratitude log at beginning of every class)

Aug - Oct Mid Term	Oct Midterm - Christmas	Jan - Easter (TBC)	Easter - Summer (TBC)
8 weeks - Transitioning to Secondary School & <i>Managing my Leisure Time</i> (JR, MW, NO'S)	3 weeks - Learning to Learn programme 3 Weeks - TY mentors involved - tea and biscuits, Kris Kindle, send Christmas cards to local nursing home	6 weeks - <i>Minding yourself, minding nature</i> (St Patrick's Mental Health Services) 5 weeks - Staying safe online	4 weeks - Presentation Skills (LLT team)

2nd Year

(Gratitude log at beginning of every class)

Aug - Oct Mid Term	Oct Midterm to Nov Assessments	End of Nov Assessments to February Mid-Term	End of Nov Assessments to February Mid-Term
<p>8 weeks- <i>Managing my Leisure Time</i> (NO'S) 2B</p> <p>8 weeks - <i>Minding yourself, minding nature</i> (St Patrick's Mental Health Services) (MW) 2A</p>	<p>3 weeks - Study Skills (NO'S & MW)</p>	<p>8 weeks- <i>Managing my Leisure Time</i> (NO'S) 2A</p> <p>8 weeks - <i>Minding yourself, minding nature</i> (St Patrick's Mental Health Services) (MW) 2B</p>	<p>5-6 weeks - <i>Pieta - Road to Resilience</i> (4 modules) - (MW)</p> <p>5-6 weeks - Olympic Federation of Ireland - <i>Dare to Believe</i> - (NO'S)</p> <p>Following completion of both courses teachers then swap classes to deliver the course again.</p>

3rd Year

(Gratitude log at beginning of every class)

Aug - Dec	Jan - Feb Mid Term	Feb Mid Term to Summer
<p>7 weeks - Career Guidance (JR) 7 weeks - Olympic Federation of Ireland - <i>Dare to Believe</i> - (NO'S)</p> <p>Following completion of both courses teachers then swap classes to deliver the course again.</p>	<p>5 weeks - Study Skills (NO'S & JR)</p>	<p>13 weeks - Jigsaw programme - <i>Take Action</i> (TBC)</p>

