

Agreed Report to Staff & Parents/Guardians from BOM Meeting 21st September 2022

Congratulations:

- To Leaving Cert class of 2022 on their results – wishing them all the best in the future
- Congratulations and thanks to recent retired staff for service given to the school

Educational Matters:

- 5th Year Higher Level Maths provision was discussed
- Reduced numbers in senior cycle traditional Leaving Cert has meant reduced option subjects available
- Reduced curriculum for some 2nd & 3rd year students due to Learning needs – high support being given to get through PLUs, short courses & JCSP Statements
- Assessment arrangements for 3rd & 6th years – details provided to staff
- Behaviour for Learning working with a group of students and trying to settle in some first years
- SCP – working with some reluctant attenders
- HSCL – Joe Cotter appointed for 5 years
- HSCL for NTRIS/STAR – based in St Aidan’s but working with a number of schools – Kay Kelleher
- Work has started on Yellow Flag for inclusion

School Planning & Policy Matters:

- Enrolment – total to date 384 : 1st year 76, 2nd year 80, 3rd year 52, 4th year 56, 5th year 45, LCA 1: 18, 6th year 33, LCA 2: 24
- Open night scheduled for 6th October. Visiting main feeder Primary schools next week.
- Admissions notice generated
- End of Year Report 2021-22 agreed

Child Protection: No reports

School Discipline:

Suspensions: September (to date): 12 (3 students twice) Permanent Exclusions: None

Report on Risk Management:

- Student hoist & equipment in disabled toilet – certified
- Repairs to heating system carried out as identified in inspection – issue with safety valves
- Funding received for replacement of woodwork room floor – need to co-ordinate with delivery of new equipment

Principal’s Report:

- Coffee morning held for Leaving Cert class of 2022
- Past pupils gave motivational talks to current students
- Vacant API post request to ETB to be advertised
- TY students attended Kinsale Outdoor Education centre 19th September
- 6th Year Biology fieldtrip to Tralee on 14th September
- 5th & 6th Year Art class trip to Crawford 15th September
- Director of Schools & Chief Executive visited school on 13th September
- New female parents nominee needed for BOM due to female nominee child finished Leaving Cert

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Educational Matters

- Staff member undertaking PGDSEN
- New NEPS Psychologist Louise Brennan visited school on 27th September, 2 assessments granted
- DPS Aspire 2 Programme started for new cohort of 5th years
- Junior Cycle staff training day took place on 15th November
- SNA training on the day held re Epilepsy & Diabetes
- Junior Cycle results are due out on Wednesday 23rd November
- JCSP profile certs will also be issued on Wednesday
- A number of interesting Free webinars have been notified to parents via School App
- Letter to Cork ETB re provision of extra hours to provide for HL Maths to be afforded to the school due to small numbers of students involved and unfeasible within general allocation

School Planning/Policy Matters

- Enrolment for 1st year 2023 – offer letters have been sent
- 63 applicants for mainstream
- 17 applicants for special class of which 6 applied for either special class or mainstream.
- 11 for special class only including 5 current students. Waiting list has been set up and applicants notified of place on the list.

Child Protection Report

- Number of referrals made since last meeting: 3 Reference Codes: CP2022/05, CP2022/06, CP2022/07
- Number of cases where advice was sought: 1 Reference Codes: CP2022/07
- Recent Child Protection Inspection Report discussed

Report on School Discipline Issues

- Suspensions: September – 22 (4 students 3 times, 4 students twice), October – 15 (4 students twice), November (to date) - 5
- Permanent Exclusions - None
- Delegate by BOM to Principal to suspend up to 5 days in exceptional circumstance in consultation with Chairperson BOM

Report on Risk Management

- Occupational Health & Safety Training attended by Principal on 3rd October
- Medical details forms filled in by parents of current 1st years & other parents who have identified medical conditions with students.
- Administration of medication by SNAs where needed as agreed by parents and where appropriate training is provided

General Report from Principal

- TY students attended the Gaeltacht 22nd & 23rd September
- TY class group went to Mitchelstown caves 12th October
- Parent Teacher meetings held for 3rd & 6th years on 12th October
- Senior students went to Careers exhibition on 18th October
- Part 2 of Child Protection Inspection took place on 18th & 19th October

- 2nd & 3rd year parents study information session was held on 20th October
- Parents Association meeting was held on 24th October
- First year Art workshops were held on 25th October as part of Creative schools initiative
- LCA HCT trip took place on 26th October
- Second TY class group went to Mitchelstown caves on 27th October
- First year vaccinations took place on 27th October
- Coffee morning for 1st year parents held by HSCL on 28th October
- Halloween fancy dress in aid of Temple street took place on 28th October
- First years went to West Cork secrets on 9th November
- Basketball blitz was held across the school as support & fundraiser for Garreth Blount
- Senior students attended MTU Open day on 18th November
- Past pupil Dr Niamh Goulding spoke to senior students on 21st November
- Numerous basketball, soccer & Ladies Gaelic football matches have taken place.

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Condolences

- Diarmuid O'Donovan (BOM member) on death of his mother
- Eamon Breen (teacher & chairperson BOM) on death of mother -in-law
- Ross Stephens (student) on death of mother
- Blount family on death of Garreth (past pupil)

Congratulations

- Leaving Cert students who are receiving awards at Cork ETB awards ceremony on 10th February.
- Boys U16 basketball team on reaching All Ireland finals.

Educational Matters

- Junior Cycle results were issued on 23rd November. One person requested appeal of one subject. E-mail received from SEC that there have been a very large amount of appeals received and it will take some time for them to be sorted out. Some schools appealed in bulk which was against the criteria stipulated for appeals. JCPAs due on 23rd March but appeal results may not be available by then.
- JCT staff day held on 9th January.
- Pre JC and LC exams running from 1st -10th February
- Task interviews held for LCA sessions 1 & 3 during the week of 30th January.
- Timetable planning for 2023/2024 has commenced. Maximum numbers for 2023/24: TY - 28
LCA - 18
- EWO contacted from Tusla re students on reduced school day. Parents of these students will also be contacted to ensure compliance with procedures set by Department of Education
- Literacy initiative (approx. 8 weeks) being run as part of STAR project with group of 2nd years

School Planning/Policy Matters

- First year enrolment 2023/23 is 57 + 1 late applicant. Waiting list for special class – 18
- Have tried to make contact with SENO, Regional manager and Team Manager about possibility of opening another special class – no response received.

Child Protection Report: Two reports made

Report on School Discipline Issues

Suspensions: November – 22 (3 students twice, 1 student 3 times) December – 4 January – 19 (1 student twice, 1 student 3 times, 1 student 4 times) February (to date) – 3

Permanent Exclusions: One, confirmed following passing of 20 school days as per NEWB guidelines

Report on Risk Management

- Fire in the PE hall on 15th December – one light which seems to have been damaged due to contact with ball caught fire. Fire brigade called – needed to make good and signed off by electrician before reuse of hall. All lights in PE hall replaced with different type and signed off by electrician. ETB were notified.
- Woodwork machines serviced in January
- Online meeting held with building contactors and architects re works to replace windows. Some low level and some high level will be carried out during Easter. Remaining high level for this scheme will be replaced after State exams.

General Report from Principal

- Parent teacher meetings were held on 24th November for 2nd years
- Christmas jumper day for SHARE was held on 6th December
- Parent teacher meetings were held on 8th December for 4th & 5th years
- Paul Kelly – Cork & Ross Religious advisor for schools visited on 9th December
- Christmas crafts for parents was held on 12th December
- Ukrainian Christmas celebration was held on 15th December
- Group of Italian teachers visited the school for a few hours on 15th December – organised by CIT to get an insight into Irish school system
- Parent teacher meetings were held on 25th January for 1st years
- A number of basketball matches have been held for boys & girls.
- A number of junior & senior boys soccer matches have taken place
- NCSE visits re Bláthú and environmental audit have taken place
- LGBTQ workshops were held on 5th December
- 5th year Mental health talk was held on 6th December
- 2nd & 4th Year Art workshops for Creative Schools were held on 7th & 8th December
- TY guest speaker re STEM on 8th December

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Congratulations:

- Boys Under 16 basketball team on winning the All Irelands
- Students in 2nd year on receiving Student Achievement Awards in UCC

Educational Matters:

- Junior Cycle appeals – one student appealed and was upgraded in one subject - Music to Higher Merit
- Leaving Cert students have registered on portal and input their subjects.
- Junior Cycle student levels submitted on E8 forms
- Leaving Cert Irish and French orals scheduled for 4th, 5th & 6th April
- Junior Cycle Home Economics Practicals taking place this week

- SCP Local Management Committee meeting held on 15th March. Retention plan for 2023/24 due after Easter.
- Expression of interest sent to NCSE for a 3rd ASD class to be filled from waiting list for 2023/24 which includes a number of current students who meet the criteria but do not have a place currently in ASD class
- Curricular Concession applied for to Dept Ed to support provision of HL Maths and extra options for 5th years

School Planning & Policy Matters:

- Current first years enrolled for 2023/24 is 57 students.
- Summer Programme for SEN students – information sent out to staff to determine if anyone is interested in organising and managing this – no uptake received

Child Protection & Anti-Bullying:

- No reports

Report on School Discipline

Suspensions: February – 12 students (2 students twice), March 20 – 4 students twice (to date)

Expulsions: One

Report on Risk Management:

- GDPR & Data Protection update given to staff at staff at meeting on 14th March
- Forms re GDPR related to JCPAs given to parents of 3rd year class of 2022 to sign in advance of processing of JCPAs
- Work is starting on removal of asbestos on roof of ESB substation

General Report from Principal:

- 40th Anniversary of school will be marked on 10th May with school awards night. Also theme for school journal 2023/24. Promotion of school on social media as part of Anniversary.
- Creative schools theme 'What's your story' – further workshops to be carried out in April and small performance on 10th May
- Senior students attended FET Open day on 7th March
- 6th year Geography field trip was held last week
- TY students cycled the Waterford Greenway on 28th February
- TYs went to Zipit today
- Information meeting for parents re LCA was held on 2nd March
- Some TY students participated in Johnson & Johnson WiSTEM2D programme
- Parents Association meeting held on 14th March
- Second year boys basketball team are through to the Regional finals

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Congratulations

- Students who received Solas Awards on 17th May
- Students who received certs for Microsoft Office exams
- Senior Boys soccer on winning Munster finals
- Second Year Boys Basketball team on reaching All Ireland qualifiers
- Students for performance during Creative schools week

Matters Arising

- Energy audit completed but results not yet known
- Roof on ESB substation finished
- Some high level windows replaced and remainder to be started on 23d June

Circulars

- 18/2023 Special Needs Assistant Allocation 2023/24
- 19/2023 Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2025
- 20/2023 Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Examinations in 2025
- 22/2023 Standardised Testing 2023
- 23/2023 Scheme for the Award of Incremental Credit to Post Primary teachers who have prior service as a Youthreach Resource Person or Youthreach Co-ordinator
- 25/2023 Voluntary Search and Rescue Leave for Registered Teachers Employed in Primary and Post Primary Schools

Educational Matters

- LCA Task interviews and practical exams for 3rd, 6th & LCA students were held in April & May
- Junior Cycle & Leaving Cert exams due to start on 7th June
- SEC video re online marking shared with students
- 5 of the 6 applications for 3rd ASD class confirmed by NCSE. Waiting approval of 6th applicant
- Allocation letter re SEN hours, staffing and SNA allowance received
- Nine hours received as curricular concession for HL Maths & option provision

School Planning/Policy Matters

- 55 students currently enrolled for 1st year. They visited the school for induction on 30th March. Parents meeting was held on 20th April
- Few requests received for transfers. No availability in TY or LCA.
- Croke Park hours and calendar for 2023/24 presented.

Anti-Bullying – No reports

Discipline

Suspensions: March – 8, April – 11 (1 student twice), May – 8 (to date)

Permanent Exclusions: One recommendation brought to BOM

Risk Management

Health & Safety Audit carried out by Principal & H&S Rep – action plan in place to deal with areas of concern that were identified

General Report from Principal

- TY students visited Janssen as part of Schools Business Partnership on 23rd March
- Gaeltacht trip took place on 23rd & 24th March
- 5th Years went to the Burren for Geography field trip on 29th March
- TYs had an orienteering day on 30th March
- LCA2 students had a talk from Jigsaw on 9th May & LCA1 on 16th May
- Creative schools workshops were held week of 24th April and performance was held on 10th May
- Class Tomás went to MTU on 16th May
- 40th Anniversary celebrations & Solas Awards held on 17th May
- Girls GAA blitz was held in Fermoy on 18th May

- Basketball bag pack was held on 19th May
- Leaving Cert Graduation on 25th May
- TY Gaisce students doing Greenway cycle on 30th May

BOM recognise hard work and commitment of staff across curricular/co-curricular/pastoral care.
Very evident in the school surroundings.