



Coralstown National School

Board of Management – Annual Report 2023

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Board of Management Elected November 2019

Patron's Rep	Fr Tom Gilroy
	Mary Moriarty
Principal	Mary Daly
Teacher Nominee	Micheál Forde
Parent Nominees	Jill Doyle
	Niall O'Donoghue
Community Reps	Francis Murtagh
	Deirdre Yeates

- 5 Board meetings were held this year – face to face
- The Board would like to acknowledge & thank the Patron Nominees, the Parent Nominees, the Community Nominees & teacher Nominees for all their support, help and work on the Board this year. Elections for the new Boards is set to take place in November 2023.

School Development

There has been ongoing work on the New Primary Languages Curriculum during this school year. We have also seen the introduction of the New Curriculum Framework which replaces the 1999 Curriculum and work is set to commence on this and the new Primary Maths Curriculum in September 2023. During the summer break the Board saw the replacement of a new floor in the Infant Room, which was also painted and the Board is set to replace the flooring in the 1st & 2nd classroom this coming summer. This will mean that all classrooms now have new marmoleum floors which are much brighter & more hygienic than carpet. The playground at the back was also painted with lovely nursery rhyme characters as well as the yard markings being given a facelift.

Accelerated Reading

The Board have introduced the Programme called Accelerated Reader to the school. It's aim is to improve children's ability to read but also to cultivate a culture of reading for enjoyment. Children from 2nd class to 6th participate and so far all children are highly motivated and enjoying it.

School Ethos

- After the Covid restrictions we have returned to the tradition of attending mass on the 1st Friday of each month when the school is open.
- We had a very successful & enjoyable Retreat for our Confirmation class in October. Feedback from the children was very positive

School Self Evaluation process

School Self Evaluation has been ongoing & our focus has been Health & Wellbeing. We will be continuing on the same topic for the school year 2023-2024.

Staffing for 2023/2024

Acorn Class	Mrs. Mary Walsh
J.I. & S.I.	Mrs Laura Scott
1 st & 2 nd	Ms. King
3 rd & 4 th Class	Mr. Forde
5 th & 6 th class	Ms Foley
Support teachers	Mrs Daly & Mrs Fox/Ms Flynn
SNA's	Ms Gerry Bradley
	Ms Andrea O Connor
	Ms Chloe Masterson
	Ms Niamh Farrell
School Secretary	Ms Joanna Tyrell
Caretaker	Mr Pat Coffey
Cleaners	Ms Ann McAteer & Ms Noeleen Gavin

Parents' Association

The Board wishes to thank the PA for their support & generosity throughout the school year especially with all the events which are run. The Board is mindful of the help, support and incredible hard work that the Parent body engages in every year. We would like to thank the PA for all the work they did in hosting the 1st Communion party and also for the hospitality on the evening of the 5K which was a great success. The PA are currently liaising with staff with a view to purchasing outdoor equipment for the children to play with at break times. The Board is very thankful to the PA for the Nature Signs which they purchased earlier in the year. They really enhance the learning environment for the children.

Policy Development

The following policies were ratified by the Board this year.

- Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment
- Review of Anti-Bullying Policy & Cyber Bulling Policy
- Review of Admissions Policy
- School Attendance
- Job Sharing Policy
- EPV Policy

Sincere thanks to all members of the school community who took part in this work.

School Book Scheme

The Board commends the DES for the introduction of the free school book scheme and sees it as a big help for parents in this continuing cost of living crisis but would ask the DES to review the amount per child as it doesn't cover the cost of providing everything for the children.

We wish our 6th Class of 2023 the very best of luck as they leave us. Their Graduation will take place on Thursday 22nd June at 6 pm in the G.P. Room.

The Board of Management thank you all most sincerely for your continued support and good will.

Coralstown National School will re-open on September 4th 2023