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Principal: *Mr. Eddie Kelly* Deputy Principals: *Ms. Jane Treanor, Mr. Darren Bishop* 

# **Board of Management Meeting February 29th**

# **Opening Prayer:** E. Kelly

<u>Attendance:</u> A. Campbell (Trustee Nominee), D. Mooney (Teacher Nominee), J. Sheridan (Teacher Nominee), J. Bishop (Parent Nominee), E. Kelly (Sec B.O.M).

<u>Apologies:</u> G. Carville (Chairperson), S. Mc Ginnity (Trustee Nominee), S. Egan (Trustee Nominee), B. Campbell (Parent Nominee).

In the absence of G. Carville, Joe Bishop was nominated as Chairperson for the meeting:

- Proposed: A. Campbell
- Seconded: J. Sheridan

# Minutes

Proposed: J. Sheridan Seconded: D. Mooney

# Matters Arising

Addressed in the Principal's Report

# Correspondence

- Applications from staff for personal days-approved
- Application for the use of school facilities
  - Castleblayney Credit Union for the use of the Concert Hall-approved
- Circular 0016/ 2024: Prescribed Material for Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2026
- Circular 0014/ 2024: Sick Leave Scheme for Special Needs Assistants in Registered Primary and Post Primary Schools
- Circular 0013/ 2024: Sick Leave Scheme for Teachers in Registered Primary and Post Primary Schools
- Circular 0012/ 2024: The General Data Protection Regulations-Responsibilities for Data Controllers in respect of the Occupational Health Service
- Circular 008/ 2024: Staffing Arrangements in Voluntary Secondary Schools 2024 2025
- Circular 0007/2024: Leave Entitlements for Secretaries in Voluntary Secondary Schools
- Circular 0005/2024: Teacher Refund Scheme 2024

- Circular 0003/2024: Special Education Teacher Allocation model for Voluntary Secondary Schools 2024 2025
- Circular 0001/ 2024: Cost of living measure to support increased school running costs
- Correspondence from the History Department to organise a History tour to Berlin in December 2025-approved
- Correspondence from CEIST Coordinator Sharon Mc Grath acknowledging receipt of our minutes of November 30th.
- Correspondence from CEIST acknowledging receipt of our 2022- 2023 school accounts.
- Correspondence from the FSSU acknowledging receipt of our 2022- 2023 school accounts.

# **Finance**

• The Principal presented a Finance Report to members of the Board of Management that included the following information: Income & Expenditure from the start of the year, list of creditors, debtors and unreconciled payments

# **Events to Date:**

# Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Staff Monthly Prayer Meeting
- TY Talk Luke Whitehouse
- 2D Guidance Talk P4
- 2E Guidance Talk P6
- U15 Boys soccer game
- First Year Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- German Club for First Year students at lunchtime
- Senior Boys GAA

# Monday December 4<sup>th</sup>

- U16 & Senior Girls GAA
- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- First Year Exams in English, Irish & Maths
- U15 Boys Soccer
- Full Choir with musicians at lunchtime
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- First Year Boys S & C at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- U16 Boys GAA training 4.00pm 5.00pm

#### **Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Second Year Exams in English, Irish & Maths
- U19 Girls All Ireland Basketball Semi Final
- U16 Boys GAA Rannafast Shield Final
- TY Christmas Fair
- Full Choir with musicians at lunchtime
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- TY Technology Class trip
- Sixth Year French & German Pre Leaving Certificate Oral Exams
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Second Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm 6.45pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm 5.00pm

# Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- First & Second Year Hurling & Camogie Blitz
- TY trip to Belfast
- Fifth & Sixth Year History trip to Berlin
- Sixth Year French & German Pre Leaving Certificate Oral Exams
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 2.000pm 4.00pm
- U17 Boys Soccer training 1.30pm 3.00pm

# Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>

- Staff JCT Cluster Day
- Fifth & Sixth Year History tour to Berlin
- Sixth Year Study 9.00am 4.00pm

# Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>

- Fifth & Sixth Year History tour to Berlin
- Sixth Year Study 9.00am 1.00pm
- School Holiday

# Saturday December 9th

- Fifth & Sixth Year History tour to Berlin
- Sixth Year Study 9.00am 1.00pm

# Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>

• School Holiday

# Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>

- Christmas Reflections
- 1L Class trip Sensory Experience Armagh
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- U15 Girls Soccer
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

### Wednesday December 13th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Pre Leaving Certificate Art Practical Exam
- Pre Leaving Certificate Construction Studies Practical Exam
- Pre Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exam
- Christmas Jumpers Fashion Show
- Christmas Jumper / Festive Decorations Day with proceeds going to charity
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm Rm 33
- U15 Girls soccer training 1.15pm 2.15pm
- U19 Camogie training 1.30pm 2.30pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>

- Pre Leaving Certificate Music Practical Exam
- Pre Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exam
- 3F Guidance Class Period 3
- TY Drug Awareness Talk
- U19 Camogie Quarter Final
- First Year Boys GAA training at lunchtime
- Senior Girls Basketball training 4.00pm 5.00pm
- U17 Girls soccer training 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Boys soccer training 4.00pm 5,00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>

- Pre Leaving Certificate Music Practical Exam
- Pre Leaving Certificate Irish Oral Exam
- 3B Guidance Class Period 3
- TY STEM Event in Belfast
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 4.00pm

# Saturday December 16th

• Sixth Year Study 9.00am – 1.00pm

# Monday December 18<sup>h</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Fourth Year Christmas Exams
- U15 Girls Soccer
- U15 Boys GAA
- U19 Boys Soccer
- U19 Girls Basketball
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm 5.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

### Tuesday December 19th

- Fourth Year Christmas Exams
- Fifth Year Christmas Exams
- U16 Girls GAA Ulster Final
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- U17 Girls Soccer 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer 5.00pm 6.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Wednesday December 20th

- Fourth Year Christmas Exams
- Fifth Year Christmas Exams
- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm Rm 33
- U15 Boys S & C
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday December 21st

- Fifth Year Christmas Exams
- U17 Girls soccer training 4.00pm 5.00pm
- First Year Boys soccer training 4.00pm 5,00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Choir performance at St. Maledoid's Church 7.15pm

# Friday December 22<sup>ND</sup>

• Fifth Year Christmas Exams

# Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>

- Senior Girls GAA 7.40am
- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Senior Girls Basketball 4.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# **Tuesday January 9th**

- U14 Girls GAA at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- U15 & U17 Girls Soccer
- First Year Boys GAA 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm Rm 33
- U17 Boys Soccer training 1.30m
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm
- Senior Girls GAA

# Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup>

- TY Volleyball Course
- DCU Scholarship talk 10.05am
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Staff Meeting 4.00pm 6.00pm

# Friday January 12<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Staff Monthly Prayer Meeting
- U14 & U16 Girls Basketball
- U13 Boys GAA
- U15 Boys GAA
- TY Circus Skills Workshop
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year Nursing Talk 3.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- First Year Boys GAA training 7.40am
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Literacy and Numeracy Committee Meeting at lunchtime
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- TY / First Year Peer Mentoring Activity
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm

# Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>

- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- Senior Girls Basketball All Ireland Cup Final
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- First Year Boys Soccer training 4.00pm
- Fifth Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm 6.45pm
- Musical Rehearsals for leads Concert Hall 4.15-6pm

# Wednesday January 17th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- TY / First Year Peer Mentoring Activity
- First Year Boys GAA
- U15 Boys GAA
- U14 Girls GAA
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup>

- TY History trip to Belfast
- LCA Meeting at lunchtime
- Art Club at lunchtime
- Business & Accounting Careers Talk
- Sixth Year trip to Hamlet
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- U15 Boys Soccer 4.00pm

# Friday January 19th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- District D Schools' Cross Country
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- U15 Girls Soccer training 4.00pm

# Saturday January 20th

• Sixth Year Study 9.00am – 1.00pm

#### Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- First Year Boys Soccer
- First & Second Year Girls Basketball
- Guidance Talk TU Dublin 3.00pm
- U15 Boys GAA training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Tuesday January 23rd

- First Year Boys Basketball training 8.00am
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- Senior Girls GAA training 4.00pm
- Second Year Boys Basketball training 4.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- TY Musical Rehearsals 4.15pm 6.00pm
- Talk for parents & guardians of students travelling on the Home Economics trip to Italy 6.30pm

#### Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- First & Second Year Boys Basketball
- U14 Girls GAA
- Design Team Meeting 11.30am
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>

- U15 Boys GAA
- Art Club at lunchtime
- TY Reptile Haven Workshop
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- First Year Parent Teacher Meeting 4.15pm 6.45pm

# Friday January 26<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- U15 Boys Soccer
- TY Junk Kouture Deadline
- First & Second Year Girls Basketball
- Modern Hire Interview Demo for Ulster University Allied Health Profession Courses
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Saturday January 27th

• Sixth Year Study 9.00am – 1.00pm

# Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>

• Bank Holiday

# **Tuesday February 6th**

- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exams
- TY STEM Event Belfast
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- 2C & 2D Garda Talk 2.00pm
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Parents Association Meeting 7.15pm

# Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exams
- Home Economics trip to Italy
- U14 & U16 Girls Basketball
- Ulster Schools Cross Country
- 2A & 2B Garda Talk 9.05am
- 1C & 1D Garda Talk 11.18am
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>

- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exams
- Home Economics trip to Italy
- Art Club at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Friday February 9th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Pre Junior Cycle Exams
- Pre Leaving Certificate Exams
- TY MFL Fashion Show
- Home Economics trip to Italy
- Ulster Schools Swimming Championships
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Ulster Ladies All Star Awards

# Monday February 19th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- TY Work Experience
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Tuesday February 20th

- TY Work Experience
- U14 Girls GAA training at lunchtime
- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Wednesday February 21st

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- TY Work Experience
- First & Second Year Girls Basketball
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup>

- TY Work Experience
- 5A Garda Talk 9.07am 10.05am
- 1E & 1F Garda Talk 11.18am 12.16pm
- 4A, 4B & 4C Garda Talk 14.57pm 15.55pm
- Art Club at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- TY Work Experience
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Zambia Immersion Project Talent Show

# Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- TY Musical Workshop
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm

# Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>

- Year Head Meeting 2.00pm 2.55pm Rm 33
- First Year Boys GAA
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Third Year Information Evening 7.15pm

# Wednesday February 28th

- Breakfast Club 8.00am 8.45am
- Third Year Senior Cycle Subject Awareness Worksop
- Student Support Meeting 11.18am 12.16pm
- Evening Study 2.00pm 4.00pm

# Thursday February 29th

- Student Enterprise Finals
- Art Club at lunchtime
- Evening Study 4.10pm 6.00pm
- Board of Management Meeting 7.15pm

# **Upcoming Events**

- Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>: Staff Monthly Prayer Meeting
- Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>: TY Personal Safety Workshop
- Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>: Queens University GAA U16 Future Stars trials
- Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>: TY Drug Awareness Talk
- Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>: LCA Monaghan Institute Open Day
- **Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Trinity College Entrance Scholarship
- Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>: TY Peer Mentors
- Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>: Careers Business Talk
- **Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup>:** TY Business & Mini Company trip to Butler's Chocolate Factory
- Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>: Careers Talk St. Patrick's Pontifical College Maynooth
- Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>: Open Day
- Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>: Fourth Year Parent Teacher Meeting
- Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter Reflections
- Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>: LCA Trip Dancing at Lughnasa
- Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>: TY Gaisce trip
- **Thursday March 21**<sup>st</sup>: Apprenticeship Expo
- Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>: TY Gaisce trip
- Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>: TY MABS Talk
- Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>- Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>: Leaving Certificate Oral Exams

# Learning & Teaching

- Aoife Wynne from the Leaving Certificate class of 2023 received a Trinity College Entrance Scholarship.
- Jesse Hendry, Kealan Mc Mahon & Rachel Keenan from the Leaving Certificate class of 2023 received UCD Entrance Scholarships.
- Transition Year students from the TY Junk Kouture module qualified for the regional finals of the Junk Kouture competition.
- Transition Year student Mischa Bogue was successful in the regional final of the Action Aid Speech competition.
- The Pre Junior Cycle and Pre Leaving Certificate oral and practical exams took place before Christmas.
- The Pre Junior Cycle, Pre Leaving Certificate Exams and Pre Leaving Certificate Applied Exams took place from January 29<sup>th</sup> until the midterm break.
- LCA students completed their task assessments in a number of subject areas:
  - Vocational Education Task
  - General Education Task
  - Practical Achievement Task
- The Fifth Year Parent Teacher Meeting took place on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The First Year Parent Teacher Meeting took place on Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- All staff engaged in Junior Cycle CPD on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

- The Literacy & Numeracy Committee met on January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a staff meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> and there were a number of workshops on the following areas:
  - Feedback from Parent Teacher Meeting surveys
  - Planning for Wellbeing as part of SSE
  - Teaching & Learning Committee CPD
- School Self-Evaluation: The development of our areas of focus for School Self Evaluation for the forthcoming year will continue through the Teaching & Learning Committee, Subject Department meetings and staff meetings.
- A meeting of the Teaching & Learning Committee took place on January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Third Year students are currently receiving information on subject choice for senior cycle and an information evening for the parents & guardians of Third Year students was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- All Second Year classes had Guidance classes in December.
- Fifth & Sixth Year History students visited Berlin from December  $6^{th} 9^{th}$
- Sixth Year English students attended a production of Hamlet on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Year Home Economics students visited Italy from February 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Students in the 1L class visited the sensory experience in Armagh on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Cycle students had talks on the following areas:
  - o DCU Scholarships
  - Business & Accounting Careers Talk
  - TU Dublin Talk
  - Modern Hire Interview Demo talk for Ulster University Allied Health Profession Courses
- A meeting of LCA teachers took place on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The Modern Foreign Languages Department hosted a TY Fashion show for First & Second Year students.
- The Student Enterprise County Finals took place on February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Senior Management will be meeting with each subject department over the course of the year to discuss results trends in each subject area at Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle.
- Evening Study takes places from 4pm 6pm,
- Saturday Study has commenced for Sixth Year students every Saturday from 9.00am 1.00pm
- A homework club for First Year students takes place from 4.00pm 5.00pm. First Year students are supported by our SNA's and TY students.

The Principal paid tribute to the teachers for their willingness to embrace new initiatives so willingly that has generated so much positive discussion around Teaching & Learning in our school.

# Extra Curricular

- GAA training is ongoing for the following teams: U13 Boys, U14 Girls and Senior Girls.
- The U16 Girls GAA team were defeated in the Ulster A final.
- The Senior Girls GAA team won the Ulster A final.
- Laura Grimes, Hazel Hughes, Tara Renaghan and Niamh Flanagan were selected on the Ulster Ladies All Star team for 2023- 2024. The girls received their awards at a presentation in Ballygawley before the midterm break.
- The U16 Boys GAA team won the Rannafast Shield final.
- The Senior Boys GAA team were defeated in the quarter final of the Mac Rory Cup.
- Students from our school participated in U16 and U19 Camogie blitzes. Representatives from the U19 team attended the Ulster Camogie All Star trials The Senior Camogie team were defeated in the Ulster quarter final. The U14 Camogie team is preparing for their upcoming competition.
- Basketball training is ongoing for the following teams: First & Second Year Boys and First and Second Year Girls. The Senior Girls were defeated in the final of the All Ireland A Cup and the quarter final of the All Ireland A league.
- The following students from the school are part of North East Regional Basketball Academies: Alison Gilliland, Abaigh Mc Geough, Caoimhe Beirne, Mary Kate Byrne, Naomi Mc Caghey, Shannon Mc Dermott, Ruby O' Brien, Michael Mc Ardle, Oliver Mc Geough, Matthew Lennon, Sadie Byrne, Niamh Clarke, Hannah Dignam, Grace Fleming, Emma Mc Dermott & Aisling Beirne
- Soccer training is ongoing for the following teams:
  - U14 Girls- competition starting in the coming weeks
  - U15 Girls- Ulster quarter final
  - U17 Girls- qualified from their group and exited at the knockout stages
  - U19 Girls- Played well in a very competitive group
  - U14 Boys- qualified for the Ulster Cup quarter final
  - U15 Boys- top their group and are in the Ulster quarter final
  - U17 Boys- qualified for the Ulster quarter final
  - U19 Boys- Group stages complete and awaiting an opponent for the Ulster Cup.
- Students in 11, 2L & 3L are participating in a FAI Inclusion For All Programme
- A number of students in our school participated in the school's Cross Country on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Odhran Smith, Maeve Smith & Erin Smith qualified for the Ulster finals on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- A number of students in our school competed in the Ulster Schools Swimming Championship on February 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The school choir practices on a regular basis at lunchtime most days each week. The choir also performed at the Castleblayney Christmas Markets and at a Christmas Carol Service at St. Maledoid's Church.
- Transition Year students are currently preparing for the TY musical.
- A Junior Art Club has been set up that meets on a weekly basis.
- A Junior German Club has been set up that meets on a regular basis.

- An Eco Club has been set up that meets on a regular basis.
- Transition Year students have been busy since the start of the year:
  - TY First Year Homework Club
  - TY Technology class trip
  - TY History class trip
  - $\circ \quad \text{TY Volleyball Course} \\$
  - TY Christmas Fair
  - $\circ \quad \text{TY Drug Awareness Talk} \\$
  - TY Talk from Luke Whitehouse
  - $\circ \quad \text{TY MFL Fashion Show} \\$
  - TY Circus Workshop
  - TY Reptile Haven Workshop
  - TY Junk Kouture
  - TY STEM Initiative
  - TY Musical
  - TY Peer Mentoring
  - TY Work Experience

The Principal thanked the staff for their extraordinary generosity of time & spirit in giving students opportunities to develop their skills, talents and interests outside the classroom

#### **Student Voice**

- Sixth Year Student Leaders are assisting with supervision on corridors before school and are engaging in mentoring activities with First Year students.
- The Student Council meets on a regular basis.
- Transition Year students are assisting with peer mentoring activities for junior students.
- Fifth Year students helped facilitate senior cycle subject talks for Third Year students.

The Principal & members of the Board of Management thanked everyone involved in the promotion of Student Voice at Our Lady's.

#### Student Support & Discipline

#### **Student Support**

- Student Support Meetings are held every Wednesday.
- The External Counsellor continues to support students on a weekly basis.
- The school meals programme continues to provide support to a number of families on a weekly basis.
- Breakfast Club runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am 8.45am.
- All Second & Third Year students received Guidance classes from December February.
- A number of fundraising initiatives were held for different charities before Christmas.

- All class groups received talks from the local Gardai on social media and vaping.
- An Information Evening for the parents & guardians of Third Year students on subject choice for senior cycle was held on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Principal reported on the following areas:
  - Home School Liaison Officer
  - NCSE Check & Connect Programme

# Discipline

• Council of Discipline meetings take place every Tuesday.

The Principal & members of the Board of Management thanked everyone involved in the Council of Discipline and Student Support Team for the hard work, care and support shown to students across so many different levels.

# Faith Life of the School

- Weekly prayers are said over the school intercom.
- The Christmas Reflections were held on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The Religion Department organised activities for Catholic Schools Week, St. Brigid's Day and Ceiliuradh CEIST Day.
- Ms. Mc Ardle organised a monthly prayer meeting for staff.

The Principal & members of the Board of Management thanked Ms. Duffy, members of the Religion Department and everyone involved in the promotion of the faith life of our school.

# **Plant Development & Maintenance**

• The Principal updated the Board of Management on developments relating to the new 3 classroom extension.

# IT

• None

**<u>Policy Review-</u>** The following policies were ratified by the Board of Management:

- Assessment Policy
- Fire Safety Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- ICT Acceptable Usage Policy
- Anti Bullying Policy
- Harassment & Sexual Harassment Policy

# Health & Safety

• None

# **Child Protection Issues**

• Child Protection Oversight Report: The Board was satisfied that the relevant reporting procedures were followed.

# <u>A.O.B.</u>

- The Principal updated the Board of Management on developments relating to enrolment for September 2024.
- The Principal informed the Board of Management of initial teaching allocation received from the DoE for 2024-2025.
- A meeting of the Parents Association was held on February 6<sup>th</sup>
- Members of the Board of Management thanked the Principal for a comprehensive report and thanked the Senior Management Team and all staff for their continued hard work & commitment to the school.

# Next Meeting

• To be confirmed

Agreed Report Parents: To go on the website and link sent to parents on the school app.

Agreed Report Staff: J. Sheridan