

Ballydesmond N.S.
Agreed Report
Board of Management Meeting
26th September 2023 7pm



- Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment ratified by the BOM - Notification of this posted on School Website
 - AntiBullying Policy Ratified by the BOM - Notification of this posted on School Website
 - Croke Park hours for the coming school year approved
 - School Calendar and events discussed
1. Beginning of a new school year
 - 104 students on roll
 - All have settled in well
 - We had a beginning of year mass on the 19th September - thank you to Father Tarrant
 - Roald Dahl day and World Gratitude day celebrated by the school
 - Huge thank you to the staff for all the work they have put in over the first few weeks of school. We are extremely lucky to have such an excellent team
 2. Mary Brosnan retirement
 - Thank you to Mary for her many years of dedicated service to our school
 - The beginning of year mass also served as her retirement mass
 - We had a retirement celebration with the staff after the mass where she was presented with a gift from the BOM and the staff
 - Karla will replace Mary, Karla also works in the preschool

3. SSE

- We have identified ICT as a focus for our school
- As a result we have invested in 10 new tablets (THANK YOU!)
- These should arrive this week along with headphones which have been sponsored by the parents council
- Students from 1st to 6th class will engage with a typing course on our chromebooks.
- Tablets will be used by the infants initially but this will be expanded to other classes in time

4. Science week

- In November we will celebrate science week
- We have booked The Nutty Scientist
- The parents council have kindly said that they would contribute 200euro towards this

5. Parents Council

- They are continuing their great work. I met with Grainne and she said they have a number of events lined up for the coming year
- Halloween disco
- Party bag at the Christmas play
- Ladies Night for Nollaig Na mBan
- Clothes collection

All Approved by the BOM

6. Epilepsy Training

- Marie our new SNA, Mr. O'Donoghue and Mr. O'Sullivan have all engaged in training to administer the BM pen for epileptic seizures
- We had a staff information zoom at Croke Park today from Epilepsy Ireland for the whole staff

7. New Primary Maths curriculum

- A new curriculum is being introduced to all primary schools in Ireland
- There will be training over the new few years for this
- Mr. O'Donoghue and Ms. Sheehan will attend an information seminar in Tralee Education centre on the 9th of October
- There will be a schools closure for staff training later in the year.

8. Bishop Ray Brown meeting with Principals

- There will be a meeting for all Principals on the 18th of October after school

9. Fire Drill

- We will have a fire drill this week, we have invested in fire assembly point signs.
- These will be placed on the fence on the top yard

10. Staffing

- Maternity leave and parents leave approved for two members of staff

11. Thank You

- A huge thank you to you all for your time, work and commitment to Ballydesmond NS
- We are so fortunate to have had you all as members of our Board and we thank you hugely for all your support
- The process to elect a new Board will now commence