

Agreed Report

Ballydesmond N.S.

Board of Management Meeting

May 21st 2024



Supervision Policy ratified and SPHE Whole School Plan Ratified

1. Communion

- 11th May
- Excellent preparation from Ms. O'Sullivan
- A huge thanks to the whole staff for the huge preparation that took place
- Thank you Fr. Tarrant for a lovely ceremony

2. Confirmation

- 13th March
- Excellent preparation from Ms. Cronin
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3. School Self Evaluation

- ICT continues to be a focus in our school
- Examples to be shown to members of the Board
- Children are becoming more proficient in using Google drive and producing content
- Great results being seen throughout the school

4. Ger Brick - Internet safety talk

- Visited our school on 18th April
- Spoke to children from 3rd-6th and we also had a parents evening
- An excellent talk and both parents and children gained a lot from it

5. Mobile phones

- A meeting of local Principals took place on 23rd April
- Proposed ban on mobile phones for Primary school children in our area

- It would be voluntary and we plan to organise a meeting in term one of the new school year for parents
- Similar has been organised else where in Ireland
- Parents Council also strongly in favour of this

6. Parent Council

- Sponsored Ger Brick's visit to our school - Thank you
- Discussion in relation to voluntary ban on phones for all children in our school
- An ice cream van will be organised for sports day - 19th June

7. National Attendance Campaign

- Pancake Tuesday to promote attendance went very well
- Attendance poster campaign - 2 winners (Junior and Senior category) posted to national competition

8. Board of Management Training

- A huge thank you to everyone who gave their valuable time to attend this training in the Rose Hotel on 21st March
- Very valuable evening
- Recruitment training tomorrow - Mr. O'Donoghue attending

9. NEPS Psychologist

- Dr. Kate O'Neill visited our school to complete an assessment on the 11th and 26th of April to complete a educational assessment on a student in our school.
- Dr. O'Neill visited again on the 8th Masy to give a summary of her report to parents and school

10. Local and European Elections

- Our school will be used as a polling station for the referendums on June 7th
- There will be no school this day and the school will be opened at 6:30 am to facilitate those working with the electoral commission
- The returning officer has been informed that our school can be used for this

11. New student

- We had a new student enrol in Ballydesmond on Monday
 - This brings our current enrolment to 105 students

12. Swimming

- This took place in February for 5 weeks and it went very well
- Swimming again in two years time

13. Nano Nagle Retreat

- Nano Nagle Retreat for 5th and 6th class took place on 7th February -
- Thanks to Fr. Tarrant for organising

14. World Book Day

- took place on 7th March
- Fantastic dress- up event to promote reading

15. Seachtain Na Gaeilge

- Wonderful week of song and dance - Lá Glas Assembly following by a ceilí and tradition irish singing

16. Easter Egg Hunt

- 22nd March
- Thank you to Ms. O'Sullivan for organising and for the whole staff for all their work
- All children had a great time in their mixed age groups

17. National Heritage Council

- Conor Ó Buachalla visited our school on the 25th of April
- He spoke to children from 1st-6th on place names in Ireland
- Local place names were also discussed
- This was part financed by the Heritage council

18. School Calendar 2024/25

- Created by the staff and shared with the BOM

19. Oide Staff Wellbeing

- Oide are Professional Support Service for schools
- Marie Caesar spoke in relation to staff Wellbeing
- Very well received and hugely important to discuss

20. May Assembly

- Held on 2nd May

21. Girls Football Final

- Congratulations to the girls football team for competing so well in the final in Rathcoole on 14th May
- Many thanks to their coaches - Ms. Cronin and John O'Connell

