

## **Principal's Report April 5th 2017**

### **Pupils**

There are **416** pupils in the school, 232 boys and 186 girls. We returned a figure of 426 on September 30th. A couple of leavers/incoming children since then. We are accepting applications from children who have no school place and we not accepting transfers from another schools at the moment. His is to be formalised in our new policy.

### **Staffing**

Serious difficulty getting substitute teachers. Evan will be going on parental leave, partner expecting a baby in April. 2 weeks. He may also be applying for parental leave.

Applications for career break accepted: Deirdre Kelly and Grainne Ring. Ruth coming back to us after a five year career break. Job sharing agreement for next year, Etaoin and Emma. Problem with Evans Job sharing application. He has not been able to finds a partner and I am not allowed yet to advertise out. Letter sent to Evan re options

### **New Language Curriculum**

**Teachers attended a one day seminar on 7th March. We are beginning this year to introduce the new curriculum for oral English and Irish this term and next term. Next year the new oral curriculum will be up and running in both languages for Junior School and teacher s will begin to be trained op in reading and writing aspects of the new curriculum. Teachers are impressed with the curriculum and we think it will be helpful in a school like ours where there are high numbers of EAL children**

**PTA Raffle: Spring raffle Wonderful donations great response**

**Seachtain na Gaeilge great success. FAntasitc ceili and ceolchoirm > Each class did a performance as gaeilge and we had a week of learning dances and then a ceili on Thursday 16th . Word pf the week as gailsge and other poster and writing wall of fame which are usually in English transferred to Irish for the two weeks**

**Active Flag report: Special report on Active Week**

**SEN model of teacher provision has changed.**

**Weightings will be based upon**

- **Baseline component 48%**
- **Standarised tests results**
- **Complex special educational needs**
- **Social context of school**
- **Gender balance**

**We used to have 3 Gam 3 EAL and 3.8 resource. We now have: 11 resource teachers and we have made an application for a 12th EAL teacher, may or may not be successful.**

**Easter holidays early closing on Friday 7th April,**

**Global Citizenship school.** We have been asked by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to submit our global citizenship project to the Our world Irish Aid awards. Paula, Katie and Deridre Walsh is working on that