

## Principal's Report May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018

There are **428** pupils in the school, 243 boys and 185 girls. As per our revised policy we are accepting applications from children who have no school place and we not accepting transfers from another schools after September 30th.

We are taking in 52 children next year, 26 boys and 26 girls Junior Infants.

### Staffing

**SNA Allocation.** We have been awarded 8.66 (7.49 for last year) for next year. 7 full time and 2 part time. Last year we had 5 full time and 3 part time. Improvement

A lot of interaction with the SENO last week due to two very serious cases (plus a child with autism) in one class. She will not sanction an emergency SNA but has guaranteed to come in to re-assess the situation in September, with a view to then sanctioning another at that time.

Extra Curricular Activities.

All the usual after school clubs running plus homework club 2 days a week funded by School Completion Programme. Target children .

Cross country training took part in inter school competition. Children on the news yesterday

Santry Athletics taking place this week. One medal winner Shot putt

Field and track events next week

Chess inter school competition on Friday

Fire drill due to be carried out next Tuesday morning . We've made some changes following the last fire drill.

Health and Safety Audit needed

### Parental Meetings and Curricular provision

**RSE** meeting for 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May Parental consent for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. ON website, password protected for those families who were not at the meeting

Also Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May **Internet safety training**: Zeeko came to school training with children from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>. The One hour after school with teaching staff. Then that evening we had a very successful meeting about 100 parents . Very good . PTA funded it. Excellent turnout

### New Parent meeting tomorrow night

#### Class allocation : See document

**Group** from Mary I teacher training college came to meet green school committee and Global citizens committee re Book of Climate Bells and Sunbell Garden. Very successful day. Students and lecturer very impressed with the school and the initiatives undertaken for Green Schools. Lecturer is Writing book about excellence in geography and we are going to be featuring in it.

Active Flag. Teachers Karen Jane Seona Sinead Heidi all involved in very rigorous but hugely successful inspection for the Active Flag. Numerous initiatives throughout the school year, Active week great success also. Inspector delighted with the school and the activities and was delighted to

make the award of the Active Flag Karen is looking at getting someone from Irish Cricket team to raise the flag . Also formal raising of our 3<sup>rd</sup> green Flag same day some day in June

**Droichead training:** Colette, Gemma, Sarah, Ruth and Aoife have now been trained up to become mentors (As well as Catherine who has been a mentor for many years) to newly qualified teachers. There are 7 NQTS in the school who have gone through the process and are just waiting for a final observation from myself to say that they have engaged with the process and be signed off,

**School Self Evaluation is back since 19<sup>th</sup> February. Schools have been asked to work on 1 or 2 subject areas between now and 2020. We are going to match the SSE with the introduction of the new language curriculum at primary level. Irish English will be our two areas.**

**PDST training for oral language**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Sunday Vivienne Roche open day for guests from IMMA and other people who didn't yet get to see the sculpture. All invited. Wine , soft drinks and some nibbles.

Finally our wonderful achievement of being the Dublin Region Water school of the year and the Overall National winners as well. Great reception with 8 primary regional winners of which we were the ultimate winners , with a prize of €2000 which will be lodged by Gemma this week