

## Principal's Report September 24th 2018

There are **422** pupils in the school, 239 boys and 183 girls. We returned an estimated figure of 438 on September 30th. We are accepting applications from children who have no school place and we not accepting transfers from another schools after September 30th.

### Staffing

New Permanent Appointments

CIDS new this year; Emma Duggan

Anna Bradley made permanent SNA – Job Sharing with Catriona Ryall

We have one new SNA, Harriet Tennant (temp)

### Health and Well-being week

	Monday BE ACTIVE	Tuesday TAKE NOTICE	Wednesday KEEP LEARNING	Thursday CONNECT	Friday GIVE
Morning	Parent's Zumba 9:30 (HALL)	Dave Russell 'The Mind Coach' Parent's Talk 9:30-11:00 (HALL)	Healthy eating- parents handing out healthy snacks to all classes	Parents 5km walk  All Classes- Staying connected. Sharing worries	Parent's Coffee Morning (HALL)
	In class-Go noodle	All classes- 10 things I'm thankful for	Zumba: class 10:00 (HALL) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Green  Nutrition talk 6 <sup>th</sup> Green 10:00-10:30 Nutrition Talk 6 <sup>th</sup> Red 10:30- 11:00  Growth Mindset	Zumba: class 10:00 (HALL) 4 <sup>th</sup> Class Green  Importance of friendship- friendship chain	Importance of sharing a compliment- compliment cards/ circles
Afternoon	Zumba: Class 12:00 (HALL) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Red	Infants- sense/rainbow walk  All Classes- Mindful walk	Yoga 12:00- 12:30 5 <sup>th</sup> Green		Walk a Mile with a Smile- All classes
	Yoga 2:20- 2:50 6 <sup>th</sup> Red	Yoga 2:20- 2:50 4 <sup>th</sup> Red	Yoga 2:20- 2:50 5 <sup>th</sup> Red	Yoga 2:20- 2:50 6 <sup>th</sup> Green	

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### **Parental Involvement Activities for 1st term**

- Junior Infants and Senior Infants parents' night on Wednesday October 3<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.
- Health and well-being week activities for parents all this week. Monday-
- Literacy in Junior Infant CLOVER
- Maths for fun in 1st Class
- Maths week in October Junior infants up to 6th
- PTA AGM last week. New Chair Maureen Kelly

### **ECAS**

So far these are the teachers that are interested in doing an ECA. I'm hoping there will be a few more in the next few weeks.

Carmen – Spanish Club

Rob W and Barry M. – Football

Heidi – Gaelic Football (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>) (4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>)

Homework Club had begun today

Also Religious Instruction classes for Catholic children Making communion and Confrimention

**Music Generation (funded by the PTA) is starting in 3rd class tomorrow. High quality singing lessons and music teaching for 30 mins in two 3rd classes.**

**2nd class for the first time this year. To be funded by DEIS**

**Choir 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> has started with Catherine and Paula**

### **New Language Curriculum:**

**DES are introducing a new language curriculum in all primary schools.** The new Primary Language Curriculum/Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile for English and Irish has been developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). This curriculum is for teachers of pupils of all abilities in the junior primary years, i.e. from in the junior infants to second class inclusive. Teaching of English and Irish. The oral, reading and writing strands are to be introduced in Junior to Second this year. Oral Language began in 2017-2018 school year in Junior to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
SSE report to be on the agenda for every staff meeting –good practice

### **Appointments and staff changes for 2018/2019**

The Board of Management would like to extend our sincere good wishes to Robert OBrien who is moving to Co. Mayo and is leaving the staff after 9 years. He will be greatly missed by all of us and to Aoife Burke who resigned in January 2018 to move home to Roscommon. Both have given great service to the school. Emma Duggan is entitled to a CID so will be made permanent in the course of this year, taking Rob's permanent position. Ivana Kosutic has been appointed has been appointed to the staff in a permanent capacity.

Six temporary positions: Brid Kenny, Heidi Mahon, Niamh Mooney, Colm Neville, Rob Wall, Nasma Ziad. Two long term sub positions Erica Fortune, Caoimhe Maloney. One new temporary SNA Harriet Tennant.

