



## Principal's report to the board of management - April 2016

- 1916 Centenary Commemorations – The school commemorated the 1916 rising in a number of different ways including a flag-raising ceremony; a new proclamation for 2016; artwork; special history lessons; poetry, a ceilí and various 1916 themed creative interpretations.
- The school had a very successful European tour to Barcelona. Ms Boland gave a short report. The principal thanked the Ms Boland and the staff for all their work in making the tour a success and thanked the students for their cooperation. The Board asked the principal to convey their thanks to the students for their excellent behaviour and cooperation.
- On 6th April the school had a speaker from the Marie Keating Foundation in speaking about the need for a healthy lifestyle and the dangers of an unhealthy lifestyle.
- Business in the Community Initiative with SITA. The school's involvement with SITA and the Business in the Community Initiative continues this year.
- On the 11th and 12th April the school had its French and Spanish Orals. Next week the students will have their Irish Orals on 21st and 22nd April. There will also be Home Economics practicals on 20th and 21st April.
- There is on-going significant CPD for the new Junior Cycle with English, Science and Business teachers still continuing to receive training.
- The school will be holding an information evening for parents of 3rd Years on our Programme & Subject Choice on Thursday 14th April.
- The school is also holding an information meeting for the parents of 1st and 2nd Year on the new Junior Cycle.
- The current HSCL teacher will be returning to the classroom for the next academic year. The principal thanked Ms Clarke for all her efforts over her eight year tenure in the position. The position for the next academic year has been advertised.
- The Parents' Association is holding a Car Boot Sale in the grounds of the school on Monday 2nd May to raise funds for the school. The principal thanked the parents for their efforts and wished them well with the venture.
- On the 27<sup>th</sup> April the Cycle Against Suicide charity will be visiting the town. The school is participating with St Columba's College. Jim Breen visited the school on Tuesday 12th in advance of the arrival of the cyclists to talk to students and staff.
- On the 29th April Finn Valley College will be hosting a Road Safety Roadshow with the support of An Garda Síochána. The show will consist of simulators for driving and crashes.