



Principal's report to the board of management - May 2018

The secretary gave an outline of some of the events that have recently taken place in the school or were scheduled to take place shortly.

- The Senior Boys' Gaelic team has won the Ulster Championship Ward Cup. The principal thanked Mr Duggan for his role in coaching the team and Mr Mc Daid for his mentoring and coordination role.
- Our LCA class had been involved in a four week programme in Killybegs College of Tourism. The programme had been very beneficial for the students and fostered greater cooperation with LYIT.
- The school's Health Promotion Committee has had a very successful year and managed to secure the Health Promotion Flag for the school. The flag has been mounted in a prominent place in the school in recognition of the achievement. The principal thanked the committee for all their efforts. He also thanked Ms Mc Granaghan and Ms Butler for their support.
- The Donegal ETB Awards took place on 26th April. The school had three entries this year including two in Enterprise and one in Health and Wellbeing. There was tough competition with 45 entries across five categories. The school did win one of the five categories with the Health Promotion team being successful with all of their work and effort throughout the year.
- Ms Ward has organised a series of talks for parents in recent weeks in relation to mental health and supporting parents. There were talks on Youth Mental Health, Communicating with Teens and Dealing with Exam Stress. The talks were very well supported with a big turnout on all three nights. The school had also extended a welcome to parents from other schools to support them in helping their children.
- Ms Ward has also been coordinating a number of support groups for young people at risk of early leaving or who are struggling with life at school. There were two Be Healthy programmes for Junior and Senior students that were facilitated by Foroige and which were well attended. There was also a Reactiv8 programme facilitated by Donegal Youth Services.
- Ms Ward also coordinated a Walk & Talk group for parents who could meet up three times per week for a chat about parenting and life in general.

- The school had 20 students participating in Gaisce this year both at Bronze and Silver level. The group had an overnight stay in the Bluestacks on the 10th May. The principal thanked the students and teachers who volunteered to support them.
- The Careers Department organised a Job Shadowing day for 2nd Years on 10th May. This is an annual event designed to focus students on the world of work and to get them thinking on what action is needed to progress in school and careers. The principal thanked the careers teachers for their support with this and the many other initiatives they engage in throughout the year.
- Minister Joe Mc Hugh visited the school on 14th May in response to a request for a visit by a CSPE class. He was given a tour of the school and he spoke to the class about democracy and the importance of politics in our lives.
- A two day induction for incoming First Years took place on the 21st & 22nd May. This was an orientation exercise with a little standardised testing and ensuring that the students had an early opportunity to bond before next August.
- PLC Recruitment for next year is under way. Ms Boland and her team of students and staff have visited a number of schools as part of the recruitment process. An information evening will take place on Wednesday 23rd May.
- The school's Annual Prize-giving will take place on 24th May to celebrate the achievements and successes of the school community.
- The State Examinations begin on 6th June. The principal wished all students success in their examinations.