



Principal's report to the board of management - November 2016

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

- The school's annual Prom took place on 30th September in Jackson's success. The event was a great success with both student and staff enjoying the event immensely. The principal thanked the organising committee comprising both students and staff and thanked all students for their cooperation.
- The principal informed that the new Behaviour for Learning Teacher, Ms Elaine O' Regan had taken up her position in the school in October. He noted that it will take a little time for Ms O' Regan to assume full duties as the role requires extensive training.
- The school participated in the annual National Mental Health Week from the 9th - 15th October. As always mental health was discussed in pastoral care classes during the week and was also addressed in SPHE classes. The school got involved in the Jigsaw Twitter initiative to support the mental health 5/day.
- Our fourth year students attended the annual Road Safety Roadshow on 11th October. The principal thanked Mr O' Donnell, chairperson for his support in organising this initiative.
- The school also marked the national Maths Week from 15th - 23rd October. Our maths teachers used the week to try to make maths fun and engaging and took maths out of the classroom into more concrete real life situations.
- A group of fourth years attended the Donegal Enterprise Day in LYIT on 19th October. The team performed very well under the guidance of Ms Coll.
- Parent / Teacher meetings -
 - The first Parent / Teacher meeting of the year has been held for 1st & 5th Years on the 27th October. There was a good turn out as expected for the meeting.
 - The next meeting is for 2nd, 3rd & 4th Years and will take place on the 22nd November
- The principal informed the board that National school visits had been conducted for the purpose of enrolments. Further National School visits were planned in the coming days.
- The Parents' Association AGM took place on 9th November. The principal provided an overview of the work of the school over the past year to the AGM.
- The school's annual Open Day and Open Night will take place on 16th November this year.
- The school is operating the Coderdojo club for National school students again this year. The principal thanked Mr O' Donnell for coordinating this each year. It is

a great success with very good uptake and the children benefit enormously from it.

- The school will be supporting the national Anti-bullying week from the 14th - 18th November. The school has commissioned a number of bespoke posters in a preventative approach to the issue of bullying.
- The school will also be marking the national Science Week which begins next week, 13th - 20th November. A workshop on Sports Science and the importance of fitness to health has been organised. The principal thanked Ms Treanor for this.
- The school's literacy committee have launched their annual literacy initiative. Students are being actively encouraged to read as many books as possible and will be entered into a draw depending on how many books they have read. There will also be DEAR initiatives, occasional relief from homework to support reading and a literacy quiz for all second year students. The principal thanked the literacy committee for all their efforts.
- The school will be hosting the annual Study Skills Seminars for 1st, 3rd & 5th Year students on the 1st & 2nd December. The school funds the entire cost of the seminars
- The school will be participating in the second day of Junior Cycle CPD on the 9th December. The principal explained the cluster model that will be used for the five schools in the south west of the county.
- The school will host a Careers information Evening for LCVP & LCA Students on the 7th December in advance of CAO and SUSI applications. The principal recorded his thanks to the two Career Guidance counselors in advance.
- The school will have its annual Christmas Variety Concert on the 14th & 15th December. The principal said that almost 80 students are to be involved this year. He wished them every success and thanked all students and staff for their support and involvement. A particular word of thanks was recorded for Ms Treanor and Mr Byrne.