



Principal's report to the board of management - November 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 school's Sponsored Walk took place on Wednesday 10th October. It was a success and very well supported by staff and students. The principal wanted to record his thanks to Ms Clarke and Mr Mc Daid in particular for all their work.
- The school participated in the EU Week of Sport with lots of fun activities involving students and staff at lunchtimes. It was great way to get the students active and to build that sense of community. The principal thanked the Health Promotion committee led by Ms Mc Granaghan and Ms Butler.
- The school also participated in the EU Code week with Ms Coll providing coding classes at lunch times for the students to sample a little coding.
- The school facilitated a visit by An Gardaí Síochána on 9th October to speak to students and parents about the dangers of fireworks. All Junior students received the talk from the Gardaí.
- The school supported the Harvest Rally on 13th October by providing a parc ferme for the cars after the stages.
- The school Prom took place on 12th October. The evening was a great success with everything organised to perfection. All enjoyed a wonderful night. Thanks were extended to Ms Summerville, the 5t Year Class teachers and the students on the Organising Committee.
- Ms Boland and a group of teachers organised an educational trip for the PLC students to Maynooth as part of a career focus approach to the course. The principal extended his thanks to her and the teachers for their work in this regard.
- Ms Summerville took 5th Year students to Sligo for its Open Day on 18th October. All students found it worthwhile and beneficial.
- The school participated in this year's Donegal ETB Enterprise Day. While the school did not win this year it was nonetheless a great learning experience for the students. The principal expressed his gratitude to Ms Coll and Ms Clarke.

- The two days of the school's Enterprise Day for the local primary schools took place on the 23rd and 24th October with 20 different teams on each day. The principal thanked Ms Mc Geehan and Lucia McAuley of Bank of Ireland for all their support.
- The school had its annual Study Skills seminar to support 1st, 3rd and 5th Years in such important years. The principal thanked Ms Summerville for organising it once again this year.
- The school has secured funding from both the Cultural Heritage Fund operated by Donegal County Council and JCSP to commemorate the 100 years since the WWI Armistice. Mr Shaun Byrne has developed a CD with 19 performances from students and staff to mark the event. Minister Mc Hugh attended the school and launched the event. Ms Mulhern took the opportunity to commend the school on its Facebook page and the quality of coverage of school events it provides. Cllr Harley also noted that Mr Byrne had given a very good interview on local radio in connection with the CD.
- The school received funding from Donegal County Council via its Bliain na Gaeilge fund to help promote Irish. The Irish teachers took a group to view an Irish language film and the students had a follow up workshop on same in Irish.
- The school's HSCL has organised a number of events for parents. There is a ParentStop session on "Talking with Teens" on 20th November. A Maths course has been organised to support parents for 1st Year students. Also, an Exam Stress workshop has been organised for December.
- Following consultation with the director of schools and the HSE it has been agreed that the school will facilitate a short information session on vaccinations by Dr Donal Walsh at the Information evening for parents in September. This is to allow parents / guardians to make informed choices about the vaccinations programme.
- The school's Variety concert will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 20th - 22nd December 2018. Tickets are available from the Balor Theatre.