**Board of Management**

**End of Year**

**2011-2012**

***Report to Parents***

***Introduction from the Chairperson***

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This newsletter from the Management Board is to further enhance the communication between school and parents. This end of year report reflects some of the happenings and events that have taken place over the last year, along with the financial report. On behalf of the Board I want to thank all our staff for their work during that year. We say farewell to the sixth class pupil as he begins another phase in his life in secondary education. We wish you well and be proud of the place you received your primary education. You are well prepared for the future. To our junior infants and other new entrants, we welcome them and hope they will have a happy experience while learning in this school.

I thank my fellow Board members for their time and commitment to the management of the school and to all who in any way, contribute to the life of the school. We look forward to another year and together we will continue as a school community to go from strength to strength.

Good wishes and blessings.

Fr. Ray.

Chairperson B.O.M.

**Our Board members for 2011-15 are as follows:**

* **Fr. Ray Milton- Chairperson**
* **Mrs. Ruth Costello- Recording Secretary**
* **Ms. Marian Harlow- Staff Nominee**
* **Mrs. Jennifer Moran- Treasurer**
* **Mr. Seamus Molloy- Parents Nominee**
* **Mr. Padraig Geraghty- Community Nominee**
* **Mrs. Mary Murray- Community Nominee**

**End of Year**

**Treasurers Report 2011-2012**

**True Balances in individual accounts on 31st August, 2012**

**Capitation account €4,977.14**

**Ancillary account €7,368.43**

**Building account €21,551.39**

**Books, other grants €1,029.45**

**Total in all accounts €34,926.41**

**End of Year Report 2011-2012**

**Report for Parents**

* 5 new enrolments for 2011-12
* 34 on roll for 2011-12
* School was painted during the summer holidays of 2011
* Rahara N.S. had their Travel Green Flag ceremony in school in June 2011. Inspector Paul Cuttle and Suzanne Dempsey visited the school that day.
* A1 cleaning carried out a deep-clean of the school during the summer of 2011.
* ICT grant money was spent on computers, scanner and a networking service for wireless internet. Details of the purchasing and monies spent were returned to the DES.
* Pupil’s personal insurance was paid in September 2011. Almost all pupils availed of this.
* Teresa Melia, diocesan advisor, visited the classes on Tue 4th October 2011.
* WSE (Whole-School Evaluation) took place in Rahara N.S during the week of Dec 5th 2011. The inspector was Anne Feerick.
* Our WSE report is online on the DES website.
* Four of the five recommendations of the WSE report have been implemented to date.

1. A BOM end of year report has been circulated to parents.
2. In-class support has commenced in all classes.
3. The Irish plan is currently being updated following in-service training for the staff in October.
4. Parents are not required to pay for aspects of the music curriculum.
5. The Music plan will reviewed during the 2012-13 year as per WSE recommendations

* RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) Policy committee was formed-nominations from parents were received and counted. Noreen Fallon and Breda Mc Donnell were nominated parents representatives on the committee. The RSE policy development committee met in Rahara N.S on Thurs evening 29th March and have completed a draft RSE policy, this was sent to parents in September 2012 for feedback and was ratified by the BOM. A copy of this policy is available to all parents, on request.
* A Stay Safe Parents Information Evening took place on Thurs 10th Nov @ 8pm with guest speaker, Jean Farrell
* Our Child Protection Policy was reviewed and ratified by the BOM in May 2012.
* An updated Enrolment policy was ratified by BOM in May 2012.
* Evelyn Slevin, engineer, carried out a Health and Safety audit for Rahara NS and drew up a H&S Policy for the school. Cost was €465.
* Carrol Behan- Music lessons resumed for 10 weeks @ €30 per pupil between October and Christmas 2011. Carrol applied for Garda Vetting through the school. Music lessons continued in term 2 *free gratis* by Carrol. It was agreed at our staff meeting in January that the BOM should give a gift voucher to Carrol Behan in lieu of her free lessons in the second term 2012.
* Gaelic and Hurling training resumed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in September 2011, each class received half hour training per sport. Soccer training resumed after Mid-term on Wednesdays during lunch time in order that the teachers do not lose any formal teaching time.
* Patricia Finneran, Secretary, works 9am-1pm on Wednesdays
* 4th, 5th & 6th attended a Gaelic blitz in Kiltoom on Tue 11th October 2011
* There was a break-in in the school on the night of Monday 17th October. Nothing was taken but repairs were carried out on the alarm and the window in the staff room. New filing cabinets were ordered and replaced.
* Pupils in all classes took part in Maths week (Week of Oct 17th 2011). Ms. Harlow’s class experienced wonderful success when they featured on the leader board on Friday 21st October. Great work by the Junior Room!
* Mrs. Costello attended Literacy and Numeracy afternoon workshops for principals in Athlone Education Centre on 26th April and 9th May.
* Pupils from the senior room went carol singing in Golden Island shopping centre on 12th December with Carrol Behan. We raised €400 for Rahara N.S.
* Staff meetings took place in Rahara N.S. on 12th January and 14th June between 3-5pm.
* Mrs. Costello and Fr. Milton attended CPSMA BOM training on Wednesday night 11th January in Athlone between 7-9:30pm.
* The school alarm was accidentally activated on 15th February. Xtra security did a call out to re-set alarm.
* Mrs. Costello attended 4 days of ABA (Applied Behavioural Analysis) training in Athlone between Jan-March 2012.
* Mrs. Costello attended the IPPN Principals conference in Dublin on 26th and 27th of January.
* Parent teacher Meetings took place in school on Monday 13th February between 3-6:30pm.
* Mrs. Costello attended additional DLP (Designated Liasion Person) training in Athlone on 21st February between 4:30-6:30pm.
* Ms. Harlow attended a full days training for Deputy DLP in Athlone on 23rd Feb. There was full substitute cover.
* The pupils from the senior room performed samba drumming for the parents on 2nd March.
* Pupils from 1-6th have participated on nature walks around the Rahara area in conjunction with the Greenwave project under the guidance of Ms. Harlow.
* A team from the Senior room represented our school in the Cumann na mBunscol table quiz in the Abbey hotel, Roscommon on 22rd March under the supervision of Mrs. Costello
* First confessions took place on 21st of March. Whole school confessions took place on 26th March.
* We participated in the Schools Heritage project 2012 and a local historian, Mary O’Connell, visited the senior room on 29th March to give a talk on Roscommon’s cemeteries
* Pupils from the senior room visited Custume barracks in Athlone on 20th April between 10am-12pm in conjunction with our Discover Primary Science project. We have been successful with this years award. Congrats to Ms. Harlow who is the co-ordinator and has put in a great deal of work with the pupils to achieve, yet again, this award.
* Swimming took place over 7 weeks in Roscommon pool. All pupils attended the training sessions.
* We had 3 school winners of the Garda Síochana Road Safety Art competition. Prize-giving took place in Scoil Mhuire, Roscommon on 18th April during the school day. Rory, SNA, attended the prize-giving with the pupils.
* In-class Learning Support commenced in the senior room in April. Whole Class withdrawl of Junior Infants by LS teacher began on 1st May.
* Mrs. Costello and Ms. Harlow attended an English workshop in Athlone Springs Hotel on Monday evening 28th May between 7-9pm.
* School closed for elections on Thursday 31st of May. School closed for the 2 remaining discretionary days on Friday 1st and Tuesday 5th June. School closed for the summer holidays on Friday 29th June.
* Our School tour took place for 1st-6th on 21st June. We visited Atlantaquaria in Galway in conjunction with our Discover Primary Science award and Turoe Pet farm in Loughrea. Fr. Milton agreed that the BOM should pay for the bus transportation as this is curriculum related. This left the price of the tour at a reasonable €18 per pupil. School was closed on 21st of June for the two infant classes.
* Tour for infant classes took place on Monday 11th June.
* An open evening was held for new entrants on Friday 8th June at 7pm. We had one new enrolment.
* Standardised Tests in English (Micra) and Maths (Sigma) were carried out in 1st-6th classes during May and June. We also administered an NRIT test (Non-Reading Intelligence Test) to the above classes. These test results were sent to parents with the reports during the last week of June. The EYES test (Early Years Easy Screen) was carried out in junior infants and the MIST test (Middle Infant Screening Test) in senior infants.
* Mrs. Costello, Ms. Harlow and Fr. Milton attended Diocesan In-service for BOM members on Thursday 24th May between 4:30-6pm in Roscommon.
* Garda John O’Connor visited the school on Wednesday 27th June to speak to senior pupils about personal safety and internet safety.
* All classes participated in an end of year concert in Culleen Hall on Thursday 28th June @ 7:30. The concert was a huge success and we raised €505 for our school.
* Croke Park Hours-The teaching staff have carried out over and above the 36 Croke Park hours for 2011-12.

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