

Glasheen Boys' School, Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál B

Board of Management – Annual Report 2017

Board of Management 2017

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Teachers' Nominee:	Catherine Starkie
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Community Rep:	Michael O'Halloran

School Ethos

Glasheen BNS is an **inclusive, Catholic School**. The values of **respect, tolerance, fairness** and **kindness**, as well as a **strong work ethic**, are nurtured & reflected in our school. Catholic children were prepared for sacraments of First Penance, Confirmation & First Communion. The Diocesan Advisor visited again this year, giving us an excellent report & acknowledging our caring ethos.

Buildings Works / Improvements

This year several **classrooms & corridors** painted. An **application for further (temporary) classrooms**, was submitted (Due to be in place, August 2017). A planning application for further accommodation is due to be shortly. Gardening & screening improvements were made, as well as additional Notice Boards & Displays in the school.

School Achievements/Events

Active School Flag, Yellow Flag & Digital School of Distinction status maintained. (**6th Green Flag almost complete**). **Health Promoting & European Blue Flag** Status renewed. **Interschool Quiz & Interschool Soccer Winners 2017; Hurling by The Lough 'A' Finalists;** Amazing **Port of Cork** entry; Barber Cup **Tennis Semi-Finalists; Tug of War** Winners for 33rd Year. **Cricket Tournament;** Numerous Prizes at Cork **City Sports;** Winners of **Football, Hurling & Art** Competitions; **Rugby, GAA & Cricket** Coaching. Very Successful **School Concert & Pageant;** School Choir performed with **UCC Choir** (2017). Various **Class Exhibitions, Christmas Market & Parents Visiting Classes** for Maths for Fun, Reading, Games. Constantly updated **School Website, Twitter & Facebook pages;** Close links fostered with **UCC & implementation of Visual Thinking Strategies.** Partner school with **Lifetime Lab & Wilton Library. Culture Day; Friendship Week; Active Schools Week, Punctuality Week, Healthy Eating Week; Grandparents' Day.** Various Visiting Speakers from UCC/NUIG and Several **School Assemblies.** Successful '**Be Active After-School Programme**', **Breakfast Club. Students' Council.** Halloween, Easter & Summer 2017 **Camps. 'Welcome Booklet'** updated in hard copy & on school website. **Homework Club** extended and **Lego Club** set up.

Policy Development

School policies reviewed by the BoM during this year include: **Child Protection, Health & Safety, Homework, Assessment, Anti-Bullying, Special Education Needs, Code of Behaviour.** Various Subject Plans were reviewed by staff and the Board. Review of **Posts of Responsibility (June 2017),** our school's **DEIS Plan & Supervision Procedures** is constant. Thanks to all school community members who took part in this work.

School Inspection

Several school visits in **2016/17,** with **favourable feedback & dialogue.** One teacher **successfully probated. Plans of all teachers** submitted to Deputy Principal. **36 Hours of Croke Park** Planning completed by staff.

Curricular Development

Various Subject Plans reviewed by staff in 2017, including English, Irish, Maths, Music, SPHE, History, Science. **Aistear & Literacy Lift Off** ongoing in Junior Classes. **Building Bridges Programme** in all classes. Ongoing investment in **New Readers. Mobile I.T. Lab** in use. We're an **I.T. School of Excellence.** 6th Class boys did the **Transfer Programme** to prepare for Secondary School. **School Completion Project. Gross & Fine Motor, Social & Language** Groups, as well as **Visual Thinking Strategies & Junior Achievement** are ongoing. Plans are in place for the '**Happy Talk**' and '**Friends for Life**' programmes in **2017/18.**

Parents' Association

Thank You to our wonderful PA for their amazing support including Communion/Confirmation Blazer Rentals & Receptions, Christmas Santa, Bag Packing, Sports Medals, Family Bingo Night, Open Day & Grandparents' Day support, Drop & Swaps, Quiz Night, Gold Rush, Graduation Gifts, Active After Schools & Contributions to School Policies.

Staffing For **2017/18,** we have an Administrative Principal, School Secretary, 17 Classroom Teachers, 9 SEN Teachers, 1 Shared HSCL Teacher, 3 EAL Teachers, 9 SNAs & School Caretaker. **We acknowledge the excellent contribution of all staff**

Communication Information Meetings for **6th Class & Junior Infant Parents.** Helpful **Information Letters** to all other classes (September). **Parent/Teacher Meetings** (November) & **Written Reports** issued to parents (June). **Open Day** for new pupils (May). Communication through **Texts, Newsletters, School Website** (constantly updated), **Twitter, Facebook, External & Internal Noticeboards, Email, Telephone & Personal Meetings.** Several information meetings, gatherings & events for parents. Positive liaison with P.A. is ongoing. Welcome Booklet for Parents fully updated in May 2017.