

St. Brigid's National School, Drumcong

Board of Management – Annual Report 2015 -2016

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School Ethos

Catholic schools' week was celebrated in February. The theme was *Mercy*.
First Penance was held on March 9th and First Communion was celebrated on May 29th.
Congratulations to all the boys and girls.

Building Project

The construction of a new classroom and staffroom was completed in November 2015. Bishop Francis Duffy blessed the extension on December 14th. A large group were in attendance. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Staffing

Due to a **temporary** drop in student numbers on September 30th 2015 a teaching post has been suppressed. Mrs Orla Walpole will be moving to Bornacoola School in September. We wish her well in the future.

Mrs Rachel Keane and Mrs Lorraine Mc Kiernan will commence a job share post (senior infants and first class) in September. A meeting for parents was held in the school on Wednesday June 14th concerning this.

An induction evening for parents was held on Tuesday 31st May for parents of new Junior Infants.

Mrs Ni Chonghaile arranged an induction morning for the new Infants on Thursday June 2nd.

Policy Development

All policies, due for review were worked on by the Board of Management and staff
A new policy on *Assessment* to comply with changes and a policy on *Job sharing for teachers* were formulated by the Board of Management and staff.

Charities supported during the year and Student achievements.

The sale of St.Brigid's crosses raised €280.20 for the Simon Community.
The *Wear Orange* day raised €600 for *The Join Our Boys Trust*.
The school won first prize (€250) in *Floral Pride* competition in September 2015
The 6th class boys' team came second in Leitrim in the Credit Union quiz.
The school won Best Overall school and the Ruby trophy in the Primary schools' sports
The school was awarded their 7th *Green Flag* in May
A Fifth and Sixth class student received merit awards for *Write a Book Project*

New Language Curriculum

A school based seminar on the new language curriculum was held on Friday June 3rd.
The oral strand, in both Irish and English is expected to be implemented in September next, from junior infants – first class.
Further inservice for teachers will be held in the upcoming school year.
Parents will be informed as the dates become available.

Parents' Association

Members of the Parents' Association successfully ran the *book fair* in March. A sum of €1413 was raised for school libraries.

Parents of 3rd class students organised a "*get together*" for First Communicants and parents and relatives in the school hall on Sunday May 29th.