



St. Thomas' Senior National School

Board of Management – Annual Report June 2016



New Board of Management 2015/2016

We thank the outgoing Board who finished their four year term of office in December 2015. September and November. The new Board of Management took office in January 2016 and have met 5 times - January, February, March, April and in June. The new Board is made up of

Chairperson	–	Mary Dalton
Patron's Nominee	–	Deacon Derek Leonard
Principal	–	Eithne O Shea
Teacher Rep	–	Philip Fitzgerald
Parent Reps	–	Cathy Timmons
		Fergal Whelan
Community Reps	–	Tracy K. Singleton
		Michael Murphy

School Ethos

We are a Catholic Primary School and take part in Catholic Schools Week every year. Pupils in 6th class made their Confirmation in May. Mass in the local Church is on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.00a.m. and on Sunday at 11.30a.m.

Summer Works/Buildings

Our new extension of three big classrooms finally opened in January. We are delighted with the additional accommodation. The new classrooms are very bright and airy.

Parents are reminded that pupils should not be on the school grounds during the holidays

Staff News

We would like to wish Mr Fitzgerald the very best as he starts a new job as Principal in a school in Ballymun in September. We thank him for all his work in the school especially with the sports over the past 7 years.

Karen Foran (SCP Coordinator) is moving to England having been with the project for two years. We thank her for work and wish her well.

We will have 36 teachers and 12 Special Needs Assistants next year. Two teachers will be on career break—Mr Dwan and Ms Mernagh.

Ms McGillicuddy is on secondment and is lecturing in Marino College of Education. Ms Langton is job sharing in Kilkenny.

Mr Lydon will be leaving us having secured a position in Dubai and Ms Rohan will be returning from career break.

Love is in the air in St Thomas SNS. There were four weddings, two engagements and four new babies among the staff in the past year

Policy Development

The following policies were reviewed this year: Child Protection Policy; Anti Bullying Policy; Enrolment and Admissions Policy; Code of Behaviour; Special Educational Needs Policy; Internet Acceptable Use Policy; Laptop Agreement Policy. The Board would like to thank all the members of the school community who were involved in this work.

Thank you

During the year pupils took part in lots of different activities such as tag rugby, swimming, hurling, football, soccer, chess, athletics, traditional music, cookery, hip-hop, and homework clubs free of charge as the teachers gave freely of their time.

The Board would like to thank and congratulate all the staff for their hard work and dedication during the year. Thanks also to teachers and SNAs who have given up their time to facilitate before, during and after school clubs. This commitment to the pupils is deeply appreciated.

Achievements

The school was also awarded an Active School Flag. The Boys Soccer team won the Tallaght League. As part of the Eco Business Awards, Ms Surliss class was awarded an Eco Business Award for Primary Schools. Chess team got to the semi finals of the Tallaght and District competition and they also won their group. Gaelic Football Team go to the semi-finals of their competition and were only one match away from Croke Park. The school took part in many focused weeks during the year: Maths Week; Science Week; Catholic Schools Week; Seachtain na Gaeilge, Wellbeing Week; Maths Week, Science Week, Book Week and Active Schools Week.

School Opening

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 30th August

Keep an eye on our website www.stthomas.ie for up to date information on what is happening in the school.