

Annual Report
Glenageary Killiney N.S.
Board of Management June 2023

Glenageary Killiney N.S. is a Church of Ireland National School under the patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough, the Most Rev'd Dr Michael Jackson. It serves the parishes of St Paul's, Glenageary, Holy Trinity, Killiney and St Matthias', Killiney/ Ballybrack.

Chairperson's Report

I think I can say now, as Covid passes beyond us into [fingers crossed] history, this last year we are back to normal service in our school. My thanks to all our staff for their patience, work, loyalty and kindness during the last 3 years or so. It wasn't easy, or straightforward, but I believe it was managed excellently by all, including young people and parents into the bargain!

Whatever about Covid, this is a Good School. And I say that based on my experience with a number of others. We are very lucky to be involved with it.

We wish the pupils of Sixth Class every blessing for the future and hope that they will stay in touch in the years ahead and let us know how they are getting on. The end of term farewell service, held in Holy Trinity Church, was very moving and a credit to all involved.

My thanks directly to Mrs Honner for her expertise in steering the ship, and to the rest of the staff for their work during the year, and I would assure them sincerely of the continued confidence and support of the Board. My thanks as well to the members of the Board of Management for their time, work and thoughtful advice.

Finally, I pray for God's blessing on everyone involved with our school, and I ask that he would keep you all safe and well, young and old.

Canon Gary Hastings.
Chair of the Board

Board of Management Dec. 2019- Nov. 2023

Rev'd Canon Gary Hastings (Chairman)
Mrs. Sadie Honner
Mr. Gerard Walsh (Hon. Treasurer)
Ms. Joanna Jackson
Mr. Clive Christie
Ms. Sheila Wayman
Rev'd Dr. William Olhausen (until April 2023)
Rev'd Gary Dowd (from May 2023)
Ms. Elaine Wolfe

The Board of Management met on seven occasions since September 2022. The Board completed work on drafting, reviewing & revising new and existing plans, policies and procedures.

- Admissions Policy

- Child Safeguarding Statement
- Code of Behaviour
- Child Protection Audit
- Anti-Bullying Audit
- Critical Incident Procedures
- Application for Exemption from the Study of Irish Procedures
- Creative School's Plan in conjunction with the Arts Council
- Spanish lessons as part of the Department of Education Primary Sampler Module

The B.O.M. sanctioned and organised many improvements e.g., specialised staff training, new Interactive panel screens, cycle training for 5th class & new library system.

The Board addressed all Applications for Admission, several Health & Safety issues, all Child Protection issues, and several repairs and maintenance requirements to the school building.

Audited Accounts

The Board of Management accounts for the 2021-22 school year were audited and are uploaded on the website.

New pupils

We welcomed 28 new pupils into Junior Infants, four new pupils into 1st Class and two new pupils in 2nd class.

Staff

Ms. Elaine Wolfe – Junior Infant teacher
 Ms. Sarah Kelly - Senior Infant teacher
 Ms. Davina Stewart - First Class teacher
 Ms. Sophie Morton - Second Class teacher
 Mrs. Aoife Stuart- Third Class teacher
 Ms. Hayley Appelbe – Fourth Class teacher
 Ms. Clara Richardson – Fifth Class teacher
 Ms. Aoife Birch & Ms. Gillian Jackson – Sixth Class teachers
 Ms. Amy Perrott – Additional Educational Needs teacher
 Ms. Sue Percival- Additional Educational Needs teacher
 Mrs Lisa Doyle & Mrs. Sandie Kennedy –job- sharing Additional Educational Needs teachers
 Ms. Leila Thornton – Special Needs Assistant
 Mrs. Shirley Cleary - Special Needs Assistant
 Mrs. Julie McConnell – Classroom Assistant
 Mr. Noel Martin – Part-time Caretaker
 Mrs. Joan MacLoughlin – Secretary
 Mrs. Sadie Honner – Principal

School Self Evaluation & School Self Improvement

Our purpose is to ensure that effective 'Teaching and Learning' is the priority in our school. Our main focus this year was Estimation and Rounding in Numeracy, *Engagement, Requests, Questions & Interactions* in Oral Literacy and *Narrative, Explanation & Persuasive writing* in written literacy. We focussed on 'Comhrá Beirte' agus 'Ag Scríobh Aithris' in Gaeilge. We completed a whole school year roadmap/plan. We sought the views of pupils, staff and parents regarding Well-Being and devised a plan to focus on *Well-being* over the next two years.

Continuous Professional Development

All teachers engaged in Continuous Professional Development courses in their own time this year to ensure we remain up to date in our practices. Individual teachers completed courses on a variety of topics (e.g. Music, Children's rights, Special Needs Education, Physical Education, Social Environmental & Scientific Education, Enhancing Wellbeing, Visual Arts, Six Bricks, Infant Education, Fifth & Sixth Class Education Well-being, Social Personal & Health Education, The Science of Reading, Phonemic Awareness and Droichead.)

Class representatives

To ensure good communication, the following people volunteered as class representatives for the 2022/2023 school year. They met with Mrs. Honner on the first Wednesday of each month.

Junior Infants – Emma Greal

Senior Infants – Sarah Woods

1st class – Kate Webb

2nd class – Aoife Pain

3rd class – Adele Murphy

4th class – Susie Pittock

5th class – Nikki Cotton

6th class – Rebecca Shelford

In addition to improving communication these volunteers gave valuable feedback, showed great initiative, and organised and worked on the following:

- Traffic safety
- Comprehensive update of the library
- Gave general feedback on issues raised by the Principal
- Gave general suggestions on improvements that could be made to processes in the school.

Fundraising

The following fundraising initiatives accrued a total of **€18641.27**

€ 789.00 – Recycled clothes collection x 2

€4425.00 – Calendar

€2008.00 – 2 Cake Sales

€8035.00 – Sponsored Walk

€5392.27 - Family Fun Day

Expenses:

€1120.00 - Calendar printing

Net Profit: €17521.27

We are very grateful to our fundraising co-ordinator Sarah O'Reilly and to the parents, teachers & friends that volunteered and supported our fundraisers. We are also very grateful to Caroline Murphy and her band of volunteers, sponsors and donors who organised our very successful Family Fun Day.

Charity

€5210.00 was raised for charity this year. We supported the following charities. In addition, 76 shoe boxes were filled for *Team Hope* and *€51.34 donated to Laura Lynn via Clothes Collection partner.*

€825.00 - Down Syndrome Centre

€817.00 – Barnardo’s charity
€817.00 - Purple House Cancer Support, Bray
€817.00 - Festina Lente, Bray
€950.00 – Irish Cancer Society (Daffodil Day)
€985.00 – ISPCC - Childline

Parents’ Association

Deborah Lehane – Chairperson, Tennis
Nick Younger – Treasurer
Julie Hunter – Secretary
Zorana Waters – Registration
Ciara Drew – Registration
Shane Hunt – Hockey
Lorna Dodd – Hockey
Louise Michael – Hockey

Norma Lindsay – Hockey
Corrinna Moore – Football
Helen Brady – Basketball
Jennie Power – Chess
Kirana Wilkinson – Drama
Rachel Hoban – Stretch and Grow
Caroline Murphy – Athletics

We are extremely fortunate to have had a very committed group of volunteer parents who organised and ran extra-curricular activities this year. They give of their time and expertise for the benefit of all the pupils by running an extensive range of activities.

June 2023