

Annual Report
Glenageary Killiney N.S.
Board of Management June 2024

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

At the end of another successful and fulfilling school year it is important that we pause to reflect on how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful, life enhancing, school community. I would like to use this opportunity to thank all the school staff for their invaluable contribution, hard work, dedication and thoughtfulness as they do everything they can for the benefit and wellbeing of the pupils in their care.

We wish sixth Class every blessing as they move on. At this stage in their lives, they probably feel they have long since outgrown the place and they cannot wait to get to secondary school! However, one day they will look back with affection and gratitude at the wonderful grounding they received at Glenageary Killiney National School.

A new Board of Management began its four-year term of office in December 2023. It is a mixture of "old and new" and I thank each member of the Board for their time, expertise and wisdom as we seek to manage the school on behalf of our patron.

I had always hoped that I would get to retirement before Mrs Sadie Honner announced hers. Alas, that hasn't happened! For the past thirteen years Mrs Honner has shown outstanding leadership and every decision made in that time was in the best interest of our pupils. We have all benefitted enormously from her extensive knowledge of the primary education sector, her comprehensive skill set, compassion, thoughtfulness, experience and expertise. She could turn her hand to most things and wasn't averse to getting her hands dirty when it came to carrying out some emergency D.I.Y. She rarely "switched off" and gave far more time to the school than she was obliged to do. It is very hard to imagine Glenageary Killiney National School without her at the helm, but after thirty-seven years of service as a teacher, teaching principal and administrative Principal, the time is right for her to step down from what has become an increasingly challenging role. We wish her the long, happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement that she richly deserves.

A new chapter in the life of our school awaits under new leadership. I am confident that our school will go from strength to strength as staff, parents, and the Board continue working together to maintain the inclusive, compassionate and caring learning environment that our school is justifiably proud of.

With every blessing.

Gary Dowd (The Rev)
Chairperson Board of Management
June 2024

Board of Management Sept 2023 - Nov. 2023

Rev'd Gary Dowd (Chairman)
Mrs. Sadie Honner
Mr. Gerard Walsh (Hon. Treasurer) (parent nominee)
Ms. Joanna Jackson (parent nominee)
Mr. Clive Christie (community nominee)
Ms. Sheila Wayman (community nominee)
Ms. Elaine Wolfe (teacher nominee)

Board of Management Nov. 2023 – August 2024

Rev'd Gary Dowd (Chairman)
Mrs. Sadie Honner
Mr. Hugh McNally (Hon. Treasurer) (parent nominee)
Mrs Judith Peirce (parent nominee)
Ms. Sheila Wayman (community nominee)
Mr. Clive Christie (community nominee)
Ms Davina Stewart (teacher nominee)

The Board of Management has met on ten occasions since September 2023. The Board completed work on drafting, reviewing & revising new and existing plans, policies and procedures.

- Admissions Policy
- Child Safeguarding Statement
- Child Protection Audit
- Anti-Bullying Audit
- Spanish lessons as part of the Department of Education Primary Sampler Module
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Communications Policy
- History Plan
- Geography Plan
- Science Plan
- Social Personal & Health Education Plan (incorporating Relationships & Sexuality Education)
- Visual Arts Plan
- Music Plan
- Drama Plan
- Physical Education Plan

The B.O.M. sanctioned and organised many improvements, e.g., painting of woodwork & radiators, purchase of Chromebooks, provision of a First Aid talk for parents, 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 and playground.

Audited Accounts

The 2022-23 school year's Board of Management audited accounts are on the website.

New pupils

We welcomed 28 new pupils into Junior Infants and one new pupil into 1st Class.

Staff

Ms. Hayley Appelbe & Ms Sarah Longmore – Junior Infant teachers
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. Sue Percival – Fourth Class teacher
Ms. Clara Richardson – Fifth Class teacher
Ms. Gillian Jackson – Sixth Class teachers
Ms. Amy Perrott – Additional Educational Needs teacher
Ms. Elaine Wolfe – Additional Educational Needs teacher
Mrs. Lisa Doyle & Mrs. Sandie Kennedy –job-sharing Additional Educational Needs teachers
Ms. Caroline Glynn - Additional Educational Needs teacher
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 on **Wellbeing**, *emphasising Kindness, Gratitude, Creativity, and Perseverance*. We completed a whole school year roadmap/plan.

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. Literacy, Music, Coding, Visual Arts, Autism, Wellbeing, Field Trips, Maths, Six Bricks, Crochet, Leadership & Management, Digital Creativity, Sustainability & Biodiversity, Ciall Ceannaithe and Speech & Language.

Class representatives

To ensure good communication, the following people volunteered as class representatives for the 2023/2024 school year. They met with Mrs. Honner and Ms. Appelbe/ Ms. Richardson / Ms. Stewart on the first Wednesday of each month.

Junior Infants – Sarah Woods

Senior Infants – Emma Scanlon

1st Class – Anna Flood

2nd Class – Eimear Shanley

3rd Class – Carol Brady

4th Class – Julie Brunker

5th Class – Sarah O'Reilly

6th Class – Catherine Chambers

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

- Traffic safety
- Gave general feedback on issues raised by the Principal
- Gave general suggestions to improve procedures and processes in the school.

Fundraising

The following fundraising initiatives accrued a total of **€6355.20**

- € 350.00 – Costume Sale
- € 670.20 – Recycled clothes collection x 2
- €4430.00 – Calendar
- € 905.00 – Cake Sale

Expenses:

€1120.00 - Calendar printing

Net Profit: €5235.20

We are very grateful to our fundraising coordinator, Sarah O'Reilly and the parents, teachers & friends who volunteered and supported our fundraisers.

Charity

€5422.75 was raised for charity this year. We supported the following charities. In addition, 61 shoe boxes were filled for *Team Hope* and *€68.00 was donated to Laura Lynn via a Clothes Collection partner.*

- €835.00 Children in Hospital Crayon Campaign
- €994.00 BUMBLEance
- €994.00 Children in Hospital
- €994.00 Barnardos
- €856.00 Daffodil Day
- €749.75 Laura Lynn House

Parents' Association

Deborah Lehane – Chairperson
Nick Younger – Treasurer
Julie Hunter – Secretary
Ciara Drew – Registration
Shane Hunt – Hockey
Louise Michael – Hockey
Norma Lindsay – Hockey & Athletics

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

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

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