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AHANE SCHOOL NEWS

Our 49th Edition

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Christmas Holiday:
School will close for
Christmas Holidays on
December 22nd at 12.30.
We reopen on 9th January
2017.
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The SMART code was set
up by pupils in Mr.
Coskeran's class as a way
of keeping safe online.

Together Each Achieves More

The first term of 2016-2017 has been another action packed couple of months with lots of collaboration and activities involving our teachers and staff, Parent Association, parents and neighbours. A warm thank everyone; all those who are dedicating themselves to fundraising and to progressing our building project. The Board of Management Report outlines the many tasks we are involved in. On behalf of the staff and BoM, I wish you all a very happy, peaceful Christmas.

Liz Kiely
School Principal.

Dawn's Choir

On Monday 19th December, directly after school, you are all invited to Dawn's after school Choir for their Christmas performance. There will be a charge at the door which will go towards the school fundraising drive.

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<i>Stay Safe</i>	<i>Don't meet up</i>	<i>Accepting Sites</i>	<i>Reliable?</i>	<i>Tell Someone</i>
<i>Don't give out your personal information to people. Places you don't know.</i>	<i>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</i>	<i>Accepting emails, sites pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</i>	<i>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</i>	<i>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</i>



AHANE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGREED REPORT

LOCATION	Monday 10 th of October & Tuesday 22 nd of November 2016	DATE NEXT MEETING	Monday 12 th of December 2016
	Ahane National School	MINUTES	Lorraine O'Connor

Finance Monday 10th of October 2016	
1	A single item agenda meeting dedicated to Finance was held on the 10 th of October. An in depth analysis of the school's financial deficits was discussed by the Board in the context of the school's reduced capitation grant and unforeseen expenditure arising from the building of the additional classroom. The school's grant has been reduced as a result of falling pupil numbers. In addition the low level of compliance with the Annual Voluntary Contribution has significantly impacted on the school's budget. It was agreed to set up a fundraising subcommittee in partnership with the Parent's Association to drive fundraising initiatives. The committee will focus its efforts on organising

	fundraising activities, the first one being the Greyhound Race Night at Limerick Greyhound Track which is scheduled for Friday 9 th of December 2016.
	Tuesday 22nd of November 2016
1	Cake Sale The BOM would like to thank the Parent's Association for all their help and support in organising a highly successful cake sale which raised a total of €1,510.
2	Fire Alarm The upgrade to the Fire Alarm system has now been completed in accordance with Fire Safety Regulations. The previous system was over 30 years old and required a significant overhaul to bring it up to present day standards and legislative requirements.
3	Website All staff have been trained on the new website and the Board would like to extend their appreciation and sincere thanks to Mr Joe Guiney who took time out of his schedule to train all staff in the school on the website. Ms Cranley and Ms Tierney will be acting as the leads on the website.
4	Internet Safety The Board are extremely appreciative to the Parents Association for facilitating the Internet Safety Workshops and would like to thank Mr Coskeran for his time and commitment in championing this initiative for Ahane NS.
5	Active Flag and Healthy Eating The Board wish to compliment and congratulate all the teachers in leading out on the Active Flag and Health Eating initiatives in the School. The enthusiasm and motivation demonstrated by all the teachers is testimony to the great success of these programmes. Ms McGrath is taking a lead role in organising our quest in achieving the Active Flag status for Ahane N.S. Ms Normile is taking the lead role in drafting the Healthy Eating Policy and is being assisted by Mrs Ryan.
6	Voluntary Contributions The Board would like to thank those parents who responded to the Chairman & Treasurers letter regarding Voluntary Contributions and welcome the fact that there has been a 20% increase in contributions since the issue of this correspondence. Outstanding contributions will be followed up accordingly.
7	School Bus Pilot The Board are cognisant of the issues surrounding the parking of the School Bus and the Chairman of the Board, Mr Padraig Fitzgerald has instigated a pilot designated Bus Location in front of the school to improve the safety of all children.

The following is the schedule of Christmas activities in the various classes.

Parents and families are invited to attend these shows.

Tuesday 20th December

Ms. Tierney	Junior Infants	10am
Ms. Cranley	Senior Infants	11 am
Ms. Mulvihill	4 th & 5 th class	1.15pm

Wednesday 21st December

Ms. Normile	3 rd class	9.30am
Ms. McGrath	1 st class	11.30am
Mrs. Ryan	2 nd class	1.15pm
Mr. Coskeran	5 th & 6 th class	2pm