

December 2016

# **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 Kielv School Principal.



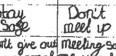
#### Dawn's Choir

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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# AHANE NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AGREED REPORT

Monday 10th of October & Tuesday 22nd of November 2016

**Ahane National School** 

DATE NEXT MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 12th of December 2016

Lorraine O'Connor

## Finance Monday 10th of October 2016

1 A single item agenda meeting dedicated to Finance was held on the 10th 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 9th of December 2016.
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 Decen	<u>nber</u>	
Ms. Tierney	Junior Infants	10am
Ms. Cranley	Senior Infants	11am
Ms. Mulvihill	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> class	1.15pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> De Ms. Normile Ms. McGrath Mrs. Ryan Mr. Coskeran	cember  3 <sup>rd</sup> class  1 <sup>st</sup> class  2 <sup>nd</sup> class  5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> class	9.30am 11.30am 1.15pm 2pm