



Ahane National School

Board of Management – Annual Report 2024



Board of Management Members 2023 -2024

Patron's Nominee and Chairperson: Tony Harnett.

Patron's Nominee: Maureen Hartigan

Community Nominee and Treasurer: Carol Condon

Community Nominee: Mark Mc Connell

Principal/ Secretary: Siobhán Kennedy.

Teacher Nominee: Claire Tierney.

Parent Nominees: Karen Mullane Carey
Michael Kearney

School Ethos

Ahane National School is a Catholic School under the patronage of the Bishop of Killaloe, Bishop Fintan Monahan. We aim to promote the full development of all aspects of the pupil. Our School is a centre of teaching and learning. We strive to develop a positive learning and teaching environment. We promote the formation of pupils in the Catholic faith. The pupils of Second Class received the Sacraments of First Confession and Holy Communion from Fr. James Michael and Fr. Willie Teehan in St. Patrick's Church, Ahane. The pupils of Sixth Class were confirmed in Ahane Church by Fr. Willie Teehan and Fr. James Michael. School staff welcomed Sr. Essie Hayes our Diocesan advisor during the year to support Sacramental preparation

School Building and Grounds.

Solar Panels were installed on the school building in May 2024 in accordance with School Photovoltaic Programme

Hot Meal Scheme April 2024

All pupils in the school began receiving Free Hot Meals on return to school after Easter holidays 2024. Ahane NS is part of the Free Hot Meal for Schools Scheme which is being rolled out by the DES.

Staffing

The teaching staff for 2023 -2024 included a Teaching Principal, 5 mainstream class teachers, 3 fulltime Special Education Teachers based in Ahane NS, 1 shared Special Education Teacher and a part – time Language teacher. The school has 4 full time Special Needs Assistant posts and 1 part time post. The Board employs a full – time Secretary

Policy Development

Ahane National School Board of Management Admissions Policy and Annual Admission Notice are available on the School Website.

Ahane N.S. Board of Management reviewed and ratified the Safety Statement.

The annual reviews on the Code of Behaviour and Anti - Bullying Policy and the Checklist for the Review of the Anti – Bullying Policy were completed.

The Board completed the review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Written Assessment of Risk and the Checklist for the Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement.

The Board also reviewed the Administration of Medicines Policy and the Accident and Injury Policy

All policies are available in the school office and on the school website at www.ahanens.ie

School Sports

Pupils participated in Cross Country Athletics and Gaelic football in term 1. Pupils from Third to Sixth Class participated in swimming in UL for five weeks in Term 2. The Senior Classes participated in the FAI School Soccer League. In term 3 pupils participated in hurling, camogie, basketball and the Limerick City track athletics in UL. The Camogie team won the Cumann na mBunscoil competition and the St. Mary's Secondary School Blitz.

Ahane NS 1823 -2023

Our school celebrated 200 years of education with a Bicentenary week of celebrations in October 2023

Curricular Development

Literacy Lift Off/ Guided Reading took place in all classes. Additional books were purchased to support this initiative. Fifth Class pupils participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme, Analog Robotics and the RDS Science Blast. The School celebrated Maths Week, Seachtain na Gaeilge, World Book Day and a Wellness Week for pupils and staff. The school continued to focus on Digital Learning as part of the School Self Evaluation process. Teachers attended training on the new Maths Curriculum.

Parents' Association

Thank you to our Parents Association for all their support and work for the pupils and the school during the School Year. The Board appreciates the work and commitment of all who work to promote and support Ahane National School.

Ar Scáth a cheile a mhaireann na daoine –We all depend on each other.

School Calendar 2024 -2025

School reopens on August 29th 2024. School Calendar for 2024 -2025 is available on the school website at www.ahanens.ie.