



Ahane National School

Board of Management – Annual Report 2023



Board of Management Members 2022 -2023

Patron’s Nominee and Chairperson: Tony Harnett.

Patron’s Nominee: Maureen Hartigan

Community Nominee and Treasurer: Niamh Madden.

Community Nominee: Gearóid Hussey

Principal/ Secretary: Siobhán Kennedy.

Teacher Nominee: Claire Tierney.

Parent Nominees: Mary Cusack
Oliver Donnelly

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. Tom Whelan 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. Tom Whelan. School staff welcomed Sr. Essie Hayes our Diocesan advisor to the school on a number of visits. The Principal attended a Diocesan Meeting in Nenagh to review faith development and Sacramental preparation.

School Building and Grounds.

The upgrading of the backyard in the school was completed in the Summer of 2022 under the Summer Works Scheme. This completion of this work has added hugely to the yard space in the school. The adjoining field space ensures that the pupils have ample space for movement, games and sporting activities in the school. Yard markings and games have been added to the front and back yard spaces to give the pupils additional opportunities for fun and games at break times.

Staffing

The teaching staff for 2022 -2023 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

In accordance with the Education (Admissions to Schools) Act 2018 and the commencement of the Education (Provision in respect of Children with Educational Needs) Act 2022 Ahane National School Board of Management amended the Admissions Policy. 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 also completed the review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Written Assessment of Risk and the Checklist for the Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement.

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. The boys’ team won the football final in their division. Pupils from Third to Sixth Class returned to swimming in UL for six weeks in Term 2. The Senior Classes participated in the FAI School Soccer League. In term 3 pupils participated in hurling, camogie and the Limerick City track athletics in UL.

School Inspection

The DES Inspectorate undertook a Curriculum Evaluation in English in December with the report on the evaluation available on the DES website.

Curricular Development

Guided reading took place all classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. Fifth Class pupils participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme, Analog Robotics and the RDS Science Blast. Third Class pupils participated in the Fit4Life Programme. 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.

Parents’ Association

Thank you to our Parents Association and our Fashion Show Committee 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 2023 -2024

School reopens on August 31st 2023. School Calendar for 2023 -2024 is available on the school website at www.ahanens.ie.