



Agreed Report of the Board of Management meeting held on Jan 17th 2024.

The Board of Management recognises its special place in the history of primary education in Castlebar as the first board of Castlebar Primary School and looks forward to providing support and good governance to the school.

- At this, its first meeting, the Board appointed a Secretary and Treasurer among the members of the Board for the new term of office 2023-2027. A Health and Safety liaison officer was also agreed.
- The Board appointed the Principal, Joe Carty as the Designated Liaison Person and the Deputy Principal, Nessa Maloney as the Deputy Designated Liaison Person to act as the resource person for child protection concerns and as a point of contact in respect of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement.
- The following significant dates were brought to the attention of the board and the Board support the work of all those involved in these important events:
 - Catholic Schools Week: January 21st -27th
 - Enrolment week for September 2024: Feb 7th -10th 2024 (Junior Campus)
 - Confirmation: April 18th 2024
 - First Communion: April 27th 2024
- The Board thanked all those involved in extra-curricular activities at the school including those helping with music, visits to the nursing home, Christmas concerts and Santa visit, Maths challenge, Chess and the band in their preparation for the St Patrick's Day Parade. The Board also commended the pupils and teachers for organising and participating in the Christmas Colours Day which raised over €600 for Mayo Roscommon Hospice.
- The Board extended its gratitude to the Parents' Association for its work and in particular for the Wizard Walk held at Hallowe'en and the 25 Card Drive before Christmas to raise money for the school.
- The Board of Management welcomes the opportunity to be included in a new programme being piloted by the Department of Education which gives access to counselling support to some primary schools. Counselling will be on a one-to-one basis to support a small number of students who have urgent needs.
- The Board of Management looks forward to the expansion of the in-school management team in the near future. The appointment from its teaching staff of a further 5 Assistant principals will support the school and its development in a range of curricular, pastoral and administrative needs.
- The Board is satisfied with the financial statement which was presented to the meeting.
- Date of next meeting: Wednesday, March 13th 2024.