

Agreed Report of the Board of Management meeting held on October 16th 2024.

- The Board of Management extended a vote of sympathy to Nessa Maloney, Deputy Principal on the recent passing of her mother and to the families of Kieran Johnston and Christina Walkin, parents of pupils of our school, who have passed away in recent weeks.
- The Board of Management welcomes the 849 pupils who have started their year with us in September. The Board also welcomes the Dept of Education's approval to appoint 8 EAL teachers (English as an additional language) and 15 Special Needs Assistants to strengthen the support of our staff in their care and education for all students.
- The Board welcomes the inclusion of Castlebar Primary School onto the School meals Scheme. This scheme will provide free hot lunches to all our pupils every day.
- The Board commended the school for its attention to health and safety in line with the Health and Safety Authority requirements following the report provided to the school arising from a HSA inspection in early September.
- The Board continues to urge all parents and guardians to observe the traffic regulations on the school grounds. Concerns are ongoing about the safety of the pupils and all school users. The Board supports the school's recommendation to use the car park in Castle Street as a means to park and walk safely to and from school.
- The Board supports the school's ongoing participation in the Dept of Education Counselling in Primary Schools Pilot Scheme which provides one-to-one counselling for a small number of students. Work is ongoing too in establishing a Student Support team at the school whose focus is to coordinate and plan support for the welfare and wellbeing of all students.
- The Board notes that First Communion takes place on 17th May 2025 and March 20th 2025 is the date for Confirmation.
- The Board congratulates all involved in the extensive extracurricular programme for our students and extend its gratitude to the teachers for their work. The annual Wizard Walk Parents' Association fundraiser takes place on October 25th and the Board are most grateful for the tremendous support for this initiative from pupils, staff and parents of the school and from the local and wider community.