



We'll make a good team if we all go green!

Board of Management 2022/23

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School Ethos

St. Edan's N.S. holds weekly assemblies in the school and monthly family church services in St. Edan's Cathedral. These are popular as a link between school, families and the parish.

Staffing

This school year saw Principal Sarah Byrne take on the S.E.T. role while the Senior Room teacher's position was filled by Ms. Victoria Earle. Mrs. Kehoe job shared in a week-on, week-off capacity with Mrs. Mary Johnston as well as fulfilling the demanding requirements that saw the school achieve a Green Schools Flag this year. All of these staffing changes worked very well and will continue on into 2023/24.

Work Experience

St. Edan's N.S. was happy to be able to facilitate two Transition Year students—one a past pupil of the school—and a student S.N.A. by providing work experience during this school year. As well as giving these students some hands on experience in working with children, it allows the children to have a variety of helpers during the school year. These placements were appreciated by and benefitted all involved.

P.L.C. & Staff Training

A number of P.L.C. days were facilitated during the school year to keep teaching staff up-to-date and in line with current training. Also this year, all staff members participated in First Aid Training to keep all certification current and relevant for in-school use. Staff also took part in a training day for the new curriculum framework being introduced over the coming years.

Parents Association

The St. Edan's Parents Association, led by their elected committee members, Natasha Bame, Colin Chapman and Sandra Chapman, were a credit to our school in raising more than €3,000.00 to date. These funds were used to subsidise the costs for the entire school to go swimming for an 8-week block and to buy much needed P.E. equipment for the school. We greatly appreciate their hard work at these fundraisers and in organising events for parents during the school year.

Creative Schools

This year the school participated in the Creative Schools Programme which allowed the children to experience and explore the many different parts of the creative arts world. The school had visiting teachers in to do art, ceramics, comic books, drumming, drama and printing. It was an extremely busy and full-on academic year with all this extra activity but it was an amazing experience and much learning and fun were had by both children and staff! St. Edan's is very grateful to all involved.

Green Schools

Mrs. Miriam Kehoe coordinated the application, facilitation and implementation of the many measures required for the school to achieve their Green Schools Flag this year and achieve it they did with excellence! The whole school would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Kehoe for all her hard work and, indeed, to the children who also worked extremely hard to ensure that the school was doing its best to reduce, reuse and recycle.

DEPARTMENT GRANTS

The Department of Education provides grants each school year, based on the number of pupils, for Capitation (school overheads, utilities, insurance costs), Minor Works (maintenance, decorating and repairs), Ancillary Services (Cleaner, Caretaker, Secretary), Cleaning, I.C.T., Standardised Assessments & Book Schemes. These monies are for specific usage and must conform to the required criteria.

School Book Scheme

In line with the new Department of Education Grant and new guidelines for free schoolbooks for all Primary School children, the schoolbooks for all classes have been purchased with Department Grant funding which also covers the copybooks and costs of the online resources to accompany each curricular course.

Minor Works

Minor Works this year facilitated painting of the school exterior and also the repairs and new tanks needed for a plumbing issue due to corrosion over time.

I.C.T Grant

This grant has been used to allow enough tablets for each pupil in the Senior Room to use one or , alternatively, one between two pupils in the Junior Room. Also, major changes were made to the school broadband networking to make it more reliable and efficient. This has made a significant difference in the utilising of this technology as a teaching aid.

Curricular Development

The National School Curriculum is constantly under review and revision. Some major changes will be happening in the coming months and years and the school will pass on the relevant updates and information to all school families as they become available with accompanying literature of explanation. As part of this review, families may be asked to complete surveys and assessments of the ideas and changes presented. We are grateful to all who responded and participated in these surveys in the past school year and look forward to hearing your views in the future when new developments come under discussion.

Swimming

As part of the new P.E. Policy, it was suggested that swimming lessons within school hours be provided as a physical activity option. It was decided that this part of the P.E. curriculum should take place for an 8-week block once every 4 years which would allow each child an opportunity to receive lessons while in the Junior classes and again in the Senior classes. This was a great success this year due, in no small part, to the fundraising efforts of the Parents Association and parent body as a whole. Thank you all.

Road Safety

In the past year, the school has once again been in touch with Wexford County Council Roads Authority, its Councillors and local TDs in an effort to improve the safety of the road in front of the school. With the new builds opposite the school and the promise of a footpath extending as far as the school on the opposite side of the road, we made enquiries for a crossing to be added at the bend. We have been informed that the school will have to make an application in October or November of this year to be considered for funding from the National Transport Authority for this purpose. The matter remains unresolved.

Policies

The following policies were reviewed, updated and ratified in the past school year:

- Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment
- School Safety Statement & Risk Assessment
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- I.C.T. Policy
- I.A.U. Policy
- Penmanship Policy
- Garda Vetting Policy
- Bereavement Policy
- Gaeilge Policy
- Music Policy
- Grievances Policy
- P.E. Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Equality of Participation & Access
- Parent-Teacher Communication Policy
- Protected Disclosures Policy
- School Inclusion Policy

Policies are available on request or on the school website.

Thank you for supporting our school.