



Board of Management Annual Report 2020/2021 *Tuairisc Bhliantiúil Bord Bainistíochta 2020/2021*

The Board of Management is the school committee charged with the day-to-day management of the school. Under the Education Act of 1998 all schools must have a Board of Management and the functions and responsibilities of the Board are laid out in documents published by the Department of Education and Science. *Is é an Bord Bainistíochta an coiste scoile atá freagrach as bainistíocht laethúil na scoile. Faoin Acht Oideachais 1998 ní mór go mbeadh bord bainistíochta ag gach scoil agus go bhfuil feidhmeanna agus freagrachtaí an Bhoird leagtha amach i ndoiciméid a d'fhoilsigh an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta.*

The Board of Management has eight members. The current Board of Management was formed in September 2019-2023 and are as follows. *Tá ochtar baill ar an mBord Bainistíochta. Bunaíodh an Bord Bainistíochta reatha i Meán Fómhair 2019-2023 agus tá na baill liostaithe thíos:*

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| Fiontán Ó Murchú | <i>Ainmní an Phatrún agus Cathaoirleach Patron's Nominee and Chairperson</i> |
| Niamh Uí Raois | <i>Priomhoide agus Rúnaí School Principal and Secretary</i> |
| Stiofán Ó Móráin | <i>Ainmní an Phatrúin Patron's Nominee</i> |
| Eilín Ní Mhaoineacháin | <i>Ainmní Tuismitheoirí Parents' Nominee</i> |
| Nóirín Uí Dhonnchú | <i>Ainmní Múinteoirí Teachers' Nominee</i> |
| Tomás Ó Ceallaigh | <i>Ainmní Tuismitheoirí Parents' Nominee</i> |
| An tAthair Conal Eustace | <i>Ionadaí Pobail Community Representative</i> |
| Daibhí Ó Braonáin | <i>Ionadaí Pobail Community Representative</i> |

The Board of Management met on 6 occasions during the school year 2020/21. *Tháinig an Bord Bainistíochta le chéile 6 huair le linn na scoilbliana 2020/21.*

1. **Beartais Athbhreithnithe/Policy Reviews:**

The following policies were reviewed and amended as necessary.

Rinneadh athbhreithniú agus leasú ar na polasaithe seo a leanas de réir mar is gá.

- Covid-19 Response Plan and Amendments *Plean Fhreagartha Cóibhid agus Leasuithe*
- Covid-19 Risk Addendum *Measúnacht Riosca Cóibhid*
- Enrolment Policy *Polasaí Clárúcháin*
- Anti-Bullying Policy *Polasaí Frithbhulaíochta*
- Child Protection Policy *Polasaí um Chosaint Leanaí*
- Child Safeguarding Statement *Ráiteas um Chosaint Leanaí*
- Special Educational Needs Policy *Polasaí Riachtanais Oideachais Speisialta*
- Healthy Eating Policy *Polasaí Bia Folláin*
- Homework Policy *Polasaí Obair Bhaile*
- Remote Teaching and Learning Policy *Polasaí Cianmhúineadh agus Cianfhoghlaim*
- Digital Plan 2020-2022 *Plean Digiteach 2020-2022*
- Acceptable Usage Policy *Polasaí Usáide Inghlactha*

- Online Safety Curriculum *Curaclam Sábháilteacht Ar líne*
- Online Platforms *Ardáin Ar líne*

An independent assessor carried out a Fire Safety assessment in October 2020.

Rinne measúnóir neamhspleách measúnú ar Shábháilteacht Dhóiteán i Mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2020.

2. Ocáidí Scoile /School Events

It was a busy year in Gaelscoil Raifteiri despite Covid-19 restrictions and some of the events included. *Bliain ghnóthach a bhí ann i nGaelscoil Raifteiri d'ainneoin sriantai Cóibhid-19 agus i measc na himeachtaí bhí:*

- Retirement Day for Máire Treasa *Lá Scor do Mháire Treasa*
- Science Week (10 – 16.10.21) *Seachtain na hEolaíochta*
- Maths Week (12-16.4.21) *Seachtain Mata*
- Virtual Christmas Concert *Ceolchoirm Nollaig Fíorúil*
- St Brigid's Crosses R4 & R5 *Croiseanna Bhríde déanta sa bhaile ag R4 agus R5*
- Seachtain na Gaeilge 2021 Awards *Gradaim Sheachtain na Gaeilge 2021*
- Magic Show with Joe *Seo Draíochta le Joe*
- Green Day (16.3.21) *Lá Glas*
- St. Patrick's Day Parade on yard (16.3.21) *Paráid Lá Fhéile Phádraig ar an gclós*
- Red and Green Thumb Day *Lá na hOrdóga Dhearg agus Glas*
- Biodiversity Week (15 - 23.5.21) *Seachtain Bithéagsúlacht*
- School Tours *Turaisí Scoile*
- Fun Friday *Aoine Spraoiúl*

3. Gaiscí Scoile / School Achievements

The Board congratulates all staff and pupils on the following achievements. *Déanann an Bord comhghairdeas le gach ball foirne agus daltaí ar na héachtaí seo a leanas:*

- 9th Green Flag Award *Gradam Bratach Glas #9*
- Fís Project R5 and R6 *Tionscnamh Fís R5 agus R6*
- Nenagh Film Festival R6 *Féile Scannán An tAonach R6*
- Fresh Film Festival "No Ciníochas" Online Views Award R6 *Féile Scannán Úr "No Ciníochas"*
- Fiachra Donaldson R6 – National Stay Safe Stay Clear Competition Winner *Comórtas Náisiúnta*
- Amelie Ní Chléirigh R4 - National Scratch Competition Winner (2nd-4th class) *Comórtas Náisiúnta*
- Surnaí Ní Cheallaigh R5 – *Comórtas Dánta Náisiúnta Sheachtain na Gaeilge– 2^ú áit*
- Áine Ní Ainle agus Aoife Breathnach R5 – *poem published in Primary Planet December issue.*
- R3 Communion Charity Donations to Mayo Headspace and Meals on Wheels *Síntiúis Dheonacha R3*
- Una Basquille R3 Fíabín/Art Poster Competition Winner *Buaiteoir Comórtas Ealaíne Peigín Leitir Móir*
- Lia Basquille R1 appearance on Cúla 4 ar scoil. *Páirteach i Cúla 4 ar scoil.*

4. Gradam Scoile /School Awards

- Kindness Award and Trófaí na Seachtaine (Term 1) *Gradam Cineáltas/Trófaí na Seachtaine*
- Application to Learning at Home and School Awards (Term 2) *Gradam Cianfhoghlama/Scoile*
- Speaking as Gaeilge and Behaviour Awards (Term 3) *Gradam Labhairt i nGaeilge/Dea-Iompar*
- Yearly Attendance Awards (Term 3) *Gradam Tinrimh Bliana*

5. Eiteas na Scoile/ School Ethos

- First Holy Communion for R3 Pupils (27.9.20) *Céad Comaoineach do dhaltai R3*
- Sacrament of Penance for R2 Pupils (10.6.21) *Céad Fhaoistin do dhaltai R2*
- Graduation Mass R6 (17.6.21) *Aifreann Deireadh Bliana R6*

6. Cruinnithe na dTuistí / Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings took place remotely (by phone) in October and November 2020.

Reáchtáladh cruinnithe tuismitheoirí le mhúinteoirí go cianda (ar an nguthán) i mí Dheireadh Fómhair agus i Mí na Samhna.

7. Forbairt Curaclam/Curriculum Development

- Greenway Cycle R6 *Rothaíocht ar an mBealach Glas*
- Planting Willow Maze and Hedge R5 *Plandáil Lúbra agus Fál Saileach R5*
- Action Day (19.5.21) *Lá Aicsean 19ú Bealtaine*
- Ukulele - Music Generation R5
- Gaeilge 24
- Football Coaching R3-R5 *Cóitseáil Peile R3-R5*

- Active Schools Week (26.4.-30.4.21) *Seachtain Scoileanna Ghníomhacha*
- Zoom Yoga with Neil *Ioga ar Zúm le Neil*
- Sports Days *Laethanta Spóirt*
- Review of Code of Behaviour G.A.E.I.L.G.E. (Gaelige/Aire/Éisteacht/Ionracas/Lách/Gafa/Eolasach)
- Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile: (Gaeilge & Béarla) Webinar 2
- TSI Comprehension Programme R5 *Clár Tuisceana Bhéarla R5*
- Reading Recovery Programme-NM-individual pupil intervention reading programme to support targeted pupils' learning. *Clár Léitheoireachta Idirghabhála*
- Daily Mile *Míle Laethiúl*
- Cycle Safety Course R6 *Cúrsa Sábháiltachta Rothair R6*
- Gaelscoil Raifteiri- An Autism Friendly School (R6 Social Story) Scoile Cairdiuil d'Uathachas
- RSE Presentation R6 *Léiriú RSE R6*

8. Turais Scoile/ School Tours

Following guidance from the Dept. of Education all school tours were based locally but equally enjoyable. The schedule for the school tours this school year. *Tar éis treoir ón Roinn Oideachais, bhí gach turais scoile bunaithe go háitiúil ach taitneamhach d'ainneoin sin. Seo thíos sceideal do thuraisí scoile na scoilbliana seo:*

- Junior Infants: Teddy Bears Picnic *Naí.Bheaga Picnic le Teidí*
- Senior Infants: Teddy Bears Picnic *Naí.Mhóra Picnic le Teidí*
- 1st Class: Walk and Picnic *Siúlóid agus Picnic*
- 2nd Class: Mayo Movie World *An Phictiúrlann*
- 3rd Class: Mayo Movie World *An Phictiúrlann*
- 4th Class: Mayo Movie World *An Phictiúrlann*
- 5th Class: Paddle Boarding and Kayaking *Clármharcaíocht agus Cadhcáil*
- 6th Class: Paddle Boarding and Kayaking *Clármharcaíocht agus Cadhcáil*

9. Tiomsiú Airgid / Fundraising

Fundraising events were carried out in aid of the school by the Parent Association. The Board wishes to thank all parents for supporting school fundraisers. Some of the events were.

Rinneadh imeachtaí tiomsaithe airgid ar son na scoile ag an gCoiste Tuismitheora. Is mian leis an mBord buíochas a ghabháil leo siúd go léir a bhí páirteach i dtiomsiú don scoil. Ba iad cuid de na himeachtaí ná:

- Christmas Jumper Day *Lá na nGeansaithe Nollaig*
- Christmas Raffle *Crannchur Nollaig*
- No Uniform Day *Lá gan Sainéide*

Funds raised were used. *Baineadh úsáid as na cistí a d'ardaíodh tré:*

- to purchase sports equipment and board games for use indoors and outdoors. *Chun trealamh spóirt agus cluichí boird a cheannach lena n-úsáid taobh istigh agus lasmuigh*
- towards construction of Geodome *i dtreo tógail an Geodome*
- towards new signage *i dtreo Comharthaíocht nua*
- painting on the school yard and play areas. *Péinteáil ar an gclós agus áiteanna súgartha eile*
- towards Internet Safety Training on September 21st, 2021 for R3-R6 and Parents Information evening. *I dtreo Oiliúna Sábháilteachta Idirlín i Meán Fómhair 2021 le haghaidh R3-R6 agus oíche eolais do Thuismitheoirí.*

8. Coiste na dTuistí / Parents Association

The Parents Association AGM was held in November 2020 by Zoom and welcomed some new members. *Reáchtáladh an CGB i Mí na Samhna ar Zúm agus chuir siad fáilte roimh roinnt ball nua*

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| Brian Ó Ainle | Cathaoirleach/Chairperson |
| Susan Ní Chearnaigh | Rúnaí/Secretary |
| Maria Uí Shuibhne | Cisteoir/Treasurer |
| Eileen Basquille | Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí/PRO |

| Baill Choiste na dTuismitheoirí/ Parents Committee Members | |
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| Clár Uí Éanaigh | Aíne Ní Pheatáin |
| Johanna Nic Siurtán | Eilís Ní Chatháin |
| Eilín Ní Mhaoineacháin | Tomás Ó Ceallaigh |
| Erin Scott | Róisín Nic Aodhgáin |

The Parent Association bulletin board in front of the school has not been in use this year but the Parent Association Newsletter issued each term keeps our school community informed. The Board of Management would like to extend its thanks to all parents who have helped out with activities organised by the Parent Association. *D'eisigh Coiste na dTuismitheoirí nuachtlitir gach téarma ag coinneáil ár bpobal scoile ar an eolas. Ba mhaith leis an mBord Bainistíochta a bhuíochas a ghabháil leis na tuismitheoirí go léir a chabhraigh le gníomhaíochtaí a d'eagraigh an Choiste Tuismitheora.*

9. **Nuacht Gaelscoil Raifteirí / Gaelscoil Raifteirí News**

- New School Name and Crest *Ainm agus Suaitheantas nua Scoile*
- Video about our school *Fís faoi Gaelscoil Raifteirí*
- Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- School Yard Improvements – Tree felling; Fence; School Roof; Painting; Stone walls refurb etc. *Feabhsuithe Clós Scoile - Leagan Crann; Fál; Díon scoile; Péinteáil; Athchóiriú ar ballaí cloiche srl..*
- Additional Planters for each class *Plandálaithe breise do gach rang*
- New School Signage *Comharthaíocht nua scoile*
- New Chromebooks *Leabhair Cróim nua*
- Sensory Trail Plan *Plean an Chosán Céadfaí*
- Geodome Project *Tionscnamh Geodóim*
- Football Mural repainted *Athpheinteáil ar an Múrphictúir Peile*
- Old Boiler House refurb *Athchóiriú ar shean suíomh an ola*
- New Bike Shelter *Foscán Rothar nua (ag teacht I Mí Lúnasa)*
- Induction Day for New Junior Infant classes *Lá Ionductaithe dona Naíonáin nua*

10. **Foireann / Staffing**

Staffing for the school year 2020/21 was as follows. *Seo a leanas an fhoireann don scoilbhliain 2020/21*

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| Príomhoide/Principal | Niamh Uí Raois |
| Tánaisteach/Deputy Principal | Cristín Uí Ghiobúin |
| M.O.S/Special Education Teacher | Cristín Uí Ghiobúin |
| M.O.S/Special Education Teacher | Majella Ní Chonduibh |
| M.O.S/Special Education Teacher | Fiona Ní Bhroin |
| Naíonáin Bheaga/Junior Infants | Sinéad Ní Dhálaigh |
| Naíonáin Mhóra/Senior Infants | Audrey Ní Fhearghail |
| Rang 1/First Class | Nóirín de Búrca |
| Rang 2/Second Class | Nóirín Uí Dhonnchú |
| Rang 3/Third Class | Pádraig Ó hÉanaigh |
| Rang 4/Fourth Class | Máire Ní Dhuibhghiolla |
| Rang 5/Fifth Class | Michelle Uí Charraig |

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| Rang 5/Fifth Class | Pól Ó Geannáin |
| Rang 6/Sixth Class | Gearóid Ó Marcaigh |
| Cúntóir Riachtanais Oideachas/Special Needs Assistant | Clár Sangare |
| Foireann Cúntach/Ancillary Staff | |
| Runaí/Secretary | Lára Ui Mháille |
| Airitheoirí/Caretakers | Chris Cooney, Noel Conway |
| Glantóirí/Cleaners | Melanie Joyce, Kasia Mazur |

The Board of Management would like to extend its thanks to all the staff for their hard work throughout the year. Staffing arrangements for 2021-22 school year will follow tomorrow in final June Newsletter.

Ba mhaith leis an mBord Bainistíochta a bhuíochas a ghabháil leis an bhfoireann go léir as a gcuid oibre crua i rith na bliana. Roinnfear sonraí maidir le socruithe foirne don scoilbliain 2021-22 maársch sa nuachtlitr deiridh mhí an Mheithimh.

11. Forbairtí Foirne / Staffing Developments 2020-2021

- In September 2020 Niamh Uí Raois was appointed Principal. *I Mí Meán Fómhair 2020 ceapadh Niamh Uí Raois mar Phríomhoide*
- In November 2020, Cristín Uí Ghiobúin was appointed to the post of Deputy Principal. *I Mí Deireadh Fómhair 2020 ceapadh Cristín Uí Ghiobúin mar Tánaisteach.*
- In September 2020, a one year teaching position arising from the secondment of a permanent teacher (Brid Uí Dhonnadhcha) was filled by Múinteoir Pol Ó Geannáin. *I Mí Mheán Fómhair 2020, líonadh post bliain amháin a d'eascair as iasacht mhúinteora buan (Brid Uí Dhonnadhcha) ag Múinteoir Pol Ó Geannán.*

12. Forbairtí Curaclam/ Traenáil Foirne - Curricular Developments/Staff Training

- Staff received a half day of training in the Revised Language Curriculum (30.4.21) *Fuair an fhoireann leath lá oiliúna sa churaclam teanga athbhreithnithe (30.4.21)*
- School Self Evaluation: Subject focus this year was Gaeilge. As per School Improvement Plan- grammar, precision in writing and fluency in Gaeilge. *Féinmheastóireacht Scoile: Fócas ar an ábhair Gaeilge i mbliana. De réir plean feabhsúcháin scoile- ghramadach, cruinneas i scríbhinn agus líofacht sa Ghaeilge*
- First Aid Responder Covid-19 Webinar completed in October by LWR Cristín Uí Ghiobúin and DLWR Lára Uí Mháille. *Webinar Freagróir Garchabhrach Cóibhid-19 críochnaithe i mí Dheireadh Fómhair ag LWR Cristín Uí Ghiobúin agus DLWR Lára Uí Mháille*
- DLP Niamh Uí Raois and DDLP Cristín Uí Ghiobúin completed Child Protection Training in December 2020. *Chríochnaigh DLP Niamh Uí Raois agus DDLP Cristín Uí Ghiobúin oiliúint um Chosaint leanaí I Nollag 2020.*
- Staff Training: During the school year Staff completed Continuous Professional Development Courses and Webinars online including - Digital Learning, Seesaw, Behaviour Management, Inclusion of pupils with SEN and Health and Wellbeing. *Le linn na scoilbhliana chríochnaigh an fhoireann cúrsaí forbartha gairmiúla leanúnacha agus webinars ar líne lena n-áirítear - Foghlaim Dhigiteach, Seesaw, Bainistíocht Iompair, Cuimsiú daltaí le SEN agus Sláinte agus Folláine.*

As we come to the end of this very unique and sometimes challenging school year, the Board of Management would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Principal, Teachers, Learning Support Staff and Ancillary Staff for their commitment to the safety of our pupils and the delivery of quality teaching and learning. Thank you to pupils and families for their support during the remote learning period, for engaging positively with school work on their return to school and in adhering to our Covid-19 safety measures throughout the school year. *Ár mbuíochas lenár bPríomhoide, Múinteoirí, Fhoireann Tacaíochta Foghlama agus don Fhoireann Chúntach as a dtiomantas do shábháilteacht ár ndaltaí agus seachadadh teagaisc agus foghlama ar ardchaighdeán. Buíochas do dhaltaí agus teaghligh as a dtacaíochta le linn na tréimhse cianfoghla, ar bhilleadh ar an scoil agus as cloí lenár mbearta sábháilteachta.*

Guím Samhradh sábháilte sona oraibh go léir. Wishing you all a happy and safe Summer.

Le dea-mhéin,

Fiontán Ó Murchú (Cathaoirleach an Bhoird).