

**Board of Management Agreed Report**  
**Holy Family Junior School**



Venue: Room 2 - Holy Family Junior School

Date of Meeting: Thursday the 21st November 2024

**Agreed Report**

**Opening**

- The chairperson, Allen Flynn extended a welcome to all.

**Fundraising**

- Design a card fundraiser being organised by teachers December 2024
- Church gate collection November 2024

**Campus improvements/projects**

- Safe Routes to School - The Friar's Walk safe routes to school road works is complete.
- Security/health and safety fencing and gate upgrade is complete

**Principal Teacher's Report**

The Principal's Report was presented and adopted by the Board of Management. Items included in this report were:

- **Author Visit** - Award winning children's book author Benji Bennett visited Holy Family Schools on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- **Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings** - Junior Infant parent teacher meetings will take place from the 25<sup>th</sup> November – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- **Maths Week** - Maths Week was celebrated during the week starting Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> October, with lots of fun activities and games.
- **Science Week** - In addition to the wonderful Science learning that the children experience throughout the year, pupils enjoyed fun-filled experiments during science week, inspiring them to be active learners, creative thinkers, and problem solvers.
- **Story Time for Senior Infants** - Parents of Senior Infant children were invited to visit their child's classroom for Story Time on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 9.30am.
- **Community Garda Visit** - Garda Emer Mc Donagh and her colleague Albert made a Halloween school visit on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> October. The gardai spoke to the children about staying safe during Halloween.
- **Halloween** - Thanks to our wonderful Parents' Association for the beautiful Halloween decorations they created in the foyer. Children and their parents/guardians decorated pumpkins which were displayed in the foyer too. Award winning pumpkins were exhibited in the Old Ground Hotel during Halloween and the winning children were treated= to milk and cookies when they visited. Thanks to all those in the Old Ground Hotel who make the occasion so special.
- **Corridor and Scoil na Og central area - movement and sensory fun** - We are delighted to let you know our main school corridor and central area in Scoil nan Og have been transformed into a fun-filled sensory and movement zone for all our pupils
- **Attendance:**
  - **Fun Fridays** - Every day in school is a fun day. For the month of November, our Fridays are extra fun, promoting playfulness at school and the importance of school attendance.
  - **Another attendance Initiative** - The attendance team are also running a biannual pom pom initiative during the last two weeks in November, to promote daily attendance at school.
- **GAA** - Thomas Barry, from Eire Og GAA Club, will facilitate the coaching of Senior Infants and First Class until Christmas.
- **Garden Allotments** - Parents are currently being asked to express interest if they would like to maintain a school garden allotment.
- **Parents' Association** - The most recent parents' association meeting took place on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 9am in the parents' room. A new committee has been voted in this year, replacing the outgoing chairperson, treasurer and secretary.

**Policies approved by the Board of Management**

- Health and Safety Statement and Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Child Safeguarding statement and Risk assessment

**Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025