**Agreed Report by BOM from Meeting held 27/11/17**

**Board of Management 2017/2018**

Chairperson Joseph O’Shaughnessy

Secretary Emer Russell

Teacher Nominee Louise Whittle

Parent Nominees Noel Ivanoff

Treasurer Concepta Church

Community Nominee Mary Hearne

**Congratulations**

The Board of Management wish to congratulate Ms. Dempsey on the birth of her son. Flowers have been sent on behalf of the school.

The Board of Management would also like to congratulate Joe O’ Shaughnessy on the birth of his granddaughter.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held this week. Accommodations have been made for parents unable to attend at designated time. School will finish at 2:20pm both days.

**Sensory Room**

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Board of Management, expresses thanks to all involved in setting up the sensory room.

Children will have access in order to play and take a time out to regulate emotions.

**Dojo**

Dojo is now a school wide initiative and will be used to communicate between school and parents. Reminders will be put up from a class perspective and from a whole school perspective. This has reduced the use and cost of text-a-parent on Aladdin.

**Primary Language Curriculum**

A new Language Curriculum is being introduced. To facilitate staff training an exceptional school closure is scheduled for May 2018.

**Fire Drill**

A fire drill was held during Term 1 and was successful. One designated assembly point has been chosen regardless of weather. Another fire drill will be held in Term 2.

**Continuous Professional Development**

Ms. Russell attended Misneach training for newly inducted principals.

Other staff have completed training in Reading Recovery, Language for SEN, Anti-Bullying and Physical Literacy.

**First Holy Communion**

The First Holy Communion date has been confirmed for 20th May 2018.

**Christmas Concert**

The Christmas concert will be held on 20th December at 7pm. There will be performances from all classes, Castletown Church Choir, Cruinniú Choir and Ms. Murphy and friends. Fee will be €5.

**Active School Flag**

Thanks to Ms. D’Arcy for all her work in co-ordinating this programme. “Bring your Scooter to School” was a huge success.

**Halloween Disco**

Thanks to the Parents’ Association for this fundraiser. The money raised was used to facilitate six weeks of Hip Hop lessons. The funds raised will also cover the cost of a mobile planetarium visit on the 5th December.

**Mini 7s/Rackard League**

The Board of Management would like to thank Mick Kavanagh, Mr. Breen and Carmel Duke for all their input. A civic reception was held to congratulate the team on their Mini 7’s win.

The Board would like to recognise and thank Johanna Murphy and Ms. D’Arcy for their work with the girls’ team.

**6th Class Bake Sale**

6th class attended a writing workshop from Caroline Busher in Gorey library. They were inspired to hold a Bake Sale to raise funds to buy a set of her books. €300 was raised and books were purchased. Caroline will come to the school and sign the books.

**Other initiatives this term;**

* Christmas Card initiative is going ahead this year. Thanks to Concepta Church for co-ordinating.
* **Sing Out Loud-** 3rd to 6th classes attended the Sing Out Loud concert in Wexford Opera House on the 20th November. Thanks to all teachers for their work in preparing for this event and supervising the children on this trip.
* **Shoebox Appeal-** 89 shoeboxes were sent from Castletown. This was a great initiative that inspired charity in our school.
* **Show Racism the Red Card-** The whole school wore red to raise awareness. Older classes were shown a video at assembly to deepen understanding.
* **Trips to library-** Junior Infants-2nd classes attended Gorey library for story-telling and tour.

1st-2nd classes attended Gorey library to see the Bumbleance.

5th/6th attended Gorey library to see a Mad Scientist workshop for Science Week.