

**Board of Management 2016/'20**

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Patron's Nominee		Fr David Bradley

**School Ethos**

Confirmation 2017 – **20 May 2017**

First Communion 2017 – **28 May 2017**

- Preparation by Fr Bradley who is following First Holy Communion and Confirmation Schools Programme.

**Summer Works/Buildings**

General maintenance was undertaken during the summer.

The redesign and upgrade of two toilet blocks to accommodate boys was completed in the Infant and First & Second Class areas.

**Staffing**

We wish Ms Aida Hehir well on her move to new school. We thank her for her contribution to Marymount and her commitment and hard work as a member of staff.

***New Staff members:***

This year we have Ms Lynch in Second Class and we have Ms McHugh in Fourth class.

**WSE/MLL**

An evaluation was conducted last November by Department of Education

Inspectors, Elizabeth Sheridan and Fiona Rushe.

The outcome of the inspection was very satisfactory with the school receiving a very positive report. A number of recommendations were made and the School community is implementing those recommendations. The BOM wishes to acknowledge the work and dedication of the staff in Marymount School. The full report can be accessed on the school website at [marymountgns.ie](http://marymountgns.ie).

A new Primary Language Curriculum is being implemented by the Department of Education & Skills. Training on the implementation of the New Primary Language will be given to Staff on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in Navan Education Centre; the children will not be in school on that day. In June 2016 a day of Introductory In- Service training was given to school staff in Marymount NS.

**Curricular Development**

We engaged in a process of evaluation and continuous improvement during 2015/2016. Areas of development in Literacy were:

- \* Improving positive attitudes to reading
- \* Developing Higher Orders Questioning Skills
- \* Developing fluency and expression in Reading

In Numeracy we have been developing and updating a whole school plan for Maths. On Fridays we used Gaeilge (as much as we knew) in school and we had fun “ag labhairt as Gaeilge”.

We also introduced a new Irish Scheme ‘Bua na Cainte’ from Junior Infants to Second Class.

### **Parents' Association**

Fundraising has been used for the purchase of IT Equipment for use by the children when being taught in Groups in class and also in Learning Support.

The Parents Association have been very supportive with whole school activities such as our Coffee Morning, Annual Dance Show, Sports Day and Book Week. Where possible, last year Parent Association activities linked with the school improvement plan such as with Book Week activities and our highly successful Readathon. Parents are kept informed and supported through the HSCL.

Parents have also supported the children in-class with Story time Sessions at Halloween and Book Week and also Maths games in-class.

Parents' classes included – Incredible Years Parent Programme, FETAC Level 3 and 4 Computers, Paper Crafts, after school Family Maths, Science and Read to Succeed Family classes.

### **School Building Update**

Finalising of plans towards planning permission. The Board of Management continues to work diligently with the Department of Education & Skills to progress the school building project.

### **Co-Ed**

An exciting time, as we have gone Co-Ed in September. This development has been welcomed by all partners and we look forward to developing Marymount National School as a full co-ed school over a period of 8 years.

### **Christmas Holidays**

The school will close for Christmas Holidays on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December and re-open on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.