

# EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT – ANNUAL REPORT

### December 2015 – December 2016

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2015 – 2019</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Rev. R. Lyng OSA          Secretary: Philomena Cleary          Treasurer: Dermot Keating                            (Community Nom.)          Teacher Nom. Marie Therese Wallnutt          Parent Nom. Joanne Mc Grath                            Justin Morton          Community Nom. Linda Molloy          Patron Nom. Breda Heavey                            (Recording Secretary)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLICY DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>Child Protection Policy June 2016</p> <p>Code of Behaviour &amp; Anti Bullying Policy 2016</p> <p>Safety Statement 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHOOL ETHOS</b></p> <p>Nativity Play held at Christmas.          Inaugural celebration of Catholic Schools' Week including "Grandparents Day" was held in February.          Prayer service &amp; confessions held during Advent and Lent.          Confirmation was celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin on 12<sup>th</sup> March.          School mass for the opening of the school year and to celebrate `World Day of Prayer for Children' was held in October.          Hand painted crosses were purchased for each classroom.          Prayer Space resource boxes were purchased for each teacher.          The school supported various charities including Goal and Trócaire.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT</b></p> <p>School staff worked on History plans.</p> <p>Numeracy and Literacy continue to be the focus of School Self Evaluation. The third curricular area chosen is Physical Education. The school is striving for the "Active Flag".</p> <p>The teachers attended a familiarisation day on the New Primary Language Curriculum which is in its implementation phase. Further training will be received by them in 2017.</p> <p>The new `Grow In Love' religion curriculum has been introduced in Junior Infants – Second.</p> <p>The school celebrated Maths' Week, Science Week and Friendship week.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAINTENANCE &amp; SUMMER WORKS</b></p> <p>Broken sewerage drain was replaced. "Easy Access" locks were fitted to three doors.          Various light fittings were replaced. The school corridors and doors were re-painted.          The school playground was resurfaced and new playground markings were painted. The school garden was rejuvenated and new pathways and fencing installed. The sloped area at the back of the school was landscaped and planted. The Board extends its grateful thanks to all parents who contributed in any way to this wonderful work, but particularly to Ben Curtin and to Declan Nutley.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARENTS' ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p>The Board extends sincere thanks to the Parents' Association for all the support it gives the school particularly in the area of fundraising.</p> <p>The Parents' Association fundraising contributed significantly to the garden works and also to upgrading our ICT equipment, including the purchase of a new computer for our secretary and a new projector.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STAFFING</b></p> <p>Ms Deirdre Ryan is currently on Career Break. Mr. Paul O'Dwyer is her replacement.</p> <p>Ms Lorraine Tallon is currently on sick leave. Ms Roisín Cooney is her replacement.</p> <p>Ms Valerie Atkinson caretaker/cleaner, is currently on sick leave. Ms Linda Molloy is kindly looking after the cleaning in her absence.</p> <p>Ms Statia Galavan, secretary, is now job sharing with Ms Linda Molloy.</p> <p>The Board extends good wishes to all our staff and is keeping them all in our prayers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMPETITIONS/PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>The Board extends congratulations to pupils and teachers for various competitions won throughout the past year such as Bí Gnóthach, Incredible Edibles, various art competitions and various writing competitions.</p> <p>The Board is particularly pleased that the school achieved the Green Flag for the theme of "Travel".</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b></p> <p>The Commemorative year of 2016 saw an Irish Tricolour being delivered to the school by Óglaigh na hÉireann. The pupils and teachers did immense work on the theme of 1916 and National Proclamation Day was a wonderful celebration of all this work.</p> <p>A very successful "Open Day" was held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. The Board wishes to thank sincerely the staff, students and Parents who gave of their time so generously.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COMMUNITY LINKS</b></p> <p>The Board wishes to acknowledge the wonderful support it receives from the local community in the form of input from various parents and volunteers and groups who help the school out on a regular basis, enriching our school programme and enhancing and maintaining our school grounds. This support is very much appreciated.</p>