**Agreed Report of Scoil Mhuire Naofa, Rathfeigh from Board of Management meeting March 30th 2020**

Due to the current restrictions imposed by the government in relation to the coronavirus this meeting was held online using “Zoom”. Máire Kennedy (chairperson) opened the meeting by thanking all the Board members who have committed to being part of the new Board of Management for the next four years – Conor McCarron, Bernard Keogan, Mary Gallagher, Clare Geragthy, Jackie Vaughan, Brigid Kieran and Seamus Tansley.

Mr. Tansley, in the Principal’s Report, outlined the activities and events that have happened in the school since the last Board of Management meeting.

* The school entered six teams in the Tara & District credit union quiz which took place on February 3rd. All teams participating displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Rathfeigh were runners-up in the Under 11 and Under 13 competitions. Mr. Tansley thanked Mrs Vaughan for preparing the children for the quiz.
* Pupils in 6th class received their Confirmation on February 9th. Mr Tansley thanked Ms. Reynolds for preparing the children for the sacrament and to Mrs Vaughan for preparing the choir. A special thanks, also, to the children who sang in the choir and to our Parents’ Association for providing food and refreshments in the hall afterwards.
* The school celebrated Safer Internet Day on February 11th with lessons being taught in each class as part of the SPHE curriculum.
* The Catechist visited all classes on February 12th.
* Mr. Tansley congratulated all the children who participated in the Community Games Art Competition which took place in the school hall on February 13th.
* The pupils in 5th/6th class have started ten weeks of “Science-in-a-box” which will focus on Biology this year. Eimear Mofatt was thanked for her very generous sponsorship of the programme.
* Pancake Tuesday was celebrated in the school with 6th class pupils making pancakes for all children in the school. Parents who gave of their time to assist the children were thanked by the Board. This event was in conjunction with our Amber Flag Mental Health initiative which is being co-ordinated by Ms. Ward. The children brought in 2 Euro each. All proceeds were given to Pieta House.
* The children in 4th-6th class started swimming lessons in Navan Swimming Pool. They completed two lessons. Mr. Tansley informed the Board that he cancelled the swimming lesson due to be held on March 10th due to concerns in relation to the coronavirus. The field trip due to be held on March 19th to Kilmainham Jail was also cancelled at this time. The school also cancelled the annual St Patrick’s Day Ceilí due to Health and Safety concerns in relation to the coronavirus.
* We celebrated World Book Day on March 5th. The children came to school dressed up as their favourite character from their favourite book.
* The school were expecting a visit from the Green Schools’ organisers but this was cancelled due to the coronavirus. Mr. Tansley thanked Mrs Campbell, the Green School Committee, the pupils and staff for their dedication in making the school “greener”. We hope to achieve a Green Flag in the near future!
* Our girls’ and boys’ football teams participated in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions on March 12th and March 10th respectively.
* Mr Tansley thanked Teresa Mangan for her many badminton training sessions with 6th class.
* The Board indicated that Ms. O’Donoghue will be returning from career break for the 2020/21 school year.

On March 12th the Taoiseach announced that all schools would close until March 29th at the earliest. All class teachers gave the children a list of work going home on March 12th to be completed while the school was closed. Mr Tansley informed the Board that he was in contact with all teachers since the school was closed and that all teachers had started using “Edmodo” for distance Learning. A list of interesting and varied websites were uploaded on the school website and this was made known to parents/guardians through Textaparent. Mr Tansley thanked Kieran Hennessy for updating the website while the school was closed. The Board complemented the teachers for engaging with Distance Learning.

The Board agreed that the use of “Edmodo” by teachers would benefit the children greatly if the school was to be closed for a further duration after Easter.

The Board would like to inform parents/guardians that due to the evolving situation in relation to the coronavirus pandemic certain school events may be subject to change e.g. First Confession, First Communion, School Tours, Standardised tests etc. Any changes will be notified to parents/guardians by the principal.

The Board of Management wishes everyone in the Rathfeigh School Community good health and safety during the present Crisis. Stay Safe!

The next Board of Management will take place on Monday May 11th.