



Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

Board of Management – Annual Report 2024



The purpose of this Board of Management Annual Report of Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover is to provide a summary of information on the operation of the school in line with the requirements of the Education Act 1998. This Report serves as an addition to the information provided on the school's website www.mounthanoverns.ie, the various –newsletters issued by the school and information provided via email and the Class Dojo app.

Board of Management 2023/24

Chairperson	–	Joseph Collins
Treasurer	–	Richard Bowden
Secretary	–	Lorraine O'Loughlin
Teacher Nom.	–	Mary Clayton (Acting)
Parent Nom.	–	David Cannon Emma Keane
Community Noms.	–	Suzanne Conlon Fr. Mark English

School Ethos

Diocesan advisor visit took place on January 17th 2024. The advisor, Anne Phillips, visited all classrooms. She also spoke with the principal about the current provision of RE, sacramental and prayer life of the school and links being made with the local parish.

The 6th class children celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on February 20th 2024.

The 2nd Class children celebrated the sacrament of First Confession on March 9th and the Sacrament of First Communion on May 18th.

A mass to celebrate St. Cholmcille's Day was held on June 7th in the school GP Room.

Maintenance Work

The fire alarm system was upgraded this school year. Extra sensors were fitted in the attics and a more comprehensive map of fire zones was generated.

Child Safeguarding and Anti Bullying

The Board of Management confirms that it has met its obligations in respect of Department of Education Child Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying Procedures. A full annual review of these was carried out by the Board and notification was published on the school website.

Teaching and Learning

Policy Development: The following curricular and organisational policies were developed /reviewed and ratified throughout the year: Code of Behaviour, Anti-bullying Policy (and annual Board review), Admissions Statement, Discretionary Leave Policy, Visual Arts, Drama, Science, Digital Learning Strategy, Complaints Procedure, Acceptable Use & Mobile Phone/Electronic Devices Policy.

School Self Evaluation: The staff continued their engagement with the School Self Evaluation (SSE) process this year. The focus was on wellbeing.

Standardised Test Results: Standardised Testing was carried out in May 2024. 2nd, 4th & 6th Class Scores were reported to the Department of Education as required. Individual scores were reported to parents on the end of year school report card.

Parents' Association

The school is supported by a very active Parents' Association.

Some activities which took place were:

- Clothes Recycling Drives
- Providing refreshments for Sports Days
- Reception in school following First Communion
- School discos
- School raffles
- Christmas treats
- Church Gate Collection
- 6th Class Hoodies

The Board wishes to express its thanks to the members of the Parents' Association for giving so willingly of their time and talents throughout the year. Their support for the school is very much appreciated.



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Staffing for 2024/2025

Staffing for the 2024/2025 School Year is as follows:

Junior Infants: Ms. Kate Leddy (Acting Principal)

Senior Infants: Ms. Brigid O Donnell (Acting Deputy)

1st/2nd: Ms. Jessica Donagh

3rd/4th: Ms. Lisa Maher

5th/6th: Mr. Pádraig McGroggan

SET: Ms. Laura McGinty (Acting Assistant Principal)

Shared SET: TBC – shared with Slane NS – 2 days per week

Principal Release Post: TBC –shared with Donore NS – 1 day per week

SNA: Mrs. Mary Kennedy

School-Home Links

Parent Teacher meetings were held in October. Parents had the option of opting for a phone call or a face-face meeting.

Junior Infants - In May the school held an open afternoon where the incoming students and their parents were able to meet the Junior Infants teacher for next year. There was also an information talk for the parents on that day.

12 students (6 boys; 6 girls) are enrolled in Junior Infants for the 2024/2025 school year.

School Activities and Events

Some examples of activities which were held include:

- **GAA:** Our GAA teams both reached the finals in Navan in their respective divisions of Cuman na mBunscol.
- **FAI 5-a-side:** We had teams competing in the FAI 5-a-side tournament in Navan.
- **Athletics:** The children participated in the Meath Athletic events.
- **Swimming:** 1st- 4th class attended swimming lessons in Aura Drogheda.
- **Creative Schools:** The school participated in the Creative School initiative. Some events organised for the children were as follows: Music therapy, Zumba Lessons and Mindful Me Workshops.
- **Teacher Artist Partnership:** the children worked with the artist Bryan Synott to create wall tiles for an outdoor piece of art.
- **Music Generation:** 3rd-6th class participated in violin lessons facilitated by Music Generation. They also took part in a performance with 'Glas Quartet'. We also had a visit from the Music Generation Roadshow who put on a concert for all the classes.
- **Spanish Lessons:** 3rd – 6th class had 8 weeks of Spanish Lessons with Elena in Term 2.
- **Charity work:** During the year students led fundraising for several charities and school activities: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Jumper Day and Denim Day for Dementia.
- **Christmas Play:** Junior & Senior Infants performed a Christmas Play for their families.
- **Zeeko:** 3rd – 6th classes participated in an internet safety workshop facilitated by Zeeko.
- **Agri Aware:** All classes participated in farm safety workshops led by Agri Aware.
- **The Bunnery:** All classes participated in a cookery workshop led by Caitriona from The Bunnery.
- **SkipnRope:** All classes participated in a skipping workshop led by Mark from SkipnRope.
- **Outdoor Play Equipment:** Climbing frames and a climbing wall were purchased for the playground.
- **Digital Learning:** 12 Chrome books were purchased from our ICT Grant for school use.

Finally, the Board wishes to acknowledge the outstanding work of staff to provide the highest level of education to the children on a daily basis. The Board would also like to very highly commend all pupils and parents for the great work they do and their support in building a strong and vibrant school community.

Wishing you all a very safe, happy and enjoyable summer break. The school will reopen on Wednesday August 28th 2024.