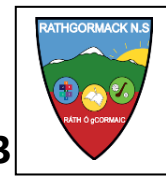




RATHGORMACK N.S.

Board of Management – Annual Report 2022/2023



Board of Management 2019/23

Chairperson	–	Monnie Power
Patron's Nominee	--	Fr. P.J. Fegan
Treasurer (Community Rep)		John Kirwan
Secretary	–	Cathy Power
Teacher Rep	–	Ciara Meehan
Parent Reps	–	Julia Walsh Drohan
	--	Michael Cummins
2 nd Community Rep	–	Rosemary Kennedy

Policy Development

The following policies have been updated and ratified by Board

- Child Safeguarding
- Anti-Bullying
- Health & Safety Statement
- Healthy Lunch Policy

New Policies Developed

- Droichead Policy
- Sustainability Policy

School Ethos

We marked beginning of school year with our annual mass. Thanks to Fr. P.J.

Our Christmas Nativity was 'It's a Party'.

17 pupils in 2nd class received the sacraments of Penance & First Holy Communion. We finished up the year with an End of Year Mass & Graduation Mass for 6th Class pupils on Tuesday 27th June.

Curricular Development

Staff training continued on the New Primary Language Curriculum.

Pupils had zumba, gymnastics, swimming, hurling and football coaching.

Skipping workshops were held with all classes.

U13 boys won Roinn B Eastern football final and the mini 7's Eastern football final.

U 13 girls won their Roinn C Eastern Camogie final.

3rd to 6th class formed the choir for Peace proms 2023 in the SETU arena in Waterford city. 5th & 6th class competed in the debating competition and were beaten in the semi final.

The whole school participated in Food Dudes.

We held Bike Day in May 2023.

The Nore Valley Farm project, where we kept eggs in an incubator and then looked after the chicks that hatched for another week, was a very successful project.

See website for further details and photos of school events and activities in each class.

50th Anniversary

We celebrated 50 years of Rathgormack NS on June 16th 2023. A Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan & Fr PJ Fegan began the day. Celebrations continued in the school where children played games from the past, walked to the two old schools, were treated to an ice cream van & watched videos where pupils had interviewed parents/granparents about school 50 years ago. We held an open evening for the whole school community and past staff/pupils to come in to view photos spanning the 5 decades, old roll books, projects by each class, items from school in the past. We had special guest speakers and the News & Star newspaper captured the photographs to create a feature for our school.

Parents' Association

Thanks to PA for support and fundraising efforts throughout the year. Our PA provided refreshments for our First Holy Communion group, our new infant parents and helped out with our Book Rental Scheme again this year. They also organised a fun day at Christmas and organised photographs for the families of Communion children. Along with the parent body, and in conjunction with the school, they have helped select & design a new PE uniform, which will be phased in over the next year.

Staffing and Enrolment

Ms Bridget Kiely & Ms Sarah Rockett will job share for the coming year. Ms Fitzpatrick will return and teach 6th class.

We will have 13 new Junior Infants in September. 14 pupils will be leaving in 6th class. The total enrolment will be 141 next year.

The school will reopen on September 1st 2023