



Assumption Junior School



Board of Management Annual Report June 2021

A Message from Our Chairperson

“The role of the Board of Management is to oversee the smooth running of the school. This year more than ever we have relied on the close cooperation of you, the parents in keeping our school open and maintaining the highest possible level of safety for our pupils, staff and school community. Staff and parents have gone to great lengths to implement and adhere to our Covid-19 protocols and on behalf of the Board I would like to thank you all for your support in this most difficult of years.”

Maura Sweeney (Chairperson, BOM)

Policy Work

Policies that the Board have worked on this year include:

- Covid-19 Response Plan & School Reopening
- Acceptable Use Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Child Protection & Safeguarding

School Self-Evaluation

During the school year 2021/22 the Board will again oversee the School Self Evaluation process. Although this process was paused by the DES this year due to Covid-19 the school staff has continued to work on the area of literacy genres and to plan for next year’s theme which is *Wellbeing*. As part of our SSE on wellbeing we will be working on drafting a healthy eating policy for the school. We will be asking for parent and pupil involvement in this process which will begin during the next term.

School Improvements

During summer 2020 the Board oversaw the following improvement works:

- ASD Classroom conversions – funded by DES devolved works grant.
- Insulation of first floor ceilings – funded by DES summer works scheme.
- Refurbishment of senior infant corridor – funded by BOM.
- Installation of sensory room in early intervention ASD class – funded by BOM.
- Investment in Aistear resources and storage – funded by BOM and Parents’ Council.
- New signage installed throughout the school grounds – funded by BOM.

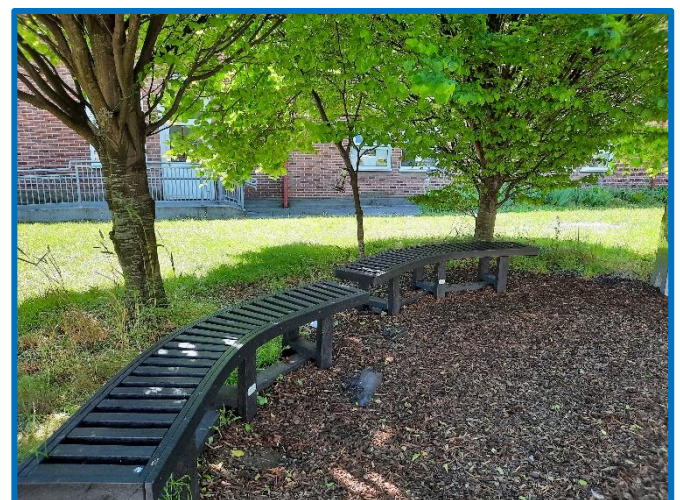


Refurbished Senior Infant Corridor

The following works are scheduled for summer 2021:
Extensive roof repairs – funded by DES emergency works grant.
Refurbishment of early intervention ASD classroom – funded by BOM.
Refurbishment of first class corridor – funded by BOM and Parents’ Council.

Creative Clusters

The school has been taking part in a “Creative Clusters” project this year that is focussing on making improvements to our school garden. This project has been managed by Bríd O’Connor and she has gotten off to a flying start with new benches and raised beds installed already. This project will continue into next year and we will see the garden transformed into a usable, educational space that will be accessible to all our children.



New garden seating



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Resources

This year the Board continued to work on improving the school's resources. We continued to invest in Aistear appropriate resources that are proving to be hugely beneficial for all our Junior and Senior Infant pupils. New storage units were installed during the year to house these resources so that they will remain accessible to staff and pupils for years to come.

The BOM oversaw investment in a number of additional IT resources this year which will be used throughout our year groups in the coming months. This was funded by a DES IT grant and will contribute greatly to our pupils' digital literacy skills.



Thank You

The Board would like to thank the members of our school community without whom the smooth running of the school would not be possible. Thank you to our secretary Jenny and our caretaker Jimmy who always ensure that we are all safe and well-organised! Thank you to John who has kept our garden looking beautiful this term and Joseph who has maintained our covid safety standards on a daily basis. Thank you to the priests in our parish Fr Paul and Fr Glennon who play a vital role in preparing our pupils for their sacraments and in supporting our staff all year. To our amazingly dedicated Parents' Council who have continued to work tirelessly all year despite the restrictions. To our hard working After-School Carers who provide a happy environment for our pupils every day. And finally, to our teaching and SNA staff who work hard to put the needs of each and every pupil first in all that they do.



Aistear resources and new storage

Trusteeship

Assumption Junior School operates under the patronage of the Archbishop of Dublin through the Diocese and also under the trusteeship of the Religious Sisters of Charity. The Religious Sisters of Charity were the founders of our school and have made significant contributions to our school community for over 60 years. Many of the sisters are still involved directly in our school from Sr Lorraine and her on the ground work with us to Sr Anne and the great contributions she makes as a member of our Board of Management. Sadly, the Sisters have now made the decision to step back from their work in our school and from September 1st we will become solely a Diocesan school. We will retain our name, our crest and our ethos and will continue to strive to provide the best holistic education possible for all our children.

The school will reopen for the new year 2021/22 on Tuesday, August 31st at 8.50am.

We hope that you and your family enjoy a very happy summer break.