



# Assumption Junior School



## Board of Management Annual Report June 2024

### Board Members 2023-2027

This school year saw the formation of a new Board of Management. Thank you to everyone who put their names forward to volunteer as members of the Board.

Our current board members are:

Chairperson: Maura Sweeney

Patron's Nominee: Clare O'Brien

Parents' Nominee: Sinéad Carey

Parents' Nominee: Kevin Byrne

Community Nominee: Dan Moffitt

Community Nominee: Eamonn Purdy

Teacher Nominee: Sinéad Nestor

Principal: Jean Leonard

### Policy & Planning Work

Policies and planning that the Board has been involved in this year include:

- Special Education Policy
- Child Protection & Safeguarding Review
- Anti-Bullying Policy Annual Review
- School Completion Programme Planning
- DEIS Planning
- Parental Complaints Procedure
- Attendance Policy

### School Improvements

During the past 12 months the BOM has overseen the installation of a new fire alarm system for the whole school building. We have also managed the installation of 8 solar panels on the school roof. Both projects were managed by the Board and funded by Department of Education grants. During summer 2024 we will oversee the following improvement works:

Installation of three sets of new fire doors on school corridors.

Installation of new basket swing in school garden (joint project with the Senior Girls' School).

Drainage works on pedestrian path to school yard.

### Health and Safety

The health and safety of pupils, staff and the school community is of utmost importance to the BOM. We would like to remind you of the following safety issues:

-Children and adults should never climb across the school wall/fence to get into the school grounds. This is extremely dangerous and has previously led to serious injury.

-Please do not allow your children to walk under the barrier, use the pedestrian gates provided.

-Cycling and scooting in the school grounds is strictly prohibited as we have large numbers of very young children who can easily be knocked down.

-Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. If you have a working dog who needs to accompany you, please let the office know so that they can accommodate you.

-Children must be supervised by an adult when on the school premises both before and after school.

-Children should not be left unaccompanied in the yard before school time and should be collected in a timely manner at home time.

### Resources

Funds raised from our Annual Spooktacular Sponsored Walk in October were invested in additional iPads and related software for use across the school. The Board appreciates the continuing parental support that allows our classrooms to be very well resourced.

### Parent & Guardian Association

This year saw the initiation of our new Parents' Association. The Board would like to thank all the parents who have been involved in the organisation this year and we look forward to the wonderful contributions this group will make to school life in the coming year. New members are always welcome and our HSCL Ciara will take the contact details of any interested parents/guardians. She can be contacted on **083 164 5822** or by email at **hscl@drimnaghwalkinstown.com**

### 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 Nora, our caretakers Jimmy and Joseph and our gardener Graeme who always ensure that we are all safe and well-organised. Thank you to Fr Paul Glennon our local parish priest and a regular visitor to the school. Thank you to our After-School Carers who provide a fun and happy environment for our pupils every day. And finally, a huge thank you to our teaching and SNA staff who work hard to put the needs of each and every child first in all that they do.

### Retirements

The Board would like to wish the very best of luck in retirement to two of our longest standing members of staff. This summer we will say goodbye to Ms Deirdre Heffernan and to our secretary Nora Greene. Two



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much loved members of staff who have given hugely to the school for decades. We would like to thank Deirdre and Nora for the service they have given to the children and families of Walkinstown, and we hope they enjoy a well-deserved retirement full of new adventures.

The school will reopen for the new year 2024/25 on **Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8.50am** for all classes from Senior infants to Second Class.

Our New Junior Infant pupils will follow the gradual timetable below:

### Junior Infant School Times 2024

August 28<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>: **9.30 am to 11.45am**

September 2<sup>nd</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>: **8.50am to 11.45am**

From September 9<sup>th</sup>: **8.50am to 1.30pm**

We hope all our pupils and their families enjoy a very happy and restful summer break.

### Highlights

A little snapshot of some of our highlights of the year below. For lots of up-to-date news from the school please follow us on X (formerly Twitter) @assumptionJNS.



Sports Day 2024



International Day 2024



Junior Infants releasing their butterflies.



World Book Day 2024