Presentation Primary School
Greenside South, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary

Agreed Report

Board of Management Meeting 29th September 2026

Principal's Report

Introduction: Thanks to everyone who has contributed to reopening this year - teachers, SNAs, Patsy. Jordanna and Eleanor. The place was in great order for reopening.

Attendance: Our 50 day reviews will also continue. We have a new attendance drive - "Pedal your way to Perfection".

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
May	**92.6%**	**89.6%**	
June	**89.7%**	**90.5%**	
August	**96.4%**	**96.5%**	**95%**
Last 3 School Years	**93%**	**91.6%**	**93.8%**

Staffing:

Ms. O'Connell on leave - Ms. Power replaces her until Christmas.
Ms. Sheehan made permanent but will take career break this year. Covering some SET hours until Halloween.
Mrs. Dermody now permanent in place of Mrs. P Tobin.
Mrs. Kenny now permanent in place of Mrs. Arnold.
Ms. Curry now CID covering Ms. Larkin's career break.
Mr. O'Shea on a fixed term contract to cover Ms. Sheehan's career break.
Ms. Murphy on a fixed term contract to cover Ms. Anthony & Mrs. Cahill's job share arrangement.
Ms. Doyle on a fixed term contract to cover the sanctioned EAL post.
Ms. Power on a specified purpose contract to cover EAL and Ukrainian SET hours.
Ms. Quinn on a specified purpose contract to cover a maternity leave.
Ms. Feeney joins us on an interschool job share with Mrs. Guinan.
Jordanna Hawkins has begun as our new secretary.
Eleanor O'Shea our lunch lady and cleaner will leave us in early October for a new position after working in the school for 3 years. We have been extremely fortunate to have her with us and we wish her well for the future.

In-service/Professional Development:

Mr. Robinson - AI for Primary School Leaders with Oide
Mr. O'Shea - EAL course with Oide
Mrs. Hickey - Universal Design Learning (UDL)
Ms. McGarry and Mrs. Tyrell - Invest in Play.. relational approach to behaviour management. By the HSE.
SET Team - Relate Document with NCSE
Whole Staff - Training on 2025 Child Protection Procedures
Whole Staff - enactment support for STEM specification.

Leadership & Management: An In School Management meeting took place on 29th of September after school. The main item discussed was the school's priority needs for the year ahead.

School Organisational & Curriculum Planning: Will not be reviewing curricular policies or organisational policies this term due to planned industrial action.

Curriculum: Training for the new Primary Curriculum will continue this year with a focus on the STEM specification. The early part of this year will be focused on familiarisation with the new curriculum. We will have 3 closures for STEM focused staff training and one in school support day.

DEIS: We are currently in year 3 of our DEIS Plan. We held a meeting with the staff to remind everyone of our current targets and actions under DEIS.

DEIS Numeracy: A coordinator is to be appointed after the AP2 interview process following an ISM review of duties. Focus in DEIS numeracy is on active learning in 2nd to 6th, Maths Talk for the whole school and number/algebra in Junior to 1st classes.

DEIS Transitions: Will be visiting local preschools 5th of October re next year's admissions. We will also be holding an open night on 25th of November.

School Completion Programme: Homework club funding has been rescinded this year due to reduced funding.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Classes:

Soccer will begin for 5th & 6th with Transition Years from CBS.

Swimming classes for 1st to 5th will take place throughout the year. 3rd and 4th currently doing lessons. They will walk to and from the pool on the days that the weather is fine.
Music Generation classes began last week for Senior Infants to 6th Class for 28 weeks.
Gaelic Football has begun for 4th to 6th classes on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings. A huge thanks to Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Curry, Ms. Power and Ms. Hahessy for giving up their time to run the Gaelic Football.
Volleyball has begun with Mr. O'Shea on Tuesday mornings in the school hall.
Parental Involvement: The Parent's Association held their AGM this evening.
Buildings/Repairs: A number of carpets cleaned. Gardener cut back plants and trees over the summer. Window Cleaner completed work over the summer also.
Health & Safety: We will run a fire drill this term.
Special Items:
Coffee morning and meeting for new Junior Infant parents took place on Thursday 10th of September.
Maths Week from the 12th to the 16th of October.
Parent Teacher meetings for Senior Infants to 6th Class the second week back in November.
Presentation Day on the 21st of November.
School Open Night on Wednesday the 25th of November.
A School Mass will be held in December.
We are planning to run a 6th Class Christmas Show for the first time this year.
Important Dates/Closures/Events:
Mid Term Break - Closing on 26th October for mid term.

Permission/Approval/Ratification was given by the BOM for:

- *Policies:* Admissions Policy & Admissions Notice 2026/27 - 66 Junior Infant Places available
- *Extra-Curriculars:* 3rd and 4th class Farm Visit on 22nd of September**,** Cross Country Event in Comeragh College on 28th September, Soccer for 5th & 6th classes with Transitions Years, DEIS funding to be used to fund Music Generation from Senior Infants to 6th Class, Music Generation Hub after School on Thursdays, Gymnastics with School Fitness Ireland in November & December (school to cover 50% of the cost from DEIS funding), Athletics for various classes with local Athletics Club, Swimming for 1st to 5th classes - classes will walk when the weather is fine and school will fund a bus when it is not, Volleyball in the school hall on Tuesday mornings from 8:30am with Mr. O'Shea, Gaelic Football before and after school on the Green/Back Yard/Halla and Cumann na mBunscol Blitzs in Ardfinnan (8th October) and Moyle Rovers (13th October).
- *School Closures:*
- Child Protection Procedures Training - 09/09/26
- STEM Curricular Enactment Training - 04/12/26, 31/05/27, One more Day TBC for School Led Training.
- Language Awareness Training - 15/01/27
- *Early Closure:* Close at 1:45pm on November 10th for Parent Teacher Meetings. (½ in, ½ out meeting for Term 1)
- The new Child Protection Procedures 2025 as staff training has now been received. Pat Robinson as DLP and Anne Millea as DDLP.
- Updated 5 Year Plan
- Policy Updates plan - not going ahead in term 1 due to industrial action.
- School Priorities Plan for 2026/2027
- Croke Park Hours Plan
- End of Year Standardised Test Results
- Care Plans
- Administration of Medication Forms
- HSCL/Parent Classes:
  - Knitting every Thursday until Christmas
  - Walking class takes place outside
  - Cooking in January will be in the ETB

Before and After School Service.

- Decision made by the board to explore the possibility of opening a before and after school child care service through an external provider in our school. The board will seek permission from the patron and then seek proposals from appropriate local child care providers through advertising it locally.

Primary School Survey Results

- Results were shared with the board in relation to co-education, patronage and English/Irish speaking school questions. 35% of our parents voted. Results will be shared with the school community and the board will seek feedback on each of the 3 results. The board will consider any feedback at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17th November @ 7pm.

Signed by Secretary of the BOM: Pat Robinson **Date:** 30/09/2026