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**Board of Management Meeting, 31ú Eanáir, 2022**

**Agreed Report**

**1. Treasurer’s Report**

* The newly appointed treasurer, Madeline Sheridan, presented an updated Finance Summary to the Board of Management.
* The Unaudited Accounts for the year ending 31 August, 2021 were approved by the Chairperson.

**2. Principal’s Report:**

**(a) Principal’s Child Protection Oversight Report**

The CPOR report was delivered to the Board

**(b) Nuacht na Scoile:**

* **COVID 19 Update:**

1. Purcell advised the Board of the large number of pupil absences due to COVID 19. A.P. circulated a document depicting pupil absenteeism for the month of January.

* **Sponsorship of school jerseys:**

A. Purcell acknowledged the support of the PA in securing two sponsors for two sets of school jerseys.

* **JEP Programme:**

5th Classes. This years’ winning projects are Reusable Food-wraps (Mr. Cody’s class) and School Crested Snoods/bandanas, (Ms. Holohan’s class).

* **Ciorcail Cainte:**

Following on from the success of our Ranganna Gaeilge for parents before COVID restrictions, a Ciorcal Cainte will begin for 10 weeks, beginning on Tuesday, 1ú Márta facilitated by Niamh Nic Róibeárd.

* **Catholic Schools Week & Grandparents Day**

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week in St. Mary’s from 21 -28 January. The theme for this year’s Catholic Schools Week was ‘Live life to the full’ and the children participated in daily activities which focused on this theme. A child in 6th class and 1st class lead a daily reflection which was broadcast over the intercom to all classes.

The children participated in a special mass in the Sacred Heart Church which celebrated the role grandparents play in the lives of the children. Thank you to Msgr O’ Carroll for celebrating the mass and thank you to Fiona Murphy for co-ordinating.

* **Cycle Training DCC**

The children in 5th classes are participating in cycle training which will take place over the next 8 weeks. The first session took place on Thursday 27 January and was a class-room based seminar.

* **After-school Activities:**

Choir has resumed following the Christmas break and Soccer, Gaelic and Basketball training sessions have resumed with competitions to begin in early February.

* **Pupil/Transfer September 2022**

The pupil/transfer window opened on 6 January and will remain open until 30 April.

* **Primary Language Curriculum**

The school closed at 12:00 on Friday, 28 January, to facilitate the teachers’ attendance at a webinar for the Primary Language Curriculum.

**HSE Vision & Hearing Clinic Junior Infants**

HSE Vision & Hearing Clinic Junior Infants took place on 26 &27 January. Due to the number of absences, the HSE will return in March for a ‘mop-up’ of the absentees.

1. **Mount Eden Road – new school building:**

J. Hennessy advised of a site visit of the new building which he and A. Purcell conducted with the Project Manager of the construction company. JH advised the Board of the progress of the building and its current status of being on schedule for occupation in September 2022.

1. **Mount Eden Road- Pedestrian Crossing:**

No up-date on the relocation of the yellow box on Mt. Eden Road. Dermot Lacey and James Geoghegan advised that they raised this matter at the January meeting and they hope there will be a response prior to the February meeting if not at the meeting itself.