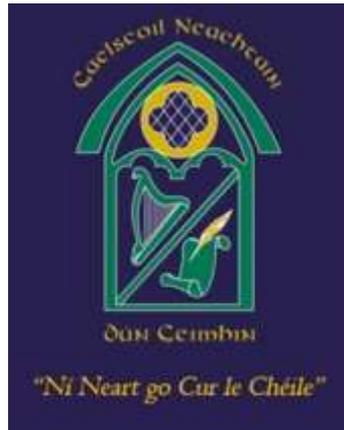


GAELSCOIL NEACHTAIN



BOARD OF GOVERNORS'

Annual Report

Tuairisc Bhliantiúil

2017 - 2018

The Board of Governors

There are ten members on the Board of Governors of Gaelscoil Neachtain.

Governors represent trustees, EA, DENI, teachers and parents.

Cathaoirleach/ Chairperson –	Emma Bn. Mhic Bhloscaidh
Leas-Chathaoirleach/ Vice-Chair Person –	Francie Brolly
Ionadaithe an Údarais Oideachais / Education Authority Representatives –	Tim Gordon, Déaglán Ó Doibhlin;
Ionadaithe na dTuistí/ Parent Representatives –	Sarah Kelly, Katie Monaghan,
Ionadaí na Múinteoirí/ Teacher Representative –	Róisín Mhic Thaidhg
Ionntaobhaithe/ Trustees –	Francie Brolly Emma Bn. Mhic Bhloscaidh. Celine McKenna Liam Ó Flannagáin
Rúnaí/ Secretary –	Máirín Bn. Uí Cheallaigh.

School Aims

At Gaelscoil Neachtain, we recognise the spiritual, emotional, academic and physical needs of all children. We work together to create an atmosphere and ethos which contributes to their care, safety, well-being and learning. We recognise the place of parents as their children's first teachers and warmly welcome and actively encourage parents' participation in their children's learning. The staff work to provide successful learning and to tackle disadvantage so that every child can fulfil his / her potential. We are committed to ensuring continuous high standards through planning, practice, assessment and reflection. By developing links with the local community and beyond, Gaelscoil Neachtain aims to enrich the children's cultural and educational experience and knowledge. Gaelscoil Neachtain aims to be a place of learning influenced by the Spirit, a place of kindness, a place where good character is fostered, and a hub for community support.

Staff

Rang	Múinteoir	Seomra
Rang 1	Danielle Nic Ailín Cúntóirí Ranga – Loretta Mhic Dhaibhéid, Orlaith Ní Mhaoláin	Éadan
Rang 2	Aoife Ní Fhlannagáin	Halla Uí Chatháin

Rang 3 & 4	Róisín Mhic Thaidhg Cúntóir Ranga – Carla Ní Dhochartaigh	Caiseal
Rang 5	Seáinín Mhic Lughaidh Cúntóir Ranga – Maria Ní Mhaoláin, Peigín Mhic an Rí	Leacach
Ranganna6/7	Pól Mac Brádaigh	Brisidh

End of Key Stage Targets

- KS1 : Literacy - Level 2 – 86.65%
- KS1 : Numeracy - Level 2 – 79.99%
- KS1 : ICT Level 2 – 79.99%

- KS2 : Literacy (Irish) Level 4 – 71.43%
- KS2 : Literacy (English) Level 4 – 71.43%
- KS2 : Maths – Level 4 – 71.43%
- KS2 : ICT Level 4 – 71.43%

Attendance

During the school year the attendance rate for pupils was 97.2%.

Year 8 Leavers

Primary 7 children leaving Gaelscoil Neachtain went to the following schools:

St Patrick's College Dungiven	2
St Patrick's College Maghera	0
Gaelcholáiste Dhoire	5

Summary/Key Events 2015/2016

B.O.G.

Gaelscoil Neachtain's Board of Governors remained the same this year, with details of position's held above.

Cairde Neachtain (Parents' Association)

Cairde Neachtain gave invaluable support to Gaelscoil Neachtain again during the school year 2017-2018 with a number of fundraising initiatives. Sean Mc Glinchey chair of *Cairde*

Neachtain organised a raffle for two sets of All Ireland tickets and accommodation, one for football and one for the hurling. £5000 was raised through this initiative, which was excellent and really appreciated; raising much needed funds in the current school budget. We would also like to acknowledge, and thank, all parents and our secretary Laoise who helped throughout the year in any way at the various Gaelscoil events. We depend very much on your support and it is greatly appreciated. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Margadh na Nollag (Christmas Market)

Our annual Christmas market is an excellent community event and was very well supported. Margadh na Nollag is now well embedded in the lead-up to Christmas in Dungiven. After expences, a total of £494 was raised and shared equally between the Naiscoil and the Gaelscoil. With thanks and acknowledgement to all parents who helped out on the day and in the organisation of it. The Santa bus was a huge success and added to the experience this year.

Lá Spóirt (Sports Day)

The sun was shining high in the sky on our sports day this year. All children participated fully, and had a thoroughly enjoyable day, we even had ice lollies to cool the children down and not forgetting our helpful, hard working parents who cooked up a storm with the barbecue. The ever-competitive parents' races and the tug-of-war finale was a highlight once again this year. Congratulations to the children from Teach Laighean who won the Corn Setanta this year.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Gaelscoil na Speiríní hosted Confirmation Mass this year in St. Columba's Church, Straw, on Saturday, 24th February, at 11.00a.m. Rang 7 children and their families from Gaelscoil Neachtain joined children and families from Bunscoil Naomh Bríd and Gaelscoil na Speiríní on this sacred occasion.

First Holy Communion took place on Saturday, 26th May, 2018, at 10.00am. in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven, with 15 Children from Rang 4 celebrating their First Holy Communion.

We would like to sincerely thank the whole school community – children, teachers, assistants, all other members of staff and parents who gave up their time to provide refreshments, tea and coffee in the Gaelscoil following the Holy Communion. Our thanks to Maria Ní Mhaolain who co-ordinated food and refreshments.

LMS Finance

The total funding for the school year 2017-2018 was £395,163.

Child Protection

We have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the children in our charge and we carry out this responsibility through the Pastoral Care and Child Protection Policy which aims to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment to enable each child to reach his/her full potential. All staff who work in Gaelscoil Neachtain, both teaching and non-teaching, have been vetted through Access N.I. Procedures are in place to protect our children by ensuring that everyone who works in the school, i.e. teachers, non-teaching staff and volunteers, have clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected.

Thanks

The Board of Governors wishes to thank all the members of the school community who have contributed to the school over the past year:

- The teachers and principal for their dedication, hard work and commitment throughout the year.
- We thank the classroom assistants, secretary, dinner lady and caretaker who contributed so much to the smooth running and friendly atmosphere in the school.
- The parents for their co-operation, help and support for the school.
- The pupils for their enthusiasm and willingness to learn and their co-operation with teachers and staff
- *Cairde Neachtain* for much needed support, fundraising and practical help with all events throughout the school year.