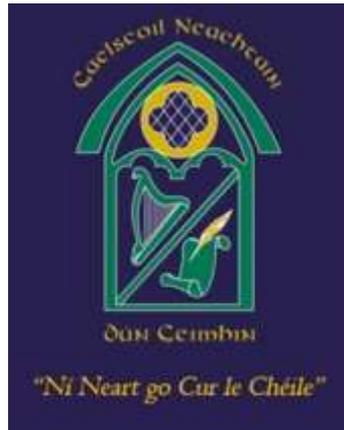


GAELSCOIL NEACHTAIN



BOARD OF GOVERNORS'

Annual Report

2018 - 2019

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, Seamus McLaughlin, (Joined Oct 2018, replacing Katie Monaghan)
Ionadaí na Múinteoirí/ Teacher Representative –	Róisín Mhic Thaidhg
Iontaobhaithe/ 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
Naiscoil	Múinteoir - Aoife Ní Fhlannagáin Cúintóir Ranga – Jacqueline Mackle	Naiscoil Neachtain
Rang 1	Múinteoir - Danielle Nic Ailín	Leacach

	Cúntóir Ranga – Loretta Mhic Dhaibhéid, Brónagh Nig Riallais.	
Rang 2	Múinteoir - Róisín Mhic Thaidhg Cúntóir Ranga – Orlaith Ní Mhaoláin	Caiseal
Rang 3 & 4	Múinteoir - Lauren Nic Lochlainn Cúntóir Ranga – Michelle Mhic Oscair	Éadan
Rang 5	Múinteoir - Seáinín Mhic Lughaidh Cúntóir Ranga – Carla Ní Dhochartaigh	Briseadh
Rang 6	Múinteoirí - Pól Mac Brádaigh (go 8 Márta, 2019) Fionnuala Ní Dhufaigh (8 Márta go 28 Meitheamh, 2019.) Cúntóir Ranga - Peigín Mhic an Rí	Seomra Nua 6
Ranganna 7	Malachy Ó Duifin	Seomra Nua 7

End of Key Stage Targets

- KS1 : Literacy - Level 2 – 84.6%
- KS1 : Numeracy - Level 2 – 84.6%
- KS1 : ICT Level 2 – 84.6%

- KS2 : Literacy (Irish) Level 4 – 85.71%
- KS2 : Literacy (English) Level 4 – 85.71%
- KS2 : Maths – Level 4 – 85.71%
- KS2 : ICT Level 4 – 85.71%

Attendance

During the school year, 2018 – 2019, the attendance rate for pupils was 95%.

Primary 7 Leavers

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

St Patrick's College Dungiven	6
St Patrick's College Maghera	1
Gaelcholáiste Dhoire	7

Summary/Key Events 2018/2019

B.O.G.

Gaelscoil Neachtain's Board of Governors welcomed a new parents' representative, Seamus McLaughlin, who replaced Katie Monaghan. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Katie for her time and her valued input into the Governors' meetings.

Cairde Neachtain (Parents' Association)

We would like to acknowledge, and thank, all parents 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.

Fundraising in the school year 2018 – 2019: £5 129

We encourage more parents to become involved in Cairde Neachtain to raise funds for resources and travel costs. Go raibh maith agaibh.

Naíscoil Neachtain

Development proposal was approved on 25/6/18. This means that Naíscoil Neachtain is now formally under Gaelscoil Neachtain's management and a qualified teacher will now be employed with the help of a classroom assistant.

Lá Spóirt (Sports Day)

Sports day was held in Dungiven Sports Centre on Monday 27th May, 2019. The weather forced us inside. We made good use of the big hall and great fun and competitive spirit shone through all day long. The exciting finale, as always, with the parent's tug of war was a huge success. A word of thanks to Laoise for organising the delicious hot dogs and to the parents who worked and organised the tuck shop.

Bun-Sgoil Sheilte

We had the pleasure of hosting pupils and staff from the Isle of Skye from Tuesday, 21st May, for three days. This is a partnership funded by Glór Dungiven. It was the school's first visit to our Gaelscoil and Ireland. There was a full week of activities organised, including a trip to the Giants Causeway on a beautiful sunny day along with our R.7 pupils. An Carn hosted the guests in their accommodation, An Teach Glas.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Gaelscoil Léim a' Mhadaidh hosted Confirmation Mass this year in Christ the King Church, Limavady, on Wednesday, 3rd April at 5pm. 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, 4th May, 2019, 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, particularly parents of children in Rang 3, who gave up their time to provide refreshments, tea and coffee in the Gaelscoil following the Holy Communion.

LMS Finance

The total funding for the school year 2018-2019 was £395,143.

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 annual training and clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected. Our Child Protection Policy is renewed annually.

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 their children and 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.