

Date: 3/12/2025

MATTERS ARISING

- All permanent teachers and a new Deputy Principal now appointed:
 - Ms Doyle - Junior and Senior Infants
 - Mr Byrne - 4th and 5th Class
 - Mr Finn - Deputy Principal
- Summer works application has been made for repair of the flat roof but has not been accepted for summer of 2026
- An application is in progress for Emergency works for both the front roof and flat roof, it is pending a report from Ian Heffernan. If this is approved, work will commence in a very short time frame, if possible over the Easter break.
- A new heating system (a heat pump and gas instead of the current oil system) will be installed in summer 2026 – this is being funded by the SEAI. It is understood that this will be much more energy efficient.

PUPILS AND STAFFING

- Eight new pupils have joined since the beginning of the school year and a further seven are expected in Term 2

CURRICULUM

- DEIS Action Plan- Implementing year three of the plan – Ms Hartigan and Mr Finn are attending an online course to assist with DEIS planning and will use this learning in devising a new DEIS Plan later in the year, with all staff being involved in this as part of Croke Park hours.
- Maths Curriculum inspection took place in June 2025 – the report has now been published, with the overall finding that Pupils’ learning experiences in Mathematics were of a very good quality. Two recommendations were issued which we are now implementing
- Continue to implement the WSE recommendations

CURRICULUM EVENTS

Maths week celebrated in the school
Active school week -Walk to school
Science week celebrated in the school
Friendship week celebrated in every class
Communion and confirmation meetings took place. Dates were given to parents: First Penance is on Thursday the 12th of March, Confirmation is on the Friday the 17th of April 2026 and Communion is on the Saturday the 16th of May 2026

AFTER SCHOOL

Homework club started back – 25 children attending

After school music with Ms. Cowdrey every Monday

Children dressed up for Halloween on the 23rd October- Movie day and goodie bag

Christmas performances – Friday 12th of December – Juniors-2nd in the school hall and 3rd-6th in the Village hall – a Christmas fair and bake sale will also take place that day - huge thanks to the teachers for making this happen.

Green schools co -coordinator visit - talk about biodiversity and reducing waste.

Extension granted for the Green Flag deadline.

Santa will visit the children on the day of the holidays - each child will receive a Christmas annual and a selection box.

SPORT

Hurling every Friday

Boys and girls hurling & camogie blitzes took place

After school swimming started in September every Wednesday

3rd-6th class entered two Athletics events in Avondale

PARENTS INVOLVEMENT

Parent teacher meetings held in November - very good feedback from parents

PA suggestions relating to uniforms and security at the front of the school.

- BOM recommended a poll for parents to vote on the school uniform policy for transparency – this will take place in Term 2
- A key pad entry for the front doors of the school was suggested rather than a key fob system which worked out as very expensive. We are awaiting a quote for putting a keypad system on the front doors of the school.

FUNDRAISING AND FUTURE EVENTS

Non uniform days every month

Movie day with sponsored goodie bag - PA

Pyjama day fundraiser took place in the school in November and further fundraisers will take place in the next few weeks as follows:

- a food night in the Hurlers pub
- the PA Christmas raffle draw
- the school Christmas fair and plays in the community hall,
- a Christmas jumper night in the Hurlers
- a 24 Walkathon (in conjunction with Glenealy Hurling and Camogie clubs)

It was noted that there has been a lot of fundraising in December, which has put pressure on parents, however, the level of fundraising is reflective of the very tight budget that the school is working with at the moment. There was acknowledgement that at the start of the year, at the staff meeting, the schedule for fundraising was planned to be spread throughout the year. However, many of the fundraising events are organised in tandem with the wider community and are not entirely in our control.

The Board of Management were all in agreement that given the financial difficulties this year, monies raised by the PA should be spent at the school's discretion. PA can be assured that their voice will be heard. Suggestions of where the money could be spent and requests of the PA will still be considered and taken on board.

BUILDINGS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY

Christmas outdoor lights and other decorations are up
General upkeep

Signed:

Secretary to the Board of Management