

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 13th November, 2017 - Report to the School Community

Craft Fair: The BoM received an update from the Development Committee on plans for the RETNS Craft Fair, which will be held on 3 December (12-4pm). This event is intended for people beyond the immediate school community, so please encourage friends, extended family and neighbours to come along. There is a Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/events/895261837307895/>

Winterfest: Winterfest will take place this year on two days and involves a whole-school production. Unfortunately our sound system in the hall is in need of investment and we lack available funds to fix it. The BoM nevertheless approved a plan to undertake work and ask for a voluntary contribution from those attending Winterfest to cover the cost. There will also be a DVD made of the production.

Tablets: The BoM approved a student-led fundraising plan to create a games arcade to raise money for a pilot project on the use of tablets as teaching aids. We were impressed with the effort that had gone into devising this plan and wish it every success.

School Finance: As the above items make clear, the school remains short of funds. All schools have this year been hit by steep insurance premium increases (c.25%). We are unfortunately no exception. We need to continue to devise and support enjoyable fundraising activities.

Class trips: The BoM agreed to fund extra SNA support for a class out of school trip on occasions when the additional needs of children may necessitate such support.

School Policies: The BoM approved the new data protection policy, which will be posted online. An information session for staff will follow. The BoM also discussed some administrative changes to the enrolment policy.

Website: The BoM was given an update on progress to improve the website. There has been substantial progress and we are very grateful to those who have volunteered time and effort. More information will follow in due course.

The BoM also considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report.

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