

## **RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 – Report to the School Community**

**Development Plan:** The BoM discussed the latest version of the school development plan, following feedback from staff. The revised draft will shortly be distributed to all members of the school community – the final phase of consultation. This is an important document that outlines short-, medium- and long-term plans and priorities for the development of our school. We will be grateful for all suggestions and feedback.

**Table Quiz:** The Table Quiz raised €2,132 for the school. Very many thanks to Jane Sweetnam, to the Development Committee and to others who helped out with prizes, selling tickets and organisation, as well as to our fine quizmaster, Seán Duggan. Thanks also to all who attended and made it such an enjoyable evening.

**Winter Craft Fair:** The BoM was briefed on preparations for the Winter Craft Fair, which will be held from 12 until 4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This was a hugely popular and festive event last year; we have even more stalls lined up this year. It is an opportunity to invite members of the local community, extended families, friends and past pupils into our school. Please mark it in your diaries and bring people along.

**School Policies:** The BoM approved a new communications policy, which will be posted on the website soon. Many thanks to those who read the draft version and sent in comments. The BoM also discussed data protection issues and guidelines on the use of photos and videos, which need to be updated.

**Checklists:** The BoM completed regulatory checklists on child safety and anti-bullying to ensure that all appropriate safeguards for children are in place within RETNS.

**School Finances:** As we often repeat, the school's finances are very tight and there is an ongoing need to raise funds and to control expenditure. The BoM examined more ways to reduce costs, including switching telephone service provider.

**IT Equipment:** The BoM approved expenditure to replace a broken PC and a wi-fi unit.

**Heating:** The BoM was given an update on the condition of the school boiler and necessary maintenance work.

**Religion Class:** The BoM agreed to allow three students from Ballinteer Educate Together NS to attend an independently organised religion class after school in RETNS.

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

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