

RATHFARNHAM



EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

RETNS Board of Management Meeting – 10th October 2022

Summer Works Scheme – New Heating System

The upgrade of the boiler and heating system is almost completed with the final snag list being addressed during the Hallowe'en break. The system has been switched on since last week. This project was funded in full through a Summer Works Scheme grant approved by the Department of Education.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-Curricular Activities commenced on Tuesday 4th October. The Board would like to thank our coordinator and teachers for all their work in providing the activities.

Continuous Professional Development / Information Technology

The Board approved funding for staff to attend a 'Nurturing Nest' Wellbeing programme. The Board also provided a subsidy for the 'Nurturing Nest' Wellbeing programme for parents / guardians taking place in November.

Staff had training from colleagues in the use of 'Bee-bots' following the purchase of a set of 6 Bee-bots. Bee-Bots are small programmable robots and are a fun way to introduce younger students to some of the basic concepts of coding. Students are able to learn directional language, commands, sequencing and problem solving.

An Interactive panel for first class has been installed. This was funded under the ICT grant scheme.

Site Maintenance

The school windows will be cleaned during the upcoming mid-term break.

The BoM also considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report. The next Board Meeting is on Monday 14th November 2022.