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REPORT FROM THE BOARD of MANAGEMENT, November 20th, 2018

COMMUNICATION

Parents are encouraged to visit the school website regularly at www.comanswoodprimary.ie

Parents are also asked to follow us on [twitter@ComansWoodPS](https://twitter.com/ComansWoodPS)

Up-to-date information, photographs and calendar events are available on both media and are changed at least once weekly.

IRISH LANGUAGE SURVEY on our school website

PLEASE fill in the 5 minute survey on the school website. We want to know what your child's attitudes are towards Irish and whether or not they enjoy learning Irish. We need to know your views on Irish and your child's learning of Irish. Your answers will inform our planning and actions moving forward.

BUILDING

AoL Design and O'Daly Architects Ltd. have been appointed as consultants for the building of two new classrooms on both the Junior Convent and Senior Abbey sites and conversion work.

Two new shelters have been installed on the Abbey Senior site.

Four pairs of goal posts have been installed on the Senior site. A pair will be purchased for the Junior site at the end of the school year, if funds are available.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial Report was presented and accepted by the Board of Management. The accounts are available for viewing by parents, in the school office on the Junior site.

POLICIES

The following policies have been ratified by the Board of Management and are available on the school website:

Child Safeguarding Statement; Data Protection; Homework; Intimate Care and Toileting; Job Sharing; Parent Teacher meetings; Physical Intervention with Children ; Special Education Needs; Work Experience.

Literacy and Numeracy policies are being reviewed at present.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The Board of Management would like to thank all parents who have volunteered to support different activities during the year. The Board of Management acknowledge the support given by the Parents Association to the principal and the school.

At this year's AGM held in October the following positions were filled:

Chairperson: Clodagh White; **Vice Chairperson:** Imelda Quinn; **Secretary:** Niamh Hughes; **Corresponding Secretary:** Kristina Anic; **Treasurer:** Alistair Kerr; **Vice Treasurer:** Shivanthy Gately; **PRO:** Geraldine Grealy.

Parents are asked to look at the DRAFT Constitution of the Parents' Association on the school website and to give feedback on the DRAFT to any of the members listed above or into the main school office on the Junior site.

SPORT

On the Senior site on Wednesdays from 9-11 Michael Glennon trains the children in Rugby. Soccer is on each Tuesday from 10-1pm. Gaelic will resume with Gerry Morris after Christmas. Hurling/Camogie and Basketball are after-school activities. Mick Beirne takes the children on the senior site for Gaelic at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Fridays. We recently had a very successful soccer league in the school. Mr. Murphy takes 2nd and 3rd class children for Gaelic and Soccer training at lunch times on the Junior site. It is very important that our children are kept very active in school and at home. The shelters facilitate the children going outside, even when it rains. ***It is important that they wear a coat with a hood or hat to school every day, so that they stay dry and warm. A change of shoes is also necessary if they are playing on any pitch.***

SCIENCE WEEK

Thank you to all our parents who visited our school during Science Week and delivered workshops/presentations to the children. The children had a wonderful time during Science week partaking in lots of experiments including a very enjoyable visit to the CBS for Science Fest.

Staffing

An advertisement has been placed for a substitute teacher from January 7th, 2019.

Voluntary Contribution: The Board of Management thanks parents for their contributions to school funding over the course of the year. Unfortunately all our costs are not covered by the Department of Education and Skills so what you give us in accordance with what you can afford, is very much appreciated. We suggest €30 per family. All accounts for the spending of this money will be available to the Parents Association at the end of January 2019.

School Activities:

Scór: Over seventy of our children were in Lecarrow participating in Scór na bPáistí. The children sang, danced, recited poems and played traditional instruments. A wonderful night was had by all and we brought home 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes.

Quiz: Our children recently participated in the Library Quiz. They were very well behaved and were only 6 points off 2nd place. A BIG THANK YOU to all our staff who support our wide range of activities in the school.

SANTA COMING TO TOWN: Over 100 of our children will lead Santa into town on Sunday!

Thank You

The Board complimented the principal and staff on the success of St. Comán's Wood Primary School and thanked them for all they do in caring for the children and looking after both their pastoral and learning needs.