

## **Agreed Report of Shellybanks ETNS Board of Management Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Enrolment:** 146 pupils enrolled on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016.

### **Staffing:**

- Since September 12<sup>th</sup> Fionnuala has been teaching in Junior Infants.
- Laura finished on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Shane has been teaching in 1<sup>st</sup> class and his last day was today.
- New principal Johanne O' Sullivan will take up her role on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Stakeholders will be informed in the school bulletin on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- Áine's final day in the office will be Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October. Position for new school secretary will be advertised.

**Yard Stencils:** Thanks to staff members who spent a few afternoons painting the yard with playground games e.g. hop scotch, mazes and yard trails for hoping, jumping and skipping. The children love them and really enjoy playing the games. We also divided the yard into 3 sections to make it safer during play time – we have a running area on one side, the middle section has the yard trails and children may skip, jump and walk (no running) and the area at the end is a walking only area for quieter play.

**Work Experience:** Transition Year student Gary has been in the last two Friday's on work experience.

**Learn Together Curriculum:** *Rosh Hasanah, Yom Kippur, Jewish New Year:* Thanks to Lev's Dad Adam who gave a short talk to each class about these Jewish Celebrations. He also brought in some apples that the children dipped in honey which is a typical treat for children at this time of year.

**Visit from the Local Dentist:** We had a visit from local Dentist – Jennifer Owens. She spoke to the children about the importance of brushing their teeth, the effects of sugar on their teeth, and so-called 'healthy' snacks and the hidden sugars. One of the biggest offenders are raisins because they stick to the teeth for a long time after being eaten.

**Visit from Sandymount Tidy Towns:** On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October Maxine Pilkington and Mary visited to talk to the children about the work of the Tidy Towns in the local community and about an upcoming festival that they are holding for Hallowe'en – A Scarecrow and Pumpkin Carving competition. Maxine and Mary had heard great things about Shellybanks and were very impressed by the children and the school.

**Aviva and Community Gains Fund:** Michael will investigate applying for the Community Gains and Aviva Funds again this year.

**Enrolment:** The board agreed to send offers of places for next year's Junior Infants in November 2016.

**Whole School Vision Evening:** Jessica has been in contact with Deirdre O' Donoghue, Head of Governance, in Educate Together to lead the school community on a whole school vision evening on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Venue to be decided.

**Letter from Patron Educate Together** to update members following their General meetings about their financial position and 'Project 120' – a funding campaign to have 40 new ET schools by 2025. Other details included:

- National office has relocated to smaller premises
- Negotiations are taking place with the Department in relation to grant levels for the opening of new schools
- Over €37,000 in voluntary contributions received to date from member schools
- Work continues to diversify income streams e.g. EU funding to fund Ethical Education

### **Next Meeting:**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November