**BOM ANNUAL REPORT ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016**

The BOM of Taghmon National School present this report and wish to thank everyone for your help and support in making this a very successful, action-packed year in Taghmon National School.

**Staffing:** The following is a breakdown of staffing 2015-2016

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| Principal | Mrs Betty McCague Murphy |
| Junior and Senior Infants | Ms Ingrid Ibs |
| First, Second and Third | Mrs Veronica Ganly |
| Fourth and Fifth | Miss Niamh Barry |
| Fifth and Sixth | Mrs Betty McCague Murphy |
| Resource/Learning Support | Mrs Caroline Gavin, Mrs Nicole Keogh, Miss Dympna Claffey |
| SNA’s | Mrs Geraldine Ryan, Miss Norah Gilhooley |
| Secretary | Mrs Mary Coffey |
| NEPS Psychologists | Mrs Joan Heduan |
| SENO | Mrs Carmel Maguire |

**BOM MEETINGS:** The Board have worked earnestly and tirelessly in promoting the interests of the school, pupils and wider school community. Regular quarterly meetings were held in order to maintain focus and unity of vision for Taghmon N.S. The BOM Members are:

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| Chairperson | Reverend Fr. Declan Smith |
| Secretary | Mr. Padraig Flynn |
| Treasurer | Mrs Marion Bate |
| Teachers Rep | Mrs Betty McCague Murphy, Mrs. Caroline Gavin |
| Parents Rep | Ms. Noleen McCarthy, Mr. Martin Long |
| Community Reps | Mr Richard Shaw |

**CHILD PROTECTION**: The BOM have appointed Mrs. Betty McCague- Murphy as the Designated Liaison Person and Veronica Ganly as Deputy Designated Liaison Person. They have an obligation to inform the HSE of any concerns regarding Child Protection.

**STAY SAFE**

The Board cannot take responsibility for children arriving to school before 9.00 a.m.

**PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION:** Our Parents’ Association have supported and encouraged Staff, Pupils and BOM with their consistency during the year. They were always at hand during the year to help out at school events including Christmas Concerts, Open Day, First Communion, Fun Days and Fund Raising. Their biggest annual expense is the funding of the Music Generation Program for all children from Junior Infants to 6th.

The Parents’ Association Committee Members are:

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| Chairperson | Rody Corbett |
| Secretary | Olive Craig |
| Treasurer | Mary Kennedy-Varley |

**Sacraments**

* Enrolment Mass for Confirmation/First Communion
* Confessions
* First Communion
* Confirmation
* School Choir

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** During the year every child had an opportunity to avail of the many varied activities in Taghmon including:

**Athletics:** Schools Cross Country

**Swimming:** A 7 week module for classes 1st – 5th at Mullingar Swimming Pool

**Dance:** A 6 week module of Hip-Hop dancing with teacher Siobhan Murphy. This took place during the first half of Term 1.

**Football/Hurling/Camogie:** Ongoing training throughout the year for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5thand 6th class with Antoinette Savage. This training takes place on a Monday morning**.**

**Safe Cycle:** 4/5 week modules hosted by Westmeath Co. Co. aimed at 5th and 6th class, involving safe cycling practise on our roads.

**Tennis|:** 5 weeks for all classes in the school

**Drama:** Jaymee Slattery instructed children from 4th, 5th and 6th class in mime and movement, still life poses and voice projection in preparation for our 1916 Commemorative production of “ A Trium**ph of Sorts”.**

**WORKSHOPS**

**Tile Painting:** Tile Painting a commemorative keepsake for First Communion and confirmation classes with Andrina Finch.

**Christmas Wreaths:** Workshop with Terry Greene, where all children has an opportunity to make very beautiful Christmas decoration.

**Science:** Energy based workshop with Nuala Madigan from SEAI to support our Green Schools Programme.

Engineering based workshop with Roy Cecil from STEPS

**RSE**

**Accord** workshop delivered to pupils in 6th class by trained

**Friends For Life** 10 week program delivered by Mrs. Gavin trained staff member. This is program deals with relationships in school, at home and outside of school.

**Mindfulness -** 6 weeks facilitated by Rody Corbett, 5th and 6th class.

**FOOD DUDES**

Promotion of healthy eating in schools. Focus on Junior classes but all classes participating.

**GREEN FLAG**

Mrs. Keogh and Mrs Gavin recently travelled to Athlone with our school representatives – Ciara Orme and Jack Curran – to be awarded our second Green Flag for Energy.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Shoebox appeal / Fund Raiser for Temple St Hosp. / Fund Raiser for Crookedwood Camogie / Trocaire /Sixth Class bake for local Hospice

Garden

**KODALY**

The children in Taghmon enjoy their Kodaly Singing Lessons with music teacher Ger Ralph. **Music Generation Westmeath/ Offaly** is a new music education service for children and young people in the counties of Westmeath and Offaly. It is part of Music Generation – Ireland’s National Music Education Programme initiated by Music Network and funded initially by U2 and The Ireland Funds, now funded in part by the Arts Council of Ireland. Children in classes Jnr. Infants – 5th class participate in singing lessons, while 5th and 6th enjoy guitar lessons. A Music Generation concert will be held in the school later in June.

**PERFORMANCES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

**Christmas Concert – all classes – December.**

**Proclamation Day Performance – A Triumph of Sorts – 4th- 6th class – March.**

**Music Generation end of year concert – all classes – June.**

**EDUCATIONAL TOUR OUTINGS**

5th and 6th Class visited Kilmainham Gaol on Monday, 11th April.

Junior and Senior Infants visited Lullymore for their school tour.

1st,2nd and 3rd visit Tayto Park

4th ,5th and 6th go to Zipit in Lough Key Forest park.

**Educational Visitors to the school**

* Gardaí Siochana and Fire Service to Infant room for SPHE (Community Helpers)
* Gardaí – Re: Safety talk at Halloween about fireworks etc
* RSA school talk about road safety.

**SCHOOL SELF EVAULATION**

All work has been completed to date.

Website to be updated during summer.

**AISTEAR: (Junior/Senior Infants)** These are the 4 main themes of Aistear and they are achieved through the contexts of play and supported by caring, learning relationships with adults and peers. The 4 themes are

1. Well Being
2. Identity and Belonging
3. Communication and
4. Exploring and Thinking.

Parents play a key role in their children’s education. To find information about what your child is learning at each stage and how you can support them go to <http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Parents>. **Help My Kid Learn** [www.helpmykidlearn.ie](http://www.helpmykidlearn.ie) is another website that provides you with lots of simple ideas that you can build into your day to help them learn more. Just enter your child’s age and find lots of fun reading, writing and maths activities you can do.

**SPORTS DAY**

Annual event held in June, organized by staff members, children receiving medals.

Sports day includes all fun sports, soccer tournament and tennis tournament.

Celebration of all children.

**DISCOVER SCIENCE AND MATHS AWARD 2015**

Ongoing – working towards Award for 2016

**ASSESSMENTS**

**MIST administered to all Senior Infants**

**NRIT to 1st**

**Micra T 1st class**

**Drumcondra Reading/Spelling 2nd – 6th**

**Sigma T Maths 1st- 6th**

**Result of Standardized Tests are included in School Reports.**

**STAFF CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

All staff adhered to the Public Service Croke Park Agreement. CPD undertaken by all staff.

**BUILDINGS AND OUTSIDE IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Windows at front of school replaced funded by Summer Work Scheme
2. Yard markings funded by Parents Association