



Board of Management Report 11 June 2026

The Board was updated on the following:

- Current **staff recruitment**: The school is actively seeking to recruit a bus escort.
- **The school's Five Year Plan**: The school is in Year 3 of the current plan. Our Principal, Ruth, also shared the **School Self-Evaluation report** for the current school year.
- Correspondence relating to the **number 14 bus**: It was confirmed that there are currently no plans for a bus shelter due to future roadworks and it was clarified that real-time information is only installed in bus shelters. It was mentioned that all of the information available on such RTPI (Real Time Passenger Information) Displays is also available through the NTA's app for RTPI. However, it was acknowledged that the majority of pupils do not have phones and therefore can't check the TFI Live App themselves. The request for a bus shelter with a RTPI display has been officially lodged.

The school's value for June is **Community**. BETNS celebrated a number of community events this month including Family Funday, summer shows and the 6th class graduation.

This term's Community Art Project theme is 'Under the Sea'. The project forms part of an initiative to develop the school as a living art gallery. The school environment is becoming increasingly vibrant, with growing displays of pupil and community artwork.

Submissions are invited from pupils, parents/ guardians, and friends of Ballinteer ETNS. A range of mediums are welcomed, including painting, drawing, pastels, collage, tapestries, and mixed media. The initiative aims to encourage creativity and community participation across the school.

The Board commended **the PTA** for all their activities throughout the school year.

Highlights of their activities were:

- Fundraisers, including the Table Quiz, Ballinteer ETNS Family Fun Day, Student Portraits, and Class Calendar
- Organisation of coffee mornings and afternoons to welcome incoming Junior Infant families
- Hospitality support at school events
- Link between parents/ guardians and the Principal on relevant matters
- Administering the school library lending service/ Aiding with the development of new library
- Garden - Parent Helpers Group
- Aiding with Sports Day
- Admin/Advice on the new school website

School Website and Online Safety

Following recent concerns regarding the online publication of identifiable images of children and the potential misuse of such images through AI technologies, a review of the school's website content was undertaken. As a precautionary measure, all photographs featuring children on the school website have been blurred.

The school Sway presentation has been removed from the public-facing website and relocated to the school's secure hub, where access is restricted to parents / guardians via email links.

These measures have been implemented to strengthen safeguarding practices and ensure the school continues to take a proactive approach to protecting pupils' digital privacy.

Fire Drill

A Fire Drill was held on Thursday 14th May at 1.15pm. This allowed the staff to review and update fire drill procedures.

As at all Board meetings, **the Treasurer's Report** was presented. It was noted that the income generated by the expansion of the KidsInc after-school service benefits the school's finances.

School Library

Significant progress has been made on the library refurbishment, with the majority of bench seating completed and varnished. Restoration of an old children's reading bench is underway, with opportunities for pupil involvement in the finishing stages.

Additional materials for the library and corridor areas will be ordered as the project progresses.

The next phase of work will include completion of shelving, construction of the feature tree, and commencement of the library mural. Pupils will have an opportunity to participate in the mural project as part of the development of the learning environment.

Primary School Survey

The Primary School Survey results were shared with the Board. The Principal has shared the results with the wider school community.

Elizabeth Morrin leaves the Board

Elizabeth's membership of the Board has come to an end as her daughter, completed 6th class this year. Board members thanked Elizabeth for her contribution to the Board. The procedure for appointing Elizabeth's successor to the Board will be shared in the near future.

The Board wishes the school community all the best for the new school year.

The Board of Management considered some routine matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report. The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, 21 September 2026.