



**Scoil Náisiunta Lios na Groí**  
**Board of Management Annual Report 2013/14**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Board of Management 2014</b></p> <p>Chairperson: <b>Brendan Conroy</b>  Treasurer: <b>Noel Fox</b>  Secretary: <b>Michael Feeney</b>  Teacher Nom: <b>Bernie Kennedy</b>  Parent Nom: <b>Kevin Donellan</b>  <b>Grainne Murphy</b>  Community : <b>Michael Tierney</b>  Noms <b>Irene Hynes</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Policy Development</b></p> <p><b>Anti Bullying Policy</b> developed and ratified by Board of Management.  <b>Critical Incident, Retention and Healthy Eating</b> policy also reviewed and ratified.</p> <p>Health and Safety Policy: <b>reviewed annually</b></p> <p>Curriculum policies:</p> <p><b>Whole School English plan</b> reviewed Through the Active flag process <b>Physical Education</b> was also reviewed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Buildings</b></p> <p>Ramps constructed outside school during summer holidays.  Ball cocks in Toilet cisterns replaced.  Repairs to boiler and heating controls carried out.  Some new windows fitted  Another Outside Bell fitted.  New Blinds fitted.  Flat roof on school will need some repair work to be carried out during the summer holidays.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staffing</b></p> <p>We have 10 mainstream class teachers, two learning Support and one Resource teacher.</p> <p>We have two <b>learning Support</b> positions in the school for 2014/2015</p> <p>We have one full time <b>Resource teacher</b> position for 2014/2015</p> <p>We will be clustered with Castleconnell N.S for our extra resource hours.</p>



<p><b>Parent's Association</b></p> <p>AGM September 2013          Cake Sale          Halloween          Santa Visit          Healthy Eating          Speaker          Policy review Healthy Eating etc          Refreshments {Communion / End of Year Graduation ceremony}          Fun Day Sponsored Walk          Quiz Night          Anti-bullying Talk</p>	<p><b>Board Meetings</b></p> <p>Board Meetings were held on the following dates:          October 1st 2013          December 3rd 2013          January 28th 2014          March 25th 2014          June 16th 2014</p> <p><b>Yearly Calendar</b>          The yearly school calendar for 2014/15 circulated to parents/guardians and uploaded onto school website.</p> <p><b>Book Lists</b>          Book lists circulated and uploaded on school website for school year 2014/15.</p>
<p><b>Croke Park Hours</b>          The teaching staff and S.N.A. completed required hours</p>	<p><b>Enrolment/Open Day</b>          Current Enrolment {school year 2013/2014} is 282</p> <p>An Open Evening for new entrants was held in May.</p>
<p><b>After School Activities</b></p> <p>Speech and Drama          Irish Dancing          Traditional Irish Music          Karate          Choir          Hurling/Camogie          Gaelic Football          Soccer          Tennis</p>	<p><b>Parent/Teacher Communication</b></p> <p>Formal Parent Teacher Meetings held in January.          All notes , newsletters sent by e-mail as well as hard copy on occasions.          School Website regularly updated.          Text-a parent is used for reminders and quick notes.</p>

**Literacy Lift-off:** Power hour took place in senior infants, first and second classes this year

Using the PM Plus readers purchased last June. Programme a great success

**Parents Numeracy Booklet:** Booklet to guide parents when helping their children sent to all parents and available to download from website

**Aistear:** Learning through guided play is now used in the Infant Classroom

**E Books:** {Gaeilge / Mathematics / S.E.S.E} are used via the interactive whiteboard in classrooms.

**Handwriting Scheme:** 'Just Handwriting' will be introduced in Junior classes in September and school template followed from 2nd to 6th class. Template available on website

**Jolly Grammar:** introduced from 1st to 4th class in September '14. This covers grammar, phonics and spellings. School designed spelling lists used in 5th and 6th .

**Mata sa Rang:** Stationed Maths activities introduced in more classes in September '14

#### **Assessment& Reports/Transfer to Post Primary**

School reports issue in June detailing pupils' progress and score of individual Standardised tests for 2nd, 4th and 6th classes.

Copy of Sixth Class pupil reports are forwarded to relevant post primary schools

#### **Book Rental/ Voluntary Contribution**

The, Art & Craft Fee and Voluntary Contribution remain at the same level as last year.

The Board have sanctioned the setting up of a school book rental scheme to be in operation from September 2015.

The Parents Association will facilitate a Book Swap on Tuesday 24th June.

#### **School Self Evaluation**

Details, information and summary of the school's SSE are uploaded onto school website

SSE: Year 1; Numeracy

SSE: Year 2; This year we have started to collect evidence and evaluate the teaching and learning in Literacy. Writing and oral language looked at.

#### **Teaching Practice/ Work Experience**

Eight Transition Year pupils did

Work experience during the year.

Two student teachers undertook

teaching practice this school

year.

<p><b>School Events</b></p> <p>Hallelujah Choir  Primary Science Young Scientist  Credit Union Quiz &amp; School Quiz  Whizzkids ICT Programme  Active Flag  Colours Day in aid of typhoon victims of Philippines  Creative School Award  Various Sporting Events  Swimming Lessons  Grandparent's Day  Active School's Week  Seachtain na Gaeilge  Anti-Bullying Talk for teachers and Parents  School Garden Mural</p>	<p><b>School Website</b></p> <p>Samples of classroom work, newsletters and policies uploaded onto school website <a href="http://www.lisnagryns.ie">www.lisnagryns.ie</a></p> <p>The Website is updated regularly</p>
<p><b>Stay Safe</b></p> <p>All classes and pupils covered 'Stay Safe' Programme in September of this school year.</p>	<p><b>I.C.T.</b></p> <p>The B.O.M recognizes that some I.C.T resources in the school need upgrading and it will require investment into the future.</p>
<p><b>Communion &amp; Confirmation</b></p> <p>Pupils in Second Class were prepared for First Confession and First Holy Communion. Pupils took part in the 'Do This in Memory ' programme.</p> <p>Pupils in Sixth Class were prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also had a very positive visit from the Diocesan Advisor on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup>. She was impressed by the teaching of Alive-O in all classes &amp; by the inclusive nature of the school.</p>	<p><b>Child Protection</b></p> <p>Designated Liaison Person: Bernie Kennedy</p> <p>Deputy Designated Liaison Person: Michael Feeney</p> <p>Annual Review of policy at September meeting.</p>
<p><b>D.E.S. Funding</b></p> <p>The Department of Education and Skills re introduced the Minor Works grant for Primary Schools.</p>	<p><b>N.E.W.B. Reporting</b></p> <p>The school completed four mandatory reports and End of Year report to the National Educational Welfare Board last year. There is a requirement to report when a child</p>

	misses 20 days or more. Whole School Attendance for 2013/14 was 96%.
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Camp</b></p> <p>The Board has given approval for the Basketball Summer Camp to go ahead again this July.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanks</b></p> <p><i>The Board would like to thank the Parents' Association, all parents/guardians, staff and friends of Lisnagry N.S. for all their work and effort on behalf of the school and the pupils over the last year.</i></p>