

**School Self Evaluation 2023/2024**

Our school will follow a 3 year cycle of School Self Evaluation as recommended in circular 56/2022. During the 3 year cycle our school will focus on 3 curricular areas.

* Well being
* Maths
* STEM

Three curricular area above will be integrated and linked into all area of the curriculum and school life where possible. Advancements and progressions will be included into S.S.E. School plan from year to year i.e. 23/24 to 24/25 and 24/25 to 25/26.

**Pre S.S.E. Plan communication/research and planning in advance of composing 23/24 S.S.E Plan Principal and post holders:**

* Read Circular 56/2022
* Studied S.S.E. completed to date in school
* Spoke about S.S.E. at Post Holders meetings
* Spoke about S.S.E. at staff meetings
* Spoke about S.S.E. at Board of Management meetings
* Spoke about S.S.E. at Parents Association meeting
* Scrutinised how all is working in our school
* Liaised with all in our school community

**Review/Assessment/Measurement of success of S.S.E. Plan**

Our school Self Evaluation will be measured by using:

* Parent Questionnaires
* Teacher Questionnaires
* Pupil Questionnaires
* Whole staff Questionnaires
* Feedback from visitors to our school
* Discussion forum at Parents Committee meeting
* Discussion forum at Board of Management meeting
* Croke Park Hours (Planning and staff meetings

**Well Being in 2023/2024**

* School Code of Discipline will be reviewed in Term 2
* Pupils will be given greater opportunities to have fun/enjoy themselves in school
* Quiz preparation work
* Trial quiz
* Formal quiz preparation sessions for teams competing
* Science/Geography/Green Schools quiz for Senior classes
* Sports quiz in June for Senior classes
* Tráth na gCeist during Seachtain na Gaelige
* School Cycle Programme for 6th class (Term 2)
* Rugby Coaching for 1st to 6th class (Term 2)
* FAI Soccer Coaching for Infants and 5th/6th class (Term 2)
* FAI 5 A Side Soccer Competition for 5th/6th class (Term 2)
* U13 Schools Football for 4th -6th class pupils (Term 1)
* Christmas Show/drama preparations and shown night (Term 1)
* Gymnastics for Infants to 1st class (Term 1)
* Chess sessions for 4th to 6th class pupils on Tuesdays at big break
* School Choir gatherings for Christmas carols performance and Sacrament of Penance choir
* Christmas Carol performance, Santa stroll and Christmas Mass in advance of Christmas break
* Halloween dress up day, disco and monster dash in advance of Halloween break
* Timetabled Library time throughout the school year
* Sports day and sports week in June
* Tug of war visitor in June for all classes
* Timetable Sensory Garden time for all classes at break times
* Cricket session x2 for all classes in Term 3
* Greater awareness and promotion and will be evident in all areas of managing school resources (graded records, library, maths/science area, P.E. store, Ipads, playground)
* Current Supervision Policy will be reviewed and a new Supervision Plan/Rota will be put in place if necessary
* Greater awareness and promotion of Road safety and exiting school safely will be evident in all areas of school (1.45 pm, 2.45 pm exiting at break times will be spoken about at School Assembly and staff meetings and Parent Association meetings)
* Croke Park Hour plans will be devised and communicated to all staff in advance of term ahead
* Greater communication within the school community (staffroom noticeboard, weekly Friday staff email, weekly Friday Parent email, Aladdin, staff meetings, Post Holders meetings, Board of Management meetings, Parents Association meetings, SET meeting, website, Text a Parent)
* Greater awareness and appreciation and respect for good time keeping by all in school community as a requisite in order so as to not adversely effect other timetables in school will be promoted/encouraged
* Additional fundraisers to raise money to acquire physical maths resources, resources for Aistear in Infant room, class novels for senior classes, graded readers for infant room, indoor GAA equipment for rainy day coaching will be undertaken
* Good punctuality and good attendance will be promoted as a good means of maintaining well being for all
* Create greater links with community groups (GAA club, Hall committee, Mobile Library, Teagasc centre, playground, Church, Historical society and local secondary schools)
* Internet Safety talk for Senior classes
* Advice/information on how best to help pupils will be distributed parents
* Regularly updated school website
* All in school will be encouraged to be positive in all areas of school
* Apply for sustained PDST support in well being
* Staff well being talk by Maria Caesar in November
* Staff room at break time will be an area free from demands and stress
* Questionnaires to evaluate success in May/June
* Healthy eating will be promoted for all in our school community
* Correct channels to make contact with school secretary will be discussed
* Team approach to the educational provision on offer by our school to pupils who struggle (academically, socially, behaviourally)
* Review of school Critical Incident Policy
* Review of school Health and Safety Policy
* Clear lines of communication to report school maintenance issues
* View NCCA teaching and learning guidelines 2021 video for teachers
* Provision of Summer Programme in July for SEN pupils
* Greater awareness and promotion of manners, calm atmosphere and structure in all areas of school
* Songs, rhymes and music used as transitioning between lessons
* Epilepsy training for staff so as swimming, school trips and out of school visits can be covered suitably for pupils with epilepsy

**Maths in 2023/2024**

* Principal and Post Holder attendance at PMC Leader day in October
* Watch PMC webinar at staff meeting in October
* School closure to facilitate PMC training day in Kilkenny Education Centre on 19th February 2024
* Purchase of additional maths resources
* Additional Maths Tracker assessment for 1st to 6th class
* Shared team teaching of maths and literacy in multi-grade classes (1st to 3rd)
* Place of helpful maths information for parents on school website
* Communication of PMC to all in school community (Friday staff email, Friday parents email, termly newsletters, staff meetings and school website)
* Structured/organised maths problem solving time in all maths lessons throughout the school
* Higher levels of respect, maintenance and upkeep of maths/science resources area
* Use of maths talk as a methodology for problem solving in maths lesson
* Make links between maths and different jobs/occupations
* Maths based games utilised as activities for rainy days

**STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) in 2023/2024**

* Construction of School STEM Plan
* Science week
* Science experiment day
* Application for STEM grant Term 1
* Science visitors
* Maths problem solving slots in all maths lessons
* Visit to local engineering company (Greensbridge Engineering)
* Participation in Creative Cluster Initiative
* Creative Clusters noticeboards (x2)
* Higher level of maintenance/upkeep/respect for school science/maths resources area
* Participation in Junior Entrepreneur project (6th class)
* Timetabled Sensory garden time for planting etc.
* Specific (classes planting potatoes in yellow barrels behind school)
* Green Schools committee and related activities
* Greater awareness and appreciation of energy conservation methods in all areas of school to reduce carbon footprint and school bills
* Promotion of litter free playgrounds and classrooms
* Promote participation in STEM summer courses
* STEM CPD where possible for teachers
* Use of SETU Waterford opportunities to promote STEM and STEM activities

**Responsibility for Implementation of Plan**

* Roles and duties will be discussed at staff meeting in Term 2/3

**Review of Plan**

* Plan will be reviewed and success of plan measured in Term 3 23/24