



St Oliver Plunkett's NS



OUR SELF-EVALUATION REPORT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN June 2024

In the last year, we have looked at teaching and learning in our school to find out what we are doing well. This is what we discovered:

New Primary Maths Curriculum – familiarisation – Maths Talk, Maths Language

Wellbeing - Gathering the Evidence – Mindfulness Mondays

Assessment – Broaden assessment techniques – rubric assessment

Languages Gaeilge and Béarla – Now embedded in practice – Caint Neamhfoirmiúil , Thematic approach to Oral Language, Writing genres

Arts – support provided to teachers in all strands of art

This is what we did to find out what we were doing well, and what we could do better:

Languages – Gaeilge and Béarla- embedded in practice – working well. New focus on léitheoireacht (reading as Gaeilge)

New Primary maths Curriculum – Maths Talk working well, more work needed on other pedagogical practices, audit of resources to be completed, use of concrete materials could be better, further familiarisation with the new curriculum

Assessment – Summative assessment (assessment of knowledge) working well, Self-assessment is working well, more work is needed to broaden assessment techniques

Wellbeing – evidence is gathered, report to be shared with the school community.
Mindfulness Mondays in place, PE CPD for teachers complete in gymnastics, indoor ball games, Movement. More work needed on developing a whole school wellbeing strategy and action plan.

Arts – The teaching of music has improved, Ukulele lessons in some classes is working well, song singing has improved. More work is needed on song singing. Teaching all strands of the art curriculum has improved. More work is needed in Drama

Local History – more work needed in this area – currently focussing on the 75 years history of our school, engaging with past teachers, grandparents and local historian – book to celebrate 75 years of the school is progressing

This is what we are now going to work on:

New Primary Maths Curriculum – use of concrete materials, pedagogical practice

Languages – Focus on Léitheoireacht

Wellbeing – Wellbeing Strategy to be devised in consultation with the whole school Community

Assessment – More work on assessment techniques

Art – Drama

This is what you can do to help:

New Primary Maths Curriculum – familiarise yourself with this. Link to information is [here](#)
Continue to support your child with maths homework

Enrolment and attendance

The Department requires schools to have and publish an admissions policy, to record and report attendance accurately, and to encourage high attendance and participation.

We have an admissions policy and it is published. YES / NO

We reviewed (and updated) our admissions policy on: [insert date]

We keep accurate attendance records and report them as required. YES / NO

We encourage high attendance in the following ways: _____

This is how you can help: _____

Positive behaviour for a happy school

The Department requires schools to have a code of behaviour, and asks us to consult parents and children about it. We do this. YES / NO

Our code of behaviour describes and supports positive behaviour. YES / NO

We have a very clear and high-profile anti-bullying policy in our school. YES / NO