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## School Self Evaluation

### Geography

Following on from Curriculum Evaluation in Geography by Inspector, Ms. Noreen Bambury, our school decided to evaluate our teaching and learning in Geography and construct a School Improvement Plan for the future in Geography.

Data was collected and analysed from teacher discussions, pupil questionnaires, parent questionnaires and Inspector's report.

Here are the findings from our school Self Evaluation on Geography.

#### **Our School's Strengths.**

- School and teacher planning for Geography is very good.
- Pupils progress is monitored and pupils engage with increasingly challenging work as they progress through the school.
- The school actively promotes project work and pupils projects are displayed around the school and in the classrooms.
- Teachers demonstrate very good competence and proficiency in the teaching of Geography.
- The quality of pupils learning in Geography is very good, with the pupils speaking articulately about their learning.
- Pupils enjoy project work and using school ICT for research.

## **Areas which could be improved**

- More of a focus could be put on the development of pupils geographical investigation skills throughout the school.
- Pupils local geography knowledge is not at the same high level of their international geography knowledge.
- More activities could be promoted to portray geography as a fun subject in the eyes of the pupils.

## **School Improvement Plan for Geography.**

Following on from teacher discussion, analysis of pupil questionnaires and reflection on Inspector's Curriculum Evaluation, our school will take the following 7 steps to enhance the teaching and learning of geography in our school in the future:

1. There will be increased assessment in geography (i.e. termly geography tests for all classes from 3rd to 6th and fortnightly tests on topics taught).
2. Principal Teacher, Deputy Principal and senior pupils will devise/construct a Moneenroe N.S Geographical Trail which will highlight and teach areas of Moneenroe geography and which can be taught every second year.
3. Maps of Kilkenny and Moneenroe/Clogh will be purchased and put up in the 3rd/4th and 5th/6th classrooms to enhance local geographical knowledge.
4. A local Historian/Geographer will be invited into our school to explain the different placenames/townlands meanings, to senior pupils (Logeinmneachs).
5. A group of geographical pupil quizzes on local, Irish, International geography will be organised early in June to allow pupils to enjoy geography in a fun setting.
6. Selected senior pupils from 5th/6th classrooms will construct a map of Kilkenny and Kilkenny Jigsaw for the Infant Room.
7. Our school will contact PDST support for instruction on how to further develop pupils' geographical investigation skills during geography lessons.
8. To stimulate pupil interest in Geography Facts, a 10/20 fact page of interesting geographical information facts will be sent home with all pupils to read with their parents in April of each year.

## **Communication of SIP for Geography**

- Geography SIP will be explained to Board of Management before Christmas 2017.
- Geography SIP will be explained to Parents Committee at meeting before Christmas 2017.
- All staff will receive a copy of our School SIP for Geography.
- Geography SIP will be made available to be put up on the school website.

## **People responsible.**

All teaching staff is responsible for the delivery of the 7 actions listed in our School Improvement Plan for Geography.

## **Review Date**

Our School Improvement Plan for Geography will be revised again early in the 2018 /2019 school year.