

## **A Farewell Tribute to our Principal**

On 30th October 2020, our principal Pat O' Brien retired having given sixteen years of dedicated service in Rathkeevin National School.

Prior to this Pat taught in Portlaoise C.B.S., in Shankill in Dublin and in St. Joseph's N.S. Balingarry, Co. Tipperary.

From the time he entered the school he strove to develop the school and maintain the high standards and traditions that were always synonymous with Rathkeevin. Pat had a 'can do' attitude for any task on hand.

During his time here many major structural developments were undertaken, including the extension of three new classrooms, a new shelter and outdoor toilets.

As principal Pat promoted sport, school concerts, attendance at choral events, preparation for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and a general positive engagement with the wider community.

Pat thoroughly enjoyed his time as principal in Rathkeevin School and after such a fulfilling career he has earned his break. We the staff and all the school community wish Pat and his family good health and happiness in the years ahead.

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil le Pádraig,

Guimís maitheas dó don todhchaí.

Rath Dé air agus ar a chlann

Ár gcomhairle dó ná - lig do scíth.