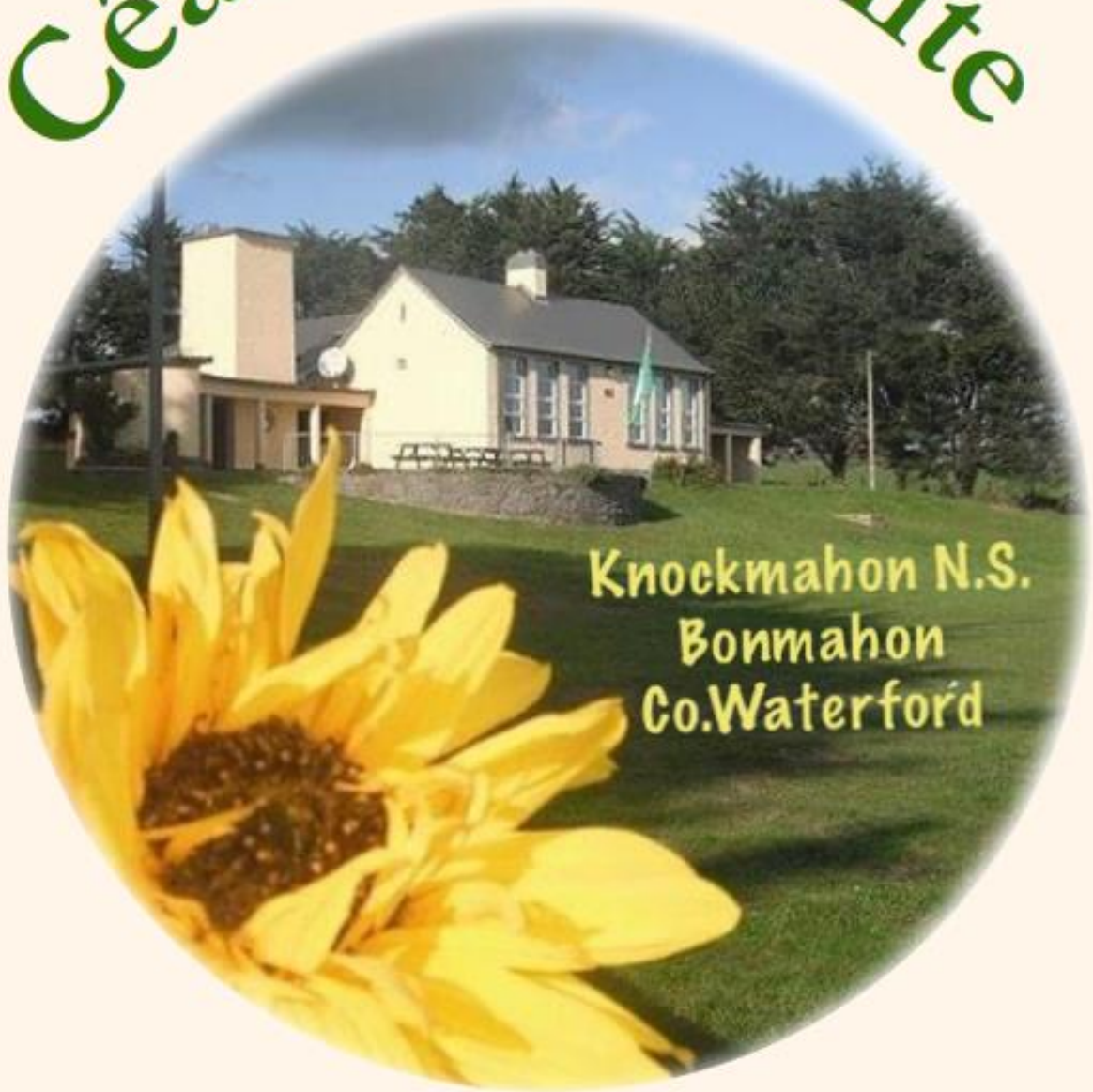


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Meet your principal



Greetings! I'm Bernadette Murphy, the new principal at Knockmahon N.S. With over 20 years of experience in various educational roles, including resource, learning support, mainstream, and ASD teaching,

I bring a deep passion for student growth and well-being. My professional journey has spanned urban and rural settings across Ireland and abroad, providing me with a comprehensive understanding of diverse educational needs.

I'm grateful for the warm welcome from the Knockmahon N.S. community and committed to fostering strong ties as we grow together. My mission is to create a nurturing, stimulating environment where every student can explore, excel, and grow, guided by our Catholic ethos, while respecting all faiths. I look forward to working with you all to make Knockmahon N.S. a place where students achieve academically and thrive as individuals



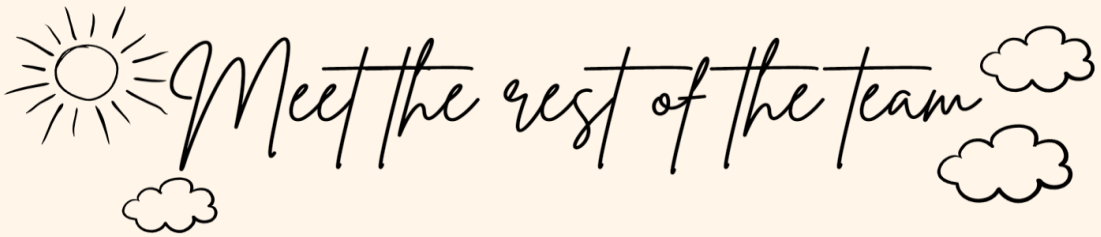
Meet your teacher



Hi, I'm Catriona Byrne, and I've been teaching junior room pupils at Knockmahon N.S. since 2002. I love fostering strong relationships with students, parents, and the school community, while creating a classroom environment that encourages creativity and supports varied learning needs.

I'm passionate about using the outdoors for learning, particularly in math's, science, and art, and our school has proudly worked towards our 11th Green Flag Award. With a Master's in Science Education, I'm deeply involved in science initiatives like the Discover Primary Science & Maths Awards.





Meet the rest of the team

Our incredible team of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) — Bridget Corcoran, Mary Coughlan, and Shauna Ryan — bring a combined 40 years of experience to the school.



Bridget is trained in Lámh sign system, allowing her to enhance communication with students with additional needs.



Mary holds a diploma in Autism Studies and a degree in Inclusive Disability Studies, which enriches her approach to supporting pupils with autism and other special needs.




Shauna is currently completing a degree in computer science and uses her knowledge to integrate assistive technologies in the classroom.

Our Resource Teachers

Additionally, we are fortunate to have the support of two shared resource teachers, Joey Miller and Clara Prude'homme, who contribute their expertise in ensuring that students requiring additional support in literacy, numeracy, and other areas receive the tailored guidance they need to thrive. Their collaboration with classroom teachers and SNAs strengthens the school's inclusive approach, ensuring that each child's unique learning path is fully supported.

Helen Butler is our dedicated school secretary here at Knockmahon National School, known for her efficient handling of school administration and warm welcoming demeanor. Ciaran Whelan, the school's caretaker/cleaner, helping to maintain a safe and clean environment for all. Both are integral members of the school community.



Our Mission Statement


To provide a caring environment where management, staff and parents work in partnership through mutual respect to develop the spiritual, personal and academic potential of each child according to his/her talents, skills and abilities. At Knockmahon N.S. our policy is to develop in our children the capacity to become self-confident, contributing members of society, who will have acquired a reasoned set of values, attitudes and beliefs.

We aim to create a happy, stimulating and secure environment for each child. Offer a well-structured, broad and balanced curriculum within the requirements of the Department of Education Curriculum, which meets the individual needs of each child.

Develop an awareness of the need for self-discipline, which leads to respect for other people and a sensitivity towards them.

Encourage the children to acquire positive attitudes towards others and an understanding of the wider world in which we live.

Develop a genuine partnership between the home and the school.



Prior to starting Knockmahon N.S.

- Invitation to attend 2 mornings for 2 hours before summer holidays in June [invaluable to your child to meet classmates and familiarise themselves with the school environment].
- Invitation to attend our end of year sports day [June] & end of year party.

Knockmahon N.S. Achievements & information

- Little Red Kettle interactive drama for all pupils
- 11 Green Flag Awards
- Active Flag Awards
- Blue Star Awards
- Science/Maths/Gaeilge Awards
- MIY/GIY mobile garden Awards
- 21st century school of distinction Award from Trinity College Dublin
- Free book scheme
- Grandparents/Community Day
- Musical Evening
- Annual school tour
- Christmas outing
- Whale & Dolphin Society
- Copper Coast Geo-Park
- Class DOJO to communicate daily with parents/guardians
- Junior & Senior Infants may stay from 2pm to 3pm if parents/guardians wish
- Progression to Secondary School programme for 6th class pupils
- Peace Proms
- Innovative learning environment
- ICT network/iPad learning
- Intimate class sizes – Small means BIG learning opportunities
- 2 acres of playing grounds which include a multi-purpose court [tennis, basketball], football pitch, a life-size outdoor chess board with chess pieces made by past pupils
- G.A.A. coaching – hurling/football/camogie
- Grow our own vegetables for cookery class
- Annual Surf Lessons with Bonmahon Surf School
- Swimming lessons for all classes
- Tennis lessons for all classes
- Cookery classes
- Knitting classes
- Tin Whistle classes

And much more!

Knockmahon National School

School Uniforms

School Crest available to purchase from office for €2.

Boys :

Green P.E. School Tracksuit and grey polo shirt
and / or
Green jumper, grey trousers, grey shirt and grey socks.

Girls :

Green P.E. School Tracksuit and grey polo shirt
and / or
Green jumper, grey trousers or skirt, grey shirt and grey socks.

**Please ensure that tracksuit tops and jumpers are labelled with
child's name**

Book Rental

There is no book rental fee for 2024 / 2025 school year as the cost will be covered by the Dept. of Education. All books are on loan and must be kept in excellent condition. Any voluntary contributions or other costs that arise can be paid directly to the school office or transferred to the school bank account; details as follows :

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KNOCKMAHON N.S.

HEALTHY LUNCH POLICY

***MONDAY TO THURSDAY – LUNCHES
FROM “RECOMMENDED” LIST OF FOODS.***

RECOMMENDED FOR LUNCH

Sandwich, Roll, Bread, Crackers, Wrap
Fruit, Vegetables
Milk, Water, Soup, Pure fruit juice
Scones, Plain buns, brack
Yogurt, Fromage Frais, Yogurt Drinks,
Cheese

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR LUNCH

Sweets, Bars, Chocolate

***FRIDAYS – TREAT DAY – CAN INCLUDE
ONE ITEM FROM THE ‘NOT
RECOMMENDED’ LIST.***





Talamh Festival
Visiting Artist



Art with
Nature



Celebrating
Success



Pride in our
Creations

A SNAPSHOT OF KNOCKMAHON



Enjoying our
new Library



Math through
Technology



Deacon lead
Prayer Service



Stone Stacking on
Bonmahon Beach

**YOU MAY FORGET THE GRADES, BUT YOU'LL
NEVER FORGET THE PEOPLE WHO MADE
YOU SMILE THROUGH IT ALL!**