

# DEIS 2011 – 2014 PLAN

## LITERACY GROUP

### REPORT AT THE END OF YEAR 1

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The main aims of the Literacy Committee for 2011 – 2012 were:

- to improve the literacy levels of all students
- to foster a love of reading for pleasure

#### **Reading Ages**

Third year students were tested in May 2012. The results indicate the improvement from the point of first assessment at point of entry, which varied over the 3 year junior cycle for some students. The results are as follows:

Students reading at below 10 years was reduced from 47% at entrance assessment to 16% at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

Students reading at between 10 years and 12 years was reduced from 18% at entrance assessment to 12% at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

#### **DEAR**

Drop Everything And Read was successful this year with many students borrowing books to finish reading at home.

#### **School Library**

New stock was bought for and donated to the school library. A borrowing facility operated every lunchtime. A record was kept of books borrowed. Many students used the library during lunchtime as a quiet, supervised place to read. The shelves are being carefully stocked and we are grateful for the help of Tina Whelan SNA who provides continuity of a library service.

#### **Book Clubs**

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year book clubs continue to be successful. This year the 1<sup>st</sup> year group met with novelist Mary Arrigan. The link with Athy Town Library continues to be very helpful.

#### **Keyword Posters**

MLL Inspectors commented on the high visibility of Keyword Posters in most classrooms. However, the Literacy Committee believes that Keyword Posters could have been used more consistently by senior classes.

#### **Make a Book**

The “Make A Book Project” was completed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year JCSP Class.

#### **Readalong**

The A3 group completed and enjoyed the Readalong.

## **Book Boxes**

The initiative of having boxes of books available for classes when a teacher was absent was successful.

The Literacy Committee was encouraged by the numbers of students who sat and read non-school material in areas of high visibility – eg the school hall – before school and during lunchtime.

Finally, the group thanked Irene who has been central to the Literacy Committee as its convenor since its inception.