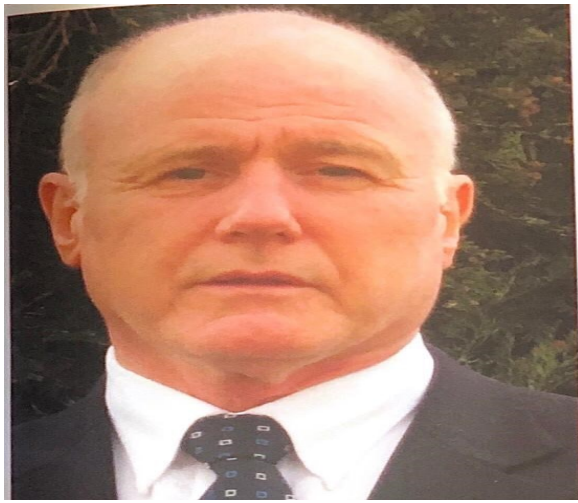


UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Mr Doran

Past



Mr Doran was the head teacher at St. Francis at the start of 2010. He left our school and settled into a blissful retirement in 2013. We didn't know Mr Doran but we have heard wonderful things about his time here.

One former pupil commented about his want for change. She stated; “At assembly every year, he would hold up a 1p coin and say that if every pupil put this in, then we would raise a lot of money for S.C.I.A.F. and make a big difference.” The S.C.I.A.F. tradition still goes on in St. Francis today. Other pupils commented on how he loved to be with the children out in the playground every break time—wearing his big yellow jacket! He was responsible for our amazing playground, outdoor classroom and trim trail! We love playing out there - thanks Mr Doran!

Mr Doran still comes into STFX often to see us and keep in touch! We hope you are enjoying your retirement and holidays in the sunshine!

Mrs O'Neill

Present



Mrs O'Neill came to our school in August 2014. We interviewed her and asked her some really interesting questions. She told us that life is really busy as a head teacher and explained what her daily routine can be like. She has introduced so many different ideas to our school in the years she has been here, but she is most proud of us (the children) —she even said we were **inspiring!**

In her interview she said; “During my first visit to the school, I knew I really wanted to be head teacher after speaking with the pupil council. I think our children are inspiring and if you get to be head teacher of a school like St Francis’ then you are very, very lucky.”

She is very sad to leave us but is looking forward to doing new things and spending her time with family.

We will miss her very much but wish her all the best for the future.

Mr Murray

Future



Mr Murray started in St Francis’ in 2015. He has been very happy and proud to be our depute head teacher, and is looking forward to the challenge of becoming acting head teacher. Mr Murray wants our school to continue to be happy, fun, and loving, and will work very hard with pupils, parents, and staff to support all children in being the best they can be!

In a statement from Mr Murray he said;

“Following our excellent inspection last year, I am looking forward to working with pupils, parents and staff to continue our improvement journey. I believe, as we move forward, it is important to equip children with the skills they need for life in the 21st century, therefore we will continue to embed learning experiences which are grounded in creativity, STEM and digital literacy.”

Thank you Mr Murray—we cant wait to see what the future holds!

Did you know?

• The first smartboard was installed in St Francis’ during this decade.

- Miss Williamson and pupils raised enough money to buy 16 iPads for our ICT suite.
- We are looking forward to a new nursery building coming soon.
- Our cross country team have had many successes this decade and are still thriving!

Inventions 2010—2020

Technology has really “wow-ed” us in the last ten years and some (not all) have had a significant impact on our learning.

- Netflix (no impact)
- iPad (original, plus 20 other different models.) We now use iPads weekly in ICT.
- Endless ways to pay for things. E.g. Apple pay, tap and pay, contactless. Now our teachers have to teach us more about different ways to use money.
- Alexa/Google home. (We need to speak very clearly).
- Apple/Google maps—(We need to know addresses and postcodes to help us use these.)