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Why SchoolWise?

We asked principal Gerry Watchorn why SchoolWise was his schools choice of platform.

“We had spent a couple of years trying out other solutions but none really met the needs of our school. The were either too complex to grasp, difficult to implement or just not coherent with the curriculum. SchoolWise already had an excellent relationship with a large number of schools and once we had a demonstration of the platform, we knew that they understood our needs inside out.”

“SchoolWise is very intuitive and user friendly, the step by step management of the platform and the huge capacity for the wider school community interaction is amazing” he added. “This is the single specific feature that really stood out for us was that we knew immediately we could adopt the platform right throughout the school. The benefits were immediate and staff cannot not live without it”.

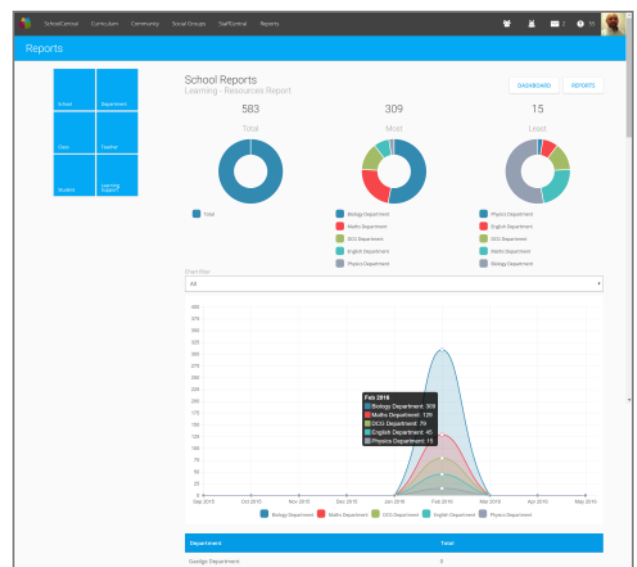
Impact of the platform

Presentation De La Salle are now realising all the benefits SchoolWise has to offer right across the school Gerry explained “we recently had a whole school inspection and SchoolWise became the cornerstone. It was fantastic to see that some subject departments increased their performance by over 60%. It was then we truly appreciated the impact the platform has had on our school”. He added “Staff are spending more time teaching and helping students and less time on planning and assessment, this is clearly evident in the outcomes of our students’ today”

Intelligent insights that matter

We take pride in the fact we are a company who have built a team that listens, and after consulting with our schools and the department, we built intelligent insights that seamless integrate into the platform that get results. It lets your school work together effortlessly by highlighting key metrics and trends in real-time that drive student success . Your school can make informed decisions while giving you back your time.

“The reporting available in SchoolWise is unmatched in anything that we have seen. It’s clear, concise and easy to understand.” said Gerry. “It tells us exactly what’s improving or declining with a student, class or even the school. It highlights in real-time any difficulties a student may have so that we can take the necessary action. It makes sure that no student gets left behind”



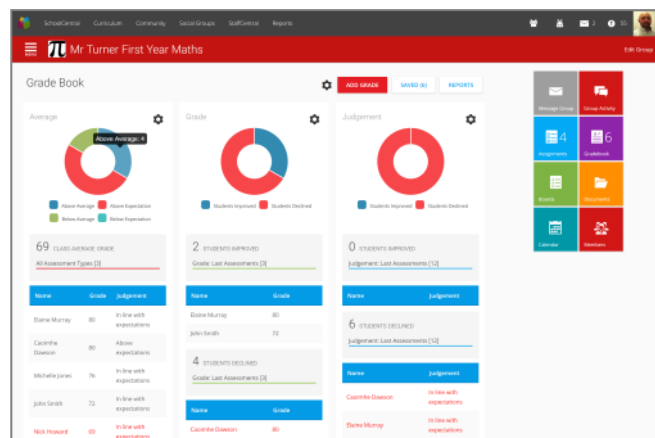
Head of the learning team Sally Ronayne outlined the transformation SchoolWise has had throughout the school.

How difficult was the platform to implement in the school?

“As teachers we did not have to waste time setting up the platform, all the hard work was done for us. We found it to be extremely easy to navigate and even the technophobes among us are able to master it within a very short period of time.” Sally also added “I could not imagine teaching now without the use of SchoolWise. It is an integrated part of our teaching, it is used as a school planner, calendar, tracking progress, providing feedback, resource bank, learning tool, revision tool, it encourages teachers to collaborate and allows students who are absent to catch up on work covered.”

Benefits to teaching staff

Staff in Presentation De La Salle are now reaping the benefits of SchoolWise to reduce their workload, save time and concentrate on what matters “70% of teachers surveyed in our school felt that as a result of SchoolWise, pupils were more likely to do their homework. It cut out any excuses like being away for matches or losing worksheets as the pupils could access the work from anywhere they had internet.” Sally explained. “Another very noticeable benefit observed by teachers is the reduction in the need to photocopy material for pupils. We have made huge savings and dramatically saved time preparing for each class.” Another unexpected benefit the school gained from SchoolWise Sally noticed “Teachers also reported growing in confidence with technology in general because of their engagement with SchoolWise.”



Student engagement and performance

We asked Sally how does the platform enhance the classroom experience for students “I use SchoolWise as an extension of my classroom, it allows me to post video’s, notes and other learning content that reinforces what I do in class. Students can comment on the work and learn from each other’s responses.” When setting the students assignments, Sally explained how in conjunction with the gradebook she can assess students performance “I love the freedom the pupils have when completing assignments, I am forever amazed at the quality of some of the PowerPoint presentations students turn in.” Sally added “The gradebook facility makes it easier for me to comment in a meaningful way on work submitted by students. It tracks their results for me and allows me to easily compare individuals performance with the class. It also lets me know in real-time any issues a student may have so I can take the necessary action.”

Supporting the School

We are proud that our platform is built on the direct feedback of our schools. Our team are always at the end of the phone to support and listen to you ensuring that SchoolWise constantly evolves to meet the needs of Irish schools.

We asked Sally what she thought of our support “SchoolWise are very responsive to any requests or queries we have and are always at the end of an email or phone to help with trouble shooting. They are always willing to listen to suggestions from teachers as to how the platform can be improved.”

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