



# LISNADILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS' REPORT

2014/15

The Board of Governors has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year 2014/15. If you wish to have additional information on any aspect of the Report, please forward your request to the Chairman of the Board of Governors within a week of receipt of this report.

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Chairman of the Board of Governors.

# LISNADILL BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## TERM OF OFFICE 2014/2017

CHAIRMAN	Rev Dr M C Kennedy
HON SECRETARY	Mr G Savage
MINUTE SECRETARY	Mrs V Martin
SELB REPRESENTATIVES	Mr A Cheevers (vice chairperson) Mrs J Pillow
TRANSFERORS' REPRESENTATIVES	Mrs A King Mrs E Black Mr D Graham
PARENTS' REPRESENTATIVES	Mr C Monaghan Mrs A Ferris
TEACHERS' REPRESENTATIVE	Mrs V Martin
PRINCIPAL	Mr G Savage

## **REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR**

The school year 2014/2015 has been a very successful one and many noteworthy achievements have been made in all aspects of schoolwork.

Our teachers have continued to place the development of a caring relationship with the pupils, high on their list of priorities.

The success of the school is reflected in the variety of activities promoted, which go well beyond the statutory requirements. The pupils have had the opportunity to interact with many people from different walks of life. We were grateful to Rev S. Finlay and Mrs R. Lavery, Mr P Martin and Mr A Osbourne for their christian teaching at assemblies each month throughout the year. Others who made a significant contribution to the school curriculum, were the PSNI and Fire and Rescue Service, Mrs A. Ferris, Mr E. Quinn and Rev B. Payne.

Several events were organised throughout the year, which were both entertaining and educational. A full list of events is contained in the attached Calendar of Events.

A Breakfast Club was established in February and continues to be very popular. Special thanks to Mrs A King for organising the club.

In October 2014 we established Lisnadill's first ever Parent Teacher Association and the dedicated parents and teachers raised money to help the school purchase a Defibrillator , Ipads and build a new sandpit.

## **THE CURRICULUM**

The school has a responsibility to provide a stimulating environment within which all children are valued and enabled to explore and fulfil their potential. The Staff continue to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of its pupils and, whilst recognising the importance of childhood, accept their responsibility to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Staff have again adhered to the School Development Plan. The plan looks at all aspects of school organisation and in particular the development of I.C.L. (Inter-Connective Learning), A.F.L (Assessment For Learning) through all areas of the curriculum, the assessment of Cross-Curricular Skills in Communication, Using Mathematics and Using ICT and analysis of data. Staff meetings were held regularly and teachers worked together on class planning to ensure continuity and progression in all areas of the curriculum.

Staff professional development and curriculum development were supported by attendance at courses in ICT (Ipad), School Development Planning, SENCO training , Every School a Good School, Managing Safeguarding and Child Protection in Schools , Writing Individual Education Plans and Mental Maths in the classroom.

Staff continued to monitor and review the achievement of all pupils and school reports were issued in the summer term. According to guidelines laid down by the Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment (CCEA), end of Key Stage and N.I.N.A. and N.I.L.A. Assessments were completed.

Progress in Maths (PIM) and Progress in English (PIE) Tests were also completed by all P3-P7 pupils. In addition to these tests, the school continued the Cognitive Ability Test for all P3 and P5 pupils ,ensuring that data could be used more effectively.

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding is not only concerned with external relationships but also with relationships in our own school. The Governors are pleased to note the caring emphasis that is at the heart of school life, and the respect which the pupils are encouraged to develop for themselves, other pupils and adults.

Children with Special Educational Needs were supported effectively in class by teachers , Mrs Baird ( Curriculum Support Teacher) and classroom assistants.

Once again we were able to offer Spanish Tuition through P.M.L.P. (Primary Modern Languages Programme). Our tutor was Ms C. Whyte. We are grateful to her for her efficiency and expertise. Unfortunately in March the Department of Education stopped funding for this programme.

## **CHILD PROTECTION**

We have all been made aware of the importance of protecting children in our care from harm. The Governors and staff of the school are committed to implementing good practice in childcare. All staff, teaching and non-teaching, have received general training on policy and procedures. In Lisnadill Primary School the designated teacher for Child Protection is Mrs V Martin (Senior Management) (In November 2015 – this will change to Mrs Speers) and the deputy designated teacher is Mr G Savage (Principal). All concerns or suspicions of staff or parents should be directed to the designated teacher, or, in her absence, the deputy designated teacher.

## **SCHOOL LIAISON**

Lisnadill Primary School seeks to involve parents in the education of their children. During the autumn and spring terms parental interviews were held. Other interviews were held at the request of the parent or school.

Regular news sheets and letters informed parents about school life. It is hoped to introduce Parent mail (a downloadable app) to engage with parents and save printing costs in the near future.

Parents, Grandparents and friends were made most welcome at the Harvest Services, Christmas Play, Carol Service, Sports' Day and other special events including the Summer Fair, an Open Night and the Book Fair. All these events were very well supported.

All children competed in Armagh Speech Festival winning their classes. A special cup was also awarded for overall excellence. We greatly value the expertise and support of one of our parents, Mrs Alison Ferris, with this very worthwhile venture.

Links between the school and neighbouring Primary and Secondary Schools were actively promoted as part of our liaison programme. Primary six children attended open days at Markethill High School, City of Armagh High School and The Royal School Armagh. Mr J Maxwell addressed a Transfer Meeting for P6 parents regarding arrangements for entry into Markethill High School. We have also created a Cross Phase Development link with Newtownhamilton High School, working with their Numeracy and Literacy Departments to benefit each school.

Once again our school hosted "Love for Life" which was attended by Newtownhamilton P.S., Derryhale P.S., Killylea P.S., Cortamlet P.S. and Hamiltonsbawn P.S.

Mrs Speers visited The Grove Nursery School and the Railway Nursery School to meet new P1 children in their own familiar surroundings.

P6/7 children made an educational visits to Ardmore to participate in "Bee Safe" Programme organised by PSNI and Fire and Rescue Service.

## **SPORT**

External support from Armagh Rugby and Hockey Clubs enabled us to secure coaching in rugby and hockey. We are most grateful to Mr H Doyle who coached rugby and Miss C Russell who provided coaching for hockey. Mr Savage provided football coaching for all P4-7 children. The squad participated in several tournaments. A girls football team was also formed and they participated in several tournaments organised by the IFA. The netball team participated in a tournament at the Hamiltonsbawn Primary School tournament.

Together, these have added a most popular and worthwhile dimension to the school's P.E. curriculum. We are most grateful to all our coaches for the sporting expertise they bring to the school.

Primary five and six pupils accompanied by Mrs Martin and Mrs McNeely gained valuable experience during a residential educational trip to Shannagh-More Outdoor Pursuits Centre. Once again staff at Shannaghmore complimented the children on their excellent behaviour and participation and said how much they always looked forward to Lisnadill Pupils coming.

In June all classes visited Oxford Island, Lurgan. The children enjoyed the farm , play area and maze.

## COLLECTIONS

### CHARITIES

RAF Wings Appeal	£67.04
Poppy Appeal	£179.00
Harvest - CRY	£488.00
Carol Service - CRY	£163.50
Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	£262.00
Ramp up the Red Day – British Heart Foundation	£109.40
Macmillan	£625.00

### SCHOOL FUNDS

Opening Balance	£7,225.04
Closing Balance	£6,110.00
School Fund Collections	
Photos	£136.15
Bookfair	£587.30
Concert	£1083.00
DVD	£78.00
Dance Lessons	£532.40

### **Parent Teacher Association**

**£6,815.66**

Each teacher received £1000 from LMS to buy books and teaching materials for their class. During the year, money from school funds was used to buy additional resources for the whole school. The money raised from excellent Book Fair sales was taken in free books for all classes. Other expenses included coaching, costumes, music, prizes and subsidising transport.

Once again parents collected Sainsbury's tokens which were used to obtain a great variety of new PE equipment for the whole school. This support is very much appreciated.

The Governors are very grateful to parents for their wonderful financial support to the school.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS and STANDARDS**

### **Numeracy**

#### **(2014-15 end of Key Stage Results)**

End of Key Stage 1 results- 92.3% of pupils achieve Level 2+

Boys at Level 2+ = 100% (8 out of 8)

Girls at level 2+ = 80% (4 out of 5) (1 child on SEN register)

End of Key Stage 2 results - 84.61% of pupils achieve Level 4+

Boys at Level 4+ = 87.5% (6 out of 8) ( 1 statemented child and other on SEN register)

Girls at level 4+ = 100% (5 out of 5)

### **Literacy**

#### **(2014/15 end of Key Stage Results)**

End of Key Stage 1 results- 84.61% of pupils achieve Level 2+

Boys at Level 2+ = 75% (6 out of 8) (2 pupils on SEN register and awaiting PERI support)

Girls at level 2+ = 100% (5 out of 5) (1 child on SEN register)

End of Key Stage 2 results - 84.61% of pupils achieve Level 4+

Boys at Level 4+ = 87.5% (6 out of 8) ( 1 statemented child and other on SEN register)

Girls at level 4+ = 100% (5 out of 5)

## **SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS**

13 children transferred to Secondary Education:

5 to The Royal School, Armagh

1 to Markethill High School

3 to Newtownhamilton High School

4 to City of Armagh High School

- The Blair Cup for Mathematics was awarded to James McConnell
- The Crozier Cup for English was awarded to Zachary Anderson
- The Anderson Cup for WAU was awarded to James McConnell
- The Woods Cup for Endeavour was awarded to Brooklyn Boyd
- The Pillow Sports Shield was awarded to Matthew Monaghan
- The Trevor Forster Memorial Trophy was awarded to Mrs Speer's P1/P2 class

- The Drumgaw Trust Fund was awarded to James McConnell, Matthew Monaghan, Hannah Graham and Katie Reddick (Top 2 boys/girls in June Assessments)
- The Menary Cup for Upholding the Good Name of the School was awarded to Katie Reddick
- The Dalzell Shield for The Arts(Music/Drama/Art) was awarded to Zachary Anderson
- The Harry Starrett Cup for Religious Education was awarded to Hannah Graham
- The Foster Cup for excellence in ICT awarded to Catherine Stewart
- Foundation Pupil of the Year was awarded to Hattie Cranston
- Key Stage 1 Pupil of the Year was awarded to Faith Nesbitt

12 children passed the Cycling Proficiency Test and were awarded badges and certificates to mark their achievements.

### **ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RATE**

The Average attendance for the year 2014/2015 was 96.1%

Our attendance average is good and above the Northern Ireland average and we try to encourage parents not to take children out of school for family holidays.

**Children up to the age of 8 need to attend school at least 3 hours daily in order to get an attendance mark. Children aged 9 and over must attend 4 ½ hours daily.**

## STAFFING COMPLEMENT 2013/2014

### TEACHING COMPLEMENT

Mr G Savage	P7	Principal
Mrs V Martin	P5/P6	Senior Management
Miss J Proctor	P3/P4	Senior Management
Miss T McNiece	P1/2	
Mrs P McNeely	P6/7	Part-time (2 days)
Mrs J Baird	Curriculum Support	3 hours per day , 4 days per week

### ANCILLARY STAFF

Mrs E Clarke	Secretary
Mrs D Thompson	Building Supervisor
Mrs Y Woods	Cleaning Assistant
Mrs J Hawthorne	Classroom Assistant
Mrs A King	Classroom Assistant (Feb – June)
Mrs G Hutchison	Classroom Assistant
Mrs A King	Supervisory Assistant
Mrs G Hutchison	Supervisory Assistant
Mrs P Hutton	After School Club Supervisor
Mrs N Dougan	After School Club Supervisor

## **PREMISES MANAGEMENT**

The SELB Building and Grounds Maintenance Staff continued to service the school. As our buildings have recently been upgraded or replaced, very few repairs were required throughout the year.

## **THANKS**

The Governors would wish to take this opportunity to record their appreciation and thanks to the Principal and Staff of the school (teaching and non-teaching) for their high level of commitment and the high standards achieved inside and outside the classroom.

The Governors also wish to record their appreciation to parents for their continuing support in achieving this high level of success.