

KIRKINRIOLA PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Annual Report of the Board of Governors

2016/2017 School Year

Chairperson: Mr P. McBurney
Secretary: Mrs E. McCaffery / Mrs J.Crabbe

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THE GOVERNORS

Board of Governors' Meetings

During the 2016/17 school year the Board of Governors held meetings on:
7th September, 19th October, 9th November, 11th January, 1st March, 26th April, 17th May and 15th June.

Composition of Board of Governors

Board Representatives	Mr P McBurney (Chairperson) Mr A Kennedy
Parent Representatives	Mr R Laird Mrs M Dale (Vice-chairperson)*
Transferor Representatives	Mrs A Ramsey Mrs L Torrie* Mr T Heaney Mr R Hayes
Secretary	Mrs McCaffery (Interim Principal)/ Mrs Crabbe
Teacher Representative	Mrs A McKelvey

Mr T Heaney and Mrs A Ramsey were elected as replacement Transferor Representatives from September 2016.

**Both governors resigned from their positions in the last term of 2017.*

During the year the governors discussed various businesses items from the Education Authority and the Department of Education with recommendations, where necessary, being implemented by the school.

SCHOOL FINANCES

The staffing resources and budget for the school were approved by the governors. The three-year financial plan for the period 2016 – 2019 has been approved by the governors and forwarded to the Education Authority for approval.

Financial Report: **2016/2017**

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Budget analysis	
Initial budget	169,452
Additional allocations	0
15/16 carry-over	-10,097
Total budget	159,355
Expenditure	
Staff costs	169,587
Non staff costs	17,364
Income	-1,112
Net expenditure	185,839
16/17 carry-over	-26,484

Private School Funds

The school has a private account with the Ulster Bank, Ballymena. Funds are used for educational visits, private transport and general purposes. The accounts are audited annually. Details will be made available upon request.

THE SCHOOL

Enrolment and Attendance

At the beginning of September 2016 the school roll was 35.

	% Attendance 2016/17
Primary 1	97.7
Primary 2	98.4
Primary 3	98.0
Primary 4	93.4
Primary 5	97.2
Primary 6	98.9
Primary 7	98.6
Totals	97.8

Building Accessibility and Security

The school is a one storey building, easily accessible and has a disabled toilet facility. Access is via a door entry intercom system. The outside of the building is monitored by CCTV. We have a safeguarding system where all visitors and staff must sign in. Only staff and visitors who have a current Enhanced Access NI certificate are allowed to work unsupervised with pupils.

Staff

Training and staff development through Performance Review and Staff Development (PRSD) are linked to the areas outlined in the School Development Plan. The staff attended various training courses throughout the year including Anaphylaxis Training, Computer Based Assessments & Review of CBA, Child Protection, ICT training, Safer internet Seminars, ASD Training workshops, COPD Literacy & Numeracy courses, IPad Training, First Time Principals Induction Programme, Heartstart, Forest School, Sustran, Assessment, SIMs Training, Shared Education and Global Learning Programme Training. School Development Advisor, Rosemary Nicholl, provided assistance with the Action Plans.

Parents

Parents play an important part in the life of the school and they are kept informed of all relevant aspects of school life through the monthly News Sheet, weekly letters, PTA and school Facebook pages and the School website (www.kirkinriolaps.co.uk). Parent Vision meetings were held: on, 12th October 2016 (School Development Planning) and 25th January 2017 (Healthy School & Communication). To support our work in E-safety Parents were given the opportunity to attend an E-safety workshop in Ballymena Primary School.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association has played an important role in the life of the school in the past year. The PTA held four fundraising events - Coffee Morning, Tractor Run Boden Event and the Spring Fair. The Boden Event was held in conjunction with with Kirkinriola Early Years (KEY). Money was also raised through the Easyfundraising Scheme.

The PTA has a private account with the Ulster Bank, Ballymena. Some of the money raised was used for refreshments at our Family Fun Night, Macmillan Coffee Morning, Open Day, Christmas Carol Service, Sports Day and Leavers Event Supper. They paid for buses to the Pantomime and school trips.

At the end of June the PTA paid for all the children to go on a trip to Sports Hut, they also invited parents to come along and paid for food for the children. The accounts are audited annually. Details available upon request.

School Council

School Council was re-elected in September 2016 and continued to meet regularly each month. This year they looked for ways to develop their role in other school projects like Sustran and Eco Schools. After considering the main road restrictions on active travel to and from school, they introduced 'Scoot and Skate' play days. These special days created opportunities for more active playtimes. They also rolled out

recycling boxes throughout the school and organised a system to record how much was recycled each week.

Special Educational Needs

The Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) oversees the application of the Code of Practice in the school, updates the register and acts as contact for teaching staff. Links are maintained with other professionals and support agencies to ensure that pupils with additional or special educational needs have their learning needs targeted and met.

School Inspection

On Monday 19th September 2016 ETI carried out a follow-up inspection. A report was issued by ETI on 21st October 2016 that included these key findings:

1. *The quality and effectiveness of leadership, management and action to promote improvement is now good.*
2. *The quality of learning and teaching remains good.*
3. *The standards and achievements in English and mathematics remain good*

Further details from this report can be found at:

<https://www.etini.gov.uk/publications/follow-inspection-kirkinriola-primary-school-ballymena-county-antrim>

They concluded that:

“Kirkinriola Primary School demonstrates the capacity to identify and bring about improvement in the interest of all the learners.”

The ETI will continue to monitor how the school sustains improvement in developing further the roles of the link governors. They also noted that it continues to be important that the employing authority, governors and the staff plan for, and manage, issues related to the sustainability of the school in order to address the current and future needs of the children and the staff.

End of Key Stage Results - June 2017 Northern Ireland % in (brackets)

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Key Stage 1

	Level 2 and above
English	100% (87.23%)
Maths	100% (88.96%)
ICT	100% (89.77%)

Key Stage 2

	Level 4 and above
English	100% (79.66%)
Mathematics	100% (79.84%)
ICT	100% (82.23%)

EXTRA CURRICULAR

The After School Club (ASC) continued to operate on a daily basis from 2.00 to 3.00 pm. Across the week every child from P1 – 3 stayed at least one day for ASC and enjoy the activities.

In addition to the Annual Extra Curricular Activities, Playsport NI, Jump NI, C.A.T.C.H. and Little Gladiators all provided planned programmes. Ian Getty also ran his annual Summer Sports School for the whole school. These programmes were made available to all pupils and ran under the guidance of staff, coaches and volunteers. All clubs were well attended.

Many of the children in P4 – P7 received Swimming awards and the majority of our P7 pupils completed the Cycling Proficiency Programme. The school took part in 'Cash for Clobber' where the children were encouraged to bring old clothes, textiles etc to school, to raise funds. This event was run in conjunction with Kirkinriola Early Years (KEY).

The Book Club continued and we held a Book Fair in May 2016. The children attending Kirkinriola Early Years were invited to visit the Book Fair. Five children received tuition from the NEELB Music Service for flute, clarinet and trumpet. We also introduced weekly lessons in bagpipes and drums.

The school had a very successful Sports Day with lots of families from the KEY also in attendance. Medals were presented to the P1-7 winners and Mrs Crabbe also presented shields to the winning team. Certificates were given to every child as recognition for their efforts in taking part.

Visitors to School

Visitors to the school included Education Authority officers, auditors, the Educational Psychologist, the School Nurse, representatives from Sustrans, the NSPCC, the PSNI and Broughshane Pipe Band, C2K and LNI support staff, the School Photographer and Maintenance Officers. A group of young people from Glarryford Young Farmers Club visited the school to talk to our P7 pupils. Link Governors made informal visits to classes in order to become more familiar with and be involved in school life.

The Recycle Bus Team visited the school in September 2016 and Primary 4-7 pupils enjoyed workshops provided by the Recycle bus team. They were also entertained in October by a team from the local Emergency Services who ran an engaging information workshop on Bonfire Night Safety. In Term 3 P1-3 pupils enjoyed Forest School sessions with Brian from Northern Ireland Forest School Association.

Everyone enjoyed Bible Club with Colin Tinsley in the week before Christmas. P4-7 pupils were given the opportunity to attend weekly "Pipes and Drums" lessons and a group of children performed with Broughshane Pipe Band at one of their events in Broughshane in February.

Clergy and laymen from local churches visited on a regular basis to conduct assemblies.

Educational Visits

In September Primary 5- 7 went on a trip to Navan Fort to learn about what life was like in Viking Ireland. In October Primary 1-4 also visited Greenmount as part of their topic work. Primary 7 pupils enjoyed visiting Dunclug College to watch their performance in December and P4-7 visited Prospect Nursing Home. During the Spring and Summer terms our P6 and 7 pupils engaged in various STEM and KNexx challenges with local primary schools. One team got through to the Northern Ireland Final of the Sentinus Young Innovators 2017 at the Ulster University Jordanstown on Monday 12th June 2017.

Primary 7 also attended a BeeSafe Event at Ballymena North Business Centre, to encourage safe behaviour and an appreciation of the emergency services.

The whole of P6-7 enjoyed the personal challenges offered by our residential trip to Crawfordsburn in June.

The whole school was given the opportunity to attend the Mr Hullabaloo Pantomime Snow White in the Courtyard Theatre, Newtownabbey in December and in May all pupils went on a trip by train to Portrush Lifeboat Centre.

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Charities

The school collected for the Macmillan Cancer Foundation, British Legion's Poppy Appeal, the Operation Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, NICCF, Children in Need and the British Heart Foundation. Overall, approximately £500 was raised by the children, parents and staff for good causes. The governors would like to express their thanks to all who contributed.

COMMUNITY LINKS

Education for Mutual Understanding

The children are encouraged to respect each other and people in the community. They met with other schools within the Ballymena area, in the swimming pool and in other sporting contexts and also in STEM activities.

We hosted a Year 4 Teaching Student from Stranmillis and two students from Dunclug College on work experience in the school.

We held a Christmas Carol Service in Cloughwater Church where every child took part in singing and sharing the story of the Nativity. The whole school also participated in Ballymena Festival, Radio Cracker and P4-7 sang at Prospect Nursing Home. The P4-7 Choir was highly commended in Ballymena Festival and P1-3 performed brilliantly in the 'Action Songs' category. The Annual End of Year Leavers Night and Prize Giving was held in Cloughwater Church Hall on the 27th June.

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Primary 6 pupils attended the Robotics Roadshow at Dunclug College, organised by STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) and the P7 children attended a Science Fair at Cullybackey College.

School council also led new recycling initiatives as part of the International Eco-Schools Litter Less Campaign funded by the Wrigley Company Foundation.

Pupils were encouraged to participate in a 'Maths Everyday Challenge' over the half term break in February. The Primary 5 – 7 took part in a Fun in Athletics event at the NRC Ballymena. In September we participated in 'No Pens Day' to promote talking and listening skills and pupils and staff also celebrated Roald Dahl Day by dressing up as a character from one of his novels. In September we celebrated the European Day of Languages. In March we dressed up again to celebrate World Book Day. In March pupils also participated in a "Bling Your Bike to School Day". In June Primary 6 & 7 participated in the annual football tournament at Cloughmills Primary School.

In September we ran a Family Fun Night and invited families from the local community to come along. In November, we had a successful Open Day with parents attending from a variety of local villages. The Tractor Run in December attracted people from both North and South of Ireland. The Spring Fair was also a huge success and we were delighted by the extensive support from our parents and the wider community. The PTA organised a fun filled night at The Sports hut for all our pupils as an end of year treat.

CHAIRPERSONS REMARKS

Once again this report outlines another productive and successful year for Kirkinriola Primary School. Having spoken personally to visitors involved in extra-curricular activities, the attitude and behaviour of our children has consistently been highlighted as an example for others to follow. It is obvious to governors who have attended various school events throughout the year that the school provides an enjoyable educational experience for the children.

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The 100% attainment of level 4 and above at Key Stage 2 is testament to the hard work of the staff and parents and your continued support and involvement in the educational experience of your children is encouraged.

It is worth remarking that the encouraging ETI follow up inspection in September 2016 is a welcome example of progress made under the stability of present day leadership within the school.

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The Board of Governors recognise the vitally important partnerships between staff, parents and the local community at this school and would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped and supported the school throughout the year.

Paul McBurney

Chairperson of the Board of Governors
November 2017