



Annual Report of the Board of Governors

The Governors of Moyle Primary School have produced this report in conjunction with the Principal as a record of the life of the school for the academic year September 2017-June 2018. The continued development of the school is in no small measure a result of the dedication and hard work of all associated with the school as they continue to strive to provide the best possible all-round education for the pupils in our care.

This report is presented to the parents of children attending the school. The Principal would be pleased to clarify or discuss any query parents may have in relation to this report.

The Board of Governors

The Board of Moyle was reconstituted in September, 2014 its term of office was for four years, therefore is due to be reconstituted in September/October 2018 and was as follows:

- Rev Dr. Paul Reid, Mrs Beverley Gingles, Mr Ross Thompson and Mrs Elaine Lee (from Sept 17) (Transferor Reps)
- Mr. Gary McAlister and Mrs Karen Weir (Education Authority Reps)
- Mrs. Nikki Marcus and Mrs Kerry Campbell (Parental Representatives)
- Mrs M Mann (from September 17) (Teacher Representative)

Mr Garrett and Mrs Plenderleith upon their retirements at the end of August 17 ceased their roles within the Board of Governors. The Governors wish to reiterate their appreciation to both for their outstanding service to Moyle Primary School.

Mr Hamilton upon his appointment as principal became secretary to the Board of Governors. Mrs Mann was elected by the teaching staff to replace Mrs Plenderleith as the Teacher's Representative. Mrs Elaine Lee replaced Rev S Forde representing St Cedma's Church as a transferor representative.

Rev Dr Reid and Mr G McAlister continued to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. The Board of Governors met as a full board on four occasions in 2017/18 and the various subcommittees met on five occasions.

The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the effective management of the school. The Governors have responsibility in relation to the curriculum, the appointment of staff, admission to the school, discipline and the school budget.

Review of the school year

Introduction

Moyle Primary School was able to build upon previous success in the 2018-19 school year.

School Development

We were in the final year, Year 3, of our School Development Plan.

For 2017-18 we focused on a number of main areas:

- Review of Spelling provision within the school within Literacy.
- To review our Positive Behaviour policy and write a new policy.
- To develop Outdoor Play for our Foundation Stage pupils.
- The implementation of Accelerated Reader for our P4-7 pupils to develop their independent reading skills.

Training and Curriculum Development

Staff training linked directly to the School Development Plan. Whilst with education cut backs there is less training available for teachers staff received training through EA courses, in-school training, weekly team meetings and school sourced training. Some of these courses included:

- Leadership Training for the Senior Leadership Team through Leon Edu.
- Pastoral Care Training for a teacher from each year group through Family Works NI and the East Antrim Principal's Association.
- Autism training for relevant staff provided by the Education Authority.
- Speech and Language training for all staff provided by Thornfield House outreach staff.
- Common Purpose leadership training

SCHOOL STAFF

During the 2017-18 school year there were the following staff changes;

- Mr Hamilton took up post as Principal in September 17, after leading Sunnylands Primary School in Carrickfergus for six years.
- Mrs Mann was appointed as Acting Vice-Principal from September 17 before being appointed to the role on a permanent basis in April 18.

- Mrs McCluskey was off ill for the first part of the year, covered by Mrs McCorkell. The Governors were pleased to see Mrs McCluskey recover and return to work in February 18 and are grateful to Mrs McCorkell for the work she did covering SEN intervention.
- Mrs Dianne McMillan covered for the career break and maternity leaves of Mrs McCalmont and Mrs McKay teaching our Learning Support 1 class. The Governors are grateful to Mrs McMillan for her excellent work during the year.
- Miss Armstrong joined the staff as a Learning Support Assistant in P4.

Pupil Achievement

All children in school are regularly monitored and their achievement recorded and celebrated. This information is used to inform planning to best meet the needs of the children. 98% of children at KS1 achieved level 2 or above in English and 98% at level 2 or beyond in Maths. 72% of KS2 children achieved level 4 or above in English and 74% at level 4 or beyond in Maths.

Extended Schools

Through Department of Education Extended Schools funding we were able to provide a number of additional activities and resources for our pupils. The homework club ran after school for targeted children. Our Accelerated Reading programme started with most pupils improving in their reading scores. We are grateful for the potential that the Accelerated Reading programme has to continue to improve our pupil's independent reading skills and are thankful to Mrs Webster, Miss Curran, Mrs Ford-Hutchinson, Literacy coordinator, and Mrs Hobbs for their work in setting up this initiative.

Our Breakfast Club continued to provide affordable care for working parents alongside our popular Allsorts Club for P1-3. Thank you to Mary, Louise, Janis, Ruth and others for their work in this area.

We added to our Extended Schools provision with the founding of a Board Games Club to give a wider range of choice for our pupils.

Through our participation in a cluster with Linn Primary School, Roddensvale School and Larne High School we were able to offer counselling for a few children provided by Barnardos.

Pupil Activities

The pupils took part in a number of activities to enhance their curricular experience such as:

Through our weekly assemblies we had speakers from; Old Presbyterian Church of Larne and Kilwaughter, St Cedmas, Gardenmore Presbyterian, Craigyhill Presbyterian Church, Millbrook Nazarene and CEF. We are grateful to the support from our local

clergy and the children enjoy the visiting speakers. Mr Hamilton took key stage assemblies where the values of the school were explored.

Pupils have enjoyed "Golden Time" each Friday for keeping the "Golden Rules. We have also celebrated success through the presentation of Pupil of the Week certificates in Assembly. Each month we had a BE focus to help with behaviour, with those who were following the bee got the chance to win a prize.

Each class has had the chance to extend learning through a special event or trip this year, with the highlights being Streamvale Farm, Carnfunnock and P7's four day residential to Woodhall Education Centre in Kilrea. In December the whole school visited The McNeill theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk, having a fabulous time.

Shared Education

We entered at the beginning of 2018 into a Shared Education partnership with Whitehead, St MacNissis and Olderfleet Primary Schools. The partnership was launched with a successful governor's evening at Curran Court where the governors enjoyed meeting their counterparts from the other schools. P2 and P5 participated this year enjoying trips to Carnfunnock, Breckenhill and World of Wonder. The pupils enjoyed visiting each other's schools and the staff enjoyed joint training sessions on The World Around Us and Outdoor Play. The six months work was celebrated at a parent's evening hosted by Moyle PS in June.

Events

The school held an Open night in November which was very well attended. At Christmas we entertained parents and the local community with our performances of The Nativity and our senior school carol service. Our popular Super with Santa went ahead despite challenging weather conditions and was well supported. We held a successful school fair in June, where we invited the local community into the school to raise funds.

Our award-winning choir went from strength to strength under Miss Wallace's leadership with success in the festival and developing of community links by singing in local nursing homes and at Broadway.

Parents

This year our Parents Group, organised a school fair, for the first time in a few years, a. Around £3,500 was raised for school funds. We are very grateful to the parents group for volunteering their time for the pupils in the school.

Multi-Agency Support

Our school has close links with many other organisations and we open our doors to a number of agencies supporting our families in school. Action for Children support several families in need and we have an excellent relationship with them. We developed a new relationship with Barnardos by becoming involved in their Friendship Group initiative.

Our SENCO continued her work in partnership with RISE NI, obtaining support for children with educational difficulties.

School Premises

We continue to enjoy well-built facilities having benefited from a school refurbishment programme in recent years and the Board of Governors will continue to invest in them.

POLICIES

A wide range of policies is kept in school and these include Child Protection, Anti Bullying, Special Needs, Positive Behaviour and Parental Access, Attendance and policies for the full range of curricular issues. Any parent requiring a hard copy of any policy can obtain one by ringing the school.

A Parental Focus Group was formed this year to gain deeper feedback on Board of Governors' proposed policies. One of the main policies they inputted to was our Revised Uniform policy. We are proud of the results of that new policy and feel that our pupils look well and represent our school in an appropriate way.

Finances – Significant income/expenditure

Total budget allocation 2017/18	£1,073,227
Carryover into 2014/15	£84,609
Staff Costs	Teaching £840,268 Non-Teaching £183, 826
Contractual Cleaning	£30,682
Gas Heating Costs	£5,700
Electricity	£4, 200
Books and Materials	£15,000
Carryover into 2018/19	£27,163

The Board of Governors is grateful to Mr Hamilton for the day to day management of the school finances.

This Annual Report is only a synopsis of the achievements and activities that took place in Moyle Primary School in 2017/18 For more information please contact Mr Hamilton at the school.