



**Portrush Primary School  
Board of Governors  
Annual Report to Parents  
2014/2015**

## Portrush Primary School

### **Roles of Governors**

Chairperson	Mr Alan Irwin
Deputy Chairperson	Mr Mike Matthews
Secretary	Mr Carwyn Guy

### **Transferor Representatives:**

Mrs Claire McDowell

Mr Stephen Mulholland

### **Education and Library Board Representatives:**

Mr Alan Irwin

Mr Norman Hillis

### **In Lieu of Transferor Reps:**

Mrs Liz Thompson

Mr Mike Matthews

### **Parent Representatives:**

Mrs Jayne Scott

Vacant

### **Teacher Representative:**

Miss Lynette Lipton

### **Principal**

Mr Carwyn Guy (Non voting member)

## **In the past year the Board of Governors have:**

- Ensured the school stays within its current budget plan;
- Produced and overseen the implementation of the School Development Plan;
- Produced an Annual Report to parents;
- Produced a Social Media Policy;
- Produced a Policy for the Administration of Medicines in School;
- Amended the SEN Policy;
- Updated policies in Child Protection, Drugs and Pastoral Care;
- Conducted PRSD of the Principal;
- Taken part in various training opportunities;
- Had input from teachers on SEN (Mrs Cameron) and Child Protection (Mrs McNeill)

## **Curriculum/Staff Development**

All staff undertook training with the Nerve Centre in the use of iPads in the classroom with animation as a focus. The school hosted a number of other local schools to avail of further training in four afternoon sessions

Mr Guy, Mrs Henry and Mrs McNeill took part in Assessment Manager training.

All staff received training from Steven Vandevyver regarding support and possibilities for children with visual impairment.

All staff had behaviour management support from Rosemary Briggs.

All staff received Maths development from Mrs McNeill and Literacy from Mrs Henry.

- Mrs Carruthers attended a C2k Course in September;
- Mrs Carruthers updated her training to allow her to provide Cycling Proficiency Training.
- Mrs Maguire took part in our own school fund for staff development and took part in two days training in Video Editing and Garage Band, again in partnership with the Nerve Centre.

- Mrs Cameron took part in updated training for SENCOs as well as training on planning for children with Autism. She also took part in Q Skills training within Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities.
- Miss Lipton took part in MASTS training covering areas of Mental Health Issues, Speech and Language in KS1 and an overview of ADHD Strategies. In her role co-ordinating Newcomer children she attended two days of Primary Modern Languages training. She also attended a CEA session regarding the Levels of Progression. Miss Lipton also accompanied a number of children taking their musical grades.
- Mr Birch updated his Heartstart Training allowing him to provide this to staff and children in school. He also took part in SENTIUNUS STEM in ACTION at the University of Ulster.
- Mrs O'Neill and Mrs McNeill participated in National Science Learning Centre funded courses through receiving 'Enthuse' bursaries on "DIY Science Toys" (3 Days)
- Mrs O'Neill also took part in Anger and Stress Management for children, run by the Northern Trust. She also accessed two days training on the Fronter tool in schools. Mrs O'Neill also acted as Secretary to the Local Schools' Football Association for the year.
- Mrs McNeill attended training on student mentoring from the University of Cumbria. She also attended a CEA session regarding the Levels of Progression and another supporting the moderation of Using Mathematics.

### **Extra Curricular Activities**

Children throughout the school were able to take part in a range of activities in the 2014-2015 year.

**Scripture Union**

**Girls' and Boys' Hockey**

**Cross Country**

**Golf**

**Cricket**

**LA Performance Academy**

**Craft Club**

**Film Club**

**Loom Band Club**

**Football**

**Surf Club**

**Recorder Club**

**Karate**

**Drum Lessons**

**Recorder Club**

**Crossfit Kids**

Both boys and girls took part in Irish Hockey Union competitions at Limavady Grammar School and the girls' team took part in a Coleraine High School competition.

The choir sang at various events including those at the P7 Graduation, our School Open Night, Portrush Town Hall and Coleraine Town Centre.

The Football Team took part in the Doherty, Mullan and Killowen Cups and the Portrush Schools' Cup (Karol Crawley Cup). Notable results included winning the Karol Crawley Cup and reaching the semi finals of the Doherty Cup.

The Cross Country Team took part in all qualifying events in the Causeway Area Cross Country series, with Patrick Irwin and the boys' team progressing to the Northern Ireland Finals at Mallusk along with two individual girls. Patrick produced a memorable run of results, finishing first in all three local events.

The cricket team reached the final of the Kwik Cricket Festival held at Coleraine Cricket Club.

Teams also entered the Coleraine Inter School Athletics Event in June and the 'Fun in Athletics' event at UUC.

Children in P6 and P7 enjoyed a series of Handball lessons with Gary Fowler from Causeway Coast and Glens Council and participated in a tournament with other schools at the end.

**PUPIL ATTENDANCE:**

The attendance statistics for the school are as follows:

2009/2010:	94.3%
2010/2011:	94.5%
2011/2012:	94.9%
2012/2013:	94.9%
2013/2014:	95.5%
2014/2015:	94.3%

## **THE PROVISION MADE FOR PUPILS WITH SEN:**

Children with Special Educational Needs are catered for in class through differentiated activities in both Numeracy and Literacy. Individual Education Plans are written for the children on the Special Needs Register by the class teacher. These plans set targets which are 'SMART' and are reviewed in February and June. Children who do not make anticipated progress, make their way along the stages of the code of practice and are seen by the Psychologist at Stage Three. The Psychologist visits school twice a year. Three children were in receipt of LTSS help on an individual basis. Two children had statements of Special Educational Needs and were receiving support in the form of classroom assistance. 13.61% of children in school are on the Special Needs Register at different levels of the Code of Practice. Mrs Cameron continued to act as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

### **Community Involvement**

Every class in school took part in a 'Rise and Shine' Assembly which is a highlight for parents and extended family to attend, always being greatly supported by the extended school community.

Over 100 grandparents attended 'A Grand Day Out' in school enjoying a meal and getting to engage with their grand children in the classrooms.

The choir, led by Miss Lipton, performed in the RNLI Fundraiser in the Town Hall and at A Grand Day Out, as well as The White House, Coleraine Town Hall and Bennett House in the run up to Christmas.

All the children celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and enjoying traditional stories told by Irish Story Teller, Joe Brennan.

Christina McGarvey continued to provide Spanish Lessons to our younger children, however, during the course of the year, the funding for this was withdrawn and the classes ceased to exist.

All children enjoyed the visit of Konflux Theatre group to school in December, performing A Christmas Carol as a Christmas treat.

Mrs Henry's class welcomed a parent in school with lambs showing the children how to care for and look after them. Primary One children also visited Portrush Post Office as part of their 'Post' topic and visited the beach and Barry's for their end of term trip along with the children in Primary Two.

The children from Ballywatt's Watt Fun Group and Portrush Community Playgroup visited the school at different times throughout the year, including a Christmas Visit to see Santa.

Primary Two children took a class visit to Tesco in Portstewart to support their Healthy Eating Topic. They also had a visit from the PSNI to their classroom as well as Thai children from Willie's Orphan Fund.

Mrs Maguire and Miss Lipton co-ordinated the choir in performing alongside a RNLI fundraising event in the town hall.

Children from school entered a Pirates Off Portrush Art Competition with Jacob Hall winning the overall prize from local primary schools.

Primary 3 & 4 children visited Watertop Farm. The P4 children completed a series of visits to Portrush Library as well as visiting the Pits of the NW200 and Watertop Farm. They also received visits from parents regarding sign language and hearing (Emma Simmons), sight (Judith Ball) and the local Scouts group (Karen).

A number of P4 girls also independently decorated and sold glass jars at home and in school for an endangered animal charity.

The children in P5-7 visited Dunluce School for their Christmas Show.

The Primary Five children took part in the NI Film Festival taking a trip to Flowerfields to see 'La Reine Soleil' to support their Ancient Egypt topic. They also enjoyed the 'Hit the Surf' programme with the RNLI on the East Strand and an Ulster Scots Play at Dunluce Castle. They also enjoyed a summer day out at the local rockpools, the Coastalzone and Barry's.

Every child in school took part in our Christmas Show-'Christmas with the Animals' performing to packed audiences and rave reviews and raising a substantial amount for the Causeway Coast Dog Rescue. The founder, Maggie, was moved to tears, both by the performance and the generosity of the children and the audience.

Various children in school were prepared for instrumental exams in P5,6 and 7 passing grades one and two in violin, flute and clarinet.

The P6 class received visits from Adam McCready of Scripture Union NI, a 'rapping scientist' from UUC, the Dairy Council regarding Healthy Eating and

the School Nurse regarding Keeping Safe in the Sun and Sea. They also visited Coleraine Town Hall for a Mesolithic Mountsandel Workshop and visited the beach for their summer day out.

The P7 class attended a 'Streetwise' event and enjoyed, with the support of the PTFA, our traditional Leavers' Day out in the summer term. They also took part in a Causeway Enterprise Agency STEM Roadshow and had visits from The Bank of Ireland. They also worked with the local council regarding redevelopment work at the White Rocks beach. At Christmas they visited Portrush Presbyterian Church for their 'Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' event. They also visited Dunluce School and North Coast Integrated for their Open Days as well as welcoming Dr Carruthers who sought their views on the local merger to create the new Coleraine Grammar School.

Children in P6 and P7 hosted children from St Patrick's PS for the visit of a 'Lights, Cameras, Maths' roadshow. Children in P5-7 also enjoyed a visit from The Dairy Council and visited Dunluce School to enjoy their 'High School.'

All children enjoyed celebrating the European Day of Language in September in their own classrooms.

There were two residential visits undertaken by the school, both four day visits, to England and Bushmills.

Children in school took part in a host of local competitions including an iCare opticians Art competition, a LIDL competition, a Specsavers Superhero competition, an RNLI competition, a Pirates off Portrush event, a Potato Festival event, a Cancer Focus NI competition, and the BBC 500 word story competition.

### **Mother and Toddler Group**

Our Mother and Toddler Group in the Community Room on Thursday mornings continued to flourish throughout this year and gave many children their first taste of Portrush Primary School. We express our thanks to Kathleen Curran for leading these sessions. As well as her role as school 'Lollipop Lady,' Kathleen has been a revelation in this post and we greatly appreciate her efforts! Father Christmas himself also paid a visit to the group bearing gifts and spreading cheer.



## **School Council**

The School Council met at the beginning of September and discussed a number of charities that the school might support during the year.

The three that were finally chosen were The Dogs' Trust, The RNLI and MacMillan Cancer.

The Christmas concert was planned around the theme of animals and Maggie from The Dogs' Trust was invited along to watch all of the children from P1-P7 perform on the stage. She really enjoyed the evening and was delighted to receive a substantial cheque to help dogs that needed new homes. Then in the spring term a non-uniform day was held to raise funds for the RNLI.

The final event organised was a day that had exercise and healthy eating as its main focus. Gillian Anderson a local personal trainer led fitness session for all classes. The children raised money and Gillian then returned to talk about her fund raising trip to the Inca Trail. The children really enjoyed hearing all about this fantastic adventure and the slides that Gillian showed really brought her travels right into the assembly hall.

## **Pre-school Links**

The school continued to reaffirm its strong links with our local Playgroups, Ballywatt and Portrush Community Playgroup.

Portrush Community Playgroup use our hall on a twice weekly basis for their activity sessions and all the children paid a visit to school at Christmas to meet Santa!

The children from Ballywatt also came along to meet Santa and also revisited in the summer term for an indoor and outdoor play invite.

Both groups maintain good links with the school and are always welcome!

## ASSESSMENT OF CROSS CURRICULAR THEMES 2013/2014:

In the 2012/13 academic year, there was a stiffening in the assessment process for schools, in that the standard of competence demonstrated in each area must be 'across the breadth of requirements,' and each child must demonstrate, 'the ability to work consistently and independently in most aspects of the level,' indeed, 'at or above the level for an overall level to be awarded.' The impact of this is that the achievement of level 3 in Key Stage 1 and level 5 in Key Stage 2 has become much more difficult, significantly impacting our predictions. These are highlighted by the figures \*

The figures produced for all schools to use in June 2015 come with the stipulation "Due to industrial action the NI Summary Average % is not based on the full cohort of pupils."

<b>Key Stage 1</b>		<b>PPS Prediction</b>	<b>PPS June 15 Actual</b>	<b>N.I. Av. June 2015</b>	<b>Targets for 2015- 2016</b>
<b>Communication</b>	% of pupils at:				<b>Communication:</b>
	Withdrawn		0%	1.89%	-
	Level 1	5%	5%	9.37%	10%
	Level 2	77%	81%	70.21%	73%
	Level 3	18%	14%	18.53%	17% *
<b>Using Maths</b>	% of pupils at:				<b>Using Maths:</b>
	Withdrawn		0%	1.87%	-
	Level 1	9%	0%	7.89%	7%
	Level 2	64%	81%	71.67%	76%
	Level 3	27%	19%	18.57%	17% *
<b>Key Stage 2</b>			<b>PPS June 15 Actual</b>	<b>N.I. Av. June 2015</b>	<b>Targets for 2015- 2016</b>
<b>Communication</b>	% of pupils at:				<b>Communication:</b>
	Withdrawn	-	0%	0.25%	-
	Level 1	-	0%	1.53%	-
	Level 2	-	0%	4.21%	-
	Level 3	6%	16%	17.03%	12%
	Level 4	84%	54%	60.08%	81%
	Level 5	12%	30%	16.90%	7% *
<b>Maths</b>	% of pupils at:				<b>Using Maths:</b>
	Withdrawn	-	0%	0.22%	-
	Level 1	-	0%	1.51%	-
	Level 2	-	3%	3.64%	-
	Level 3	16%	13%	17%	12%
	Level 4	56%	43%	54.78%	50%
	Level 5	28%	41%	22.85%	38% *

## PORTRUSH PRIMARY SCHOOL: FINANCIAL PLAN 2014-2017

<b>BUDGET ANALYSIS</b>	<b>2014/15</b>		<b>2015/16</b>		<b>2016/17</b>
Initial Formula Allocation	570,189		577,761		584,523
Audit Adjustment	-2,987				
Carry over 2013/14	17,528		12,139		8,159
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>584,730</b>		<b>589900</b>		<b>592682</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Teaching Staff Costs	427,131		428,204		435,000
Non Teaching Staff Costs	91,163		92,537		92,000
Energy Costs	7,647		15,000		15,500
Premises Costs	4,584		6,800		7,000
Building & Grounds Maintenance	7,932		6,000		6,000
Furniture & Books	22,328		19,000		17,000
Supplies & Services	12,782		9,400		10,000
Transport	963		2,500		2,500
Establishment Expenses	2,621		2,300		2,500
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>577151</b>		<b>581741</b>		<b>587500</b>
Less Income	4560				
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>572591</b>		<b>581741</b>		<b>587500</b>
<b>Carry Over 2014/15</b>	<b>12139</b>	<b>Est surplus 2015/16</b>	<b>8159</b>	<b>Est surplus 2016/17</b>	<b>5182</b>

<b>Glossary:</b>	
<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>ADHD</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
<b>CEA</b>	Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment
<b>C2K</b>	Classroom 2000-The body that provides the technology infrastructure to schools throughout Northern Ireland.
<b>INSET</b>	In Service Training
<b>Key Stage 1</b>	Group name for P3 and P4
<b>Key Stage 2</b>	Group name for P5-7
<b>LTSS</b>	Literacy Teaching Support Service
<b>MASTS</b>	Multi Agency Support Team Service
<b>PRSD</b>	Performance Review & Staff Development
<b>SEN</b>	Special Educational Needs
<b>SENCo</b>	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator In Portrush PS, Mrs M Cameron
<b>SMART</b>	Smart, measurable, attainable, realistic & time bound
<b>STEM</b>	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

