

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL DUNAMORE



PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

2014 - 2015

Dear Governors

I am delighted to present to you my Principal's Report for the school year 2014/2015.

In presenting you the Annual Report this is an opportunity to take stock of where we are as a school as well as looking forward to the challenges ahead.

This year has been another busy and eventful year marked by pupil achievement in examinations, sport and music.

Our school continues to place emphasis on the development of St. Mary's as a community school and is pleased to note the success of the After School Programmes and the increasing opportunities for parents to become involved in the life of the school.

Our enrolment continues to increase and this year we have reached our maximum enrolment of 189.

A refurbishment programme costing £250,000 was completed in June this year. We are delighted with the new P7 Classroom & toilets, central resource area, two additional rooms, staffroom and covered outdoor play area.

Finally I would like to thank all the staff of the school for their hard work and commitment over the last school year and to all the parents for their continued support and co-operation.

A special word of thanks to you, the Board of Governors, for your invaluable support, guidance and reassurance during this year.

I trust you will find this report interesting and informative.

Yours sincerely

Miss Devlin

Principal

The Board of Governors

St. Mary's Primary School, Dunamore

2014/2015

Chairperson:	Fr Paddy Hughes (Trustee Representative)
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Mrs C Kelly	(Trustee Representative)
Mrs Donna McCrory	Parent Representative
Miss S Devlin	(Principal)
Mrs F Mc Cormack	(Teacher Representative)

Positions held.

Chairperson:	V Rev Paddy Hughes
Vice Chairperson:	Mr Chris McCarney
Secretary:	Mrs Caroline Kelly

The Role of the Board of Governors

Governors attend regular meetings at least once per term and often more when a subcommittee such as the Appointments Committee have to meet.

What are their responsibilities?

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school including:-

1. The maintenance of the Catholic ethos.
2. Oversight of the Curriculum.
3. Selection of staff and other personnel responsibilities.
4. Performance Review and Staff Development.
5. Admission Policy.
6. School Finance.
7. Maintenance of the school premises.
8. Implementation of new legislation.
9. Fostering community links and pursuing the objective of mutual understanding.

What does this mean in practice?

The Governors work in partnership with the principal and staff to ensure the provision of the best possible education for your children.

Constitution

- 4 - Trustee nominees
(At least one person)
- 2 - SELB nominees
- 1 - DENI nominee
- 1 - Parent elected
- 1 - Teacher elected

The principal is a member but does not have a vote

The School at a Glance

Enrolment

Staffing is mainly dependent upon the number of pupils enrolled at the school. The enrolment number for the school year 2013/2014 was 187.

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Total</u>
	P1	12	10	22
	P2	16	14	30
	P3	18	12	30
	P4	13	11	24
	P5	15	9	24
	P6	14	15	29
	P7	15	15	30
TOTAL		103	86	189

Teaching Staff

Principal Miss Devlin

P.1 Mrs O'Hanlon

P.2 Mrs Toner

P.3 Mrs Mc Allister

P.4 Miss Lambe

P.5 Mrs Mc Cormick

P.6 Mrs Mallon

P.7 Mrs Quinn

Ancillary Staff

Miss Mc Garrity	Secretary/Senior Supervisor
Mrs K Mc Guigan	Secretary
Mrs Mc Glinchey	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Mc Elhatton	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Jackson	Classroom Assistant
Mrs O'Kane	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Mallon	Supervisory Assistant/Cleaner
Mrs Warnock	Cook / Cleaner
Mrs Conway	Senior Cook
Mrs Mc Gurk	Cook
Mr Quinn	Bus Driver
Mr J McHugh	Bus Driver
Mr G Atwood	Caretaker

Music/Drama/Sport Coaches

Mr Faulkner	Music Coach (SELB)
Mr Canavan	Music Coach (Cookstown Council)
Mr Ronan Devlin	GAA Coach (Ulster Council)
Mrs Lorena Perez	Spanish Tutor
Shelly O Connor	GAA Coach (Ulster Council)

Attendance

During the year the attendance was 96%.

Report to Board of Governors **School Year 2014/2015**

The 2014/2015 school year was jam packed with events and marked by significant pupil achievement in examinations/sport/music and other areas.

Notable successes included the performance of our Football & Netball Teams in their local tournaments, excellent results achieved by our pupils in their two monthly assessments and the end of year tests in PIM, PIE, NGRT, Spellings and Mental Maths.

These are just some of the many successes recorded by pupils and staff during 2014/2015 others are documented elsewhere in this report.

The following bullet pointed report has been divided into Curriculum, Assessment, Religious Education, Special Needs, Successes, Community, Buildings and Finance.

Curriculum

- Implementation of the New version GL Assessments in PTE & PTM, NGRT, Spelling and Mental Maths
- Extended Schools brought additional clubs and activities, i.e. i-Pad Club & Eco Club. (See appendix 1 & 2).
- Curriculum Night for Parents – Tuesday, 25th November 2014
- Performance data booklets completed by staff
- Teachers attended training and disseminated information to all staff (See appendix 3) & Staff Development Days 2014.15 (Appendix 4)
- PRSD – Completed by staff
- All staff produced End of Year Reports
- Principal attended Principals' Cluster Meetings throughout the year.
- Action Plans were drawn up by staff which formed the bulk of our curriculum work this year
- Whole School Assemblies & Class Assemblies

- Literacy Co-ordinator & classroom assistants participated in the Talking Partners Programme.
- Spanish Primary Modern Language Programme continued for Foundation Stage and KSI in Term 1 & 2 (Programme withdrawn from school due to funding)
- Fundamental Skills & GAA coaching provided by Ulster Council
- Dairy Council Food & Fitness Talk P5 &P6 – Monday, 27th October 2014
- World Maths Day – Wednesday, 4th March 2015
- World Book Day – Friday, 6th March 2015
- Literacy & Numeracy Support Programme provided for P3-P7 in Term 1
- Afterschool Clubs continue
- Stem Workshops for P2,P4&P7 classes February/March 2015
- IZAK9 – Presentation to P7 pupils – Tuesday, 28th April 2015
- Whole School Sports Days held in Gortacladdy – Tuesday, 16th June, 2015
- Records of Achievement Ceremony- Friday, 26th June 2015

Assessment

Assessing children's learning is on-going within our school. Teachers in St. Mary's are committed to raising standards in Literacy and Numeracy. Bridging the gap in achievement between the high and low achievers, targeting UA and tracking pupil's performance continues to be a key focus within our School Development Plan.

The performance of our pupils in various internal exams was very good this year. Refer to (Appendices 5-11)

The pupils successfully completed G L Assessments in PTM, PTE, and Mental Maths Spellings & NGRT in May 2015.

- Destination of Pupils transferring:

St Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt	2
St Joseph's, Donaghmore	7
St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	1
Rainey Endowed Magherafelt	1
Holy Trinity College, Cookstown	18
Dean Maguire	1

Religious Education

- The strong and vibrant Catholic ethos of the school was reflected in the many ceremonies and events which took place during the last year.
- These began with a school Mass on Friday, 19th September, 2014 and culminated with First Holy Communion on Saturday 9th May 2015 and Confirmation on Friday, 5th June, 2015.
- Our Diocesan Adviser visited our school on Monday, 1st June, 2015. She was most complimentary about the standard of teaching and about the attitude of the pupils.
- Catholic Schools Week- Sunday, 1st February to 8th February 2015

Class Religious Assemblies 2014/15

Friday 5 th October	P2
Friday 8 th November	P5
Friday 7 th February	P3
Friday 7 th March	P4
Wednesday 16 th April	P6
Friday 9 th May	P1
Wednesday 25 th June	P7

Parents attended these Religious Assemblies

Special Needs

- Provisions for children with Special Needs continue to be closely monitored and evaluated. This continues to be an area for development in the School Development Plan.
- There are 18 approximately pupils on the register at the various stages (June 2015). There is one child in the school with a full statement. Mrs Mc Elhatton is employed to work with this child.
- Early Identification continues to be a priority within the school.
- As our school is a MAST School we encourage our staff from P1-P4 to avail of this service.
- Staff have availed of the MAST Services this year.

Successes

- Beginning of School Year Mass - Friday, 19th September, 2014
- Curriculum Night for parents – Tuesday, 25th November 2014
- Afterschool Clubs, Homework Clubs & P7 Cycling Proficiency
- Whole school Assemblies (Presentation of Certificates) & Class Assemblies

- Cookstown in Harmony Friday, 12th December 2014
- Christmas Production ,Halloween Dance & Ceili
- Non-Uniform Days (money donated to charities)
- Religious Inspection Monday, 1st June, 2015
- Successful Playground Friends Scheme continued
- Fundamental Skills & GAA Programmes delivered by Ulster Council Coaches
- Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 5th June, 2015
- St Mary's Netball Team, Football & Rounders' Teams won key tournaments during the year
- The Netball Team qualified and participated in the Northern Ireland Primary Schools' Netball Tournament in the Foyle Arena Derry on Saturday, 6th June 2015
- The Rounders' Team participated in the Ulster Rounders' final – Wednesday, 24th June 2015
- Dale Farm Art Competition – KS1 winner
- Reading Partnership Programme continues to be implemented in the school
- First Holy Communion on Saturday, 9th May 2015
- Whole School Sports Day Prize Giving Ceremony Tuesday , 24th June 2015
- P7 Records of Achievement Ceremony Friday, 26th June 2015
- Gavin Devlin provided GAA coaching for P1-P7 pupils. (Partially Funded by Kildress Wolfe Tones Tonnes)
- The Refurbishment Programme was completed in Term 3 2015

Community

- Traditional and Instrumental Music continues in the school
- Swimming Programme offered to P4-P7 Pupils
- Start of New School Year Mass on Friday, 19th September, 2014
- Halloween Fancy Dress Ball – Monday, 27th October, 2014
- Parent-Teacher Meetings Tuesday, 28th October, 2014
- P7 Trout Hatchery Project Term 1 & 2
- Dairy Council Food and Fitness Workshop- Friday, 14th November, 2014
- Curriculum Night for Parents on Tuesday, 25th November, 2014
- GAA School Coach – partially funded by Kildress Wolfe Tonnes
- Cross Community Event Cookstown in Harmony Friday, 12th December 2014
- Whole School Christmas Production – Sunday, 21st December, 2014
- Ceremony of Light P7 pupils – Saturday, 1st January 2015
- Cookstown Fire Service- Fire Talk to P5 Pupils Thursday 9th January 2015
- Linguistic Phonics Workshop For P1 & P2 Parents Monday 13th January 2015
- NI Library Service – Monday 20th January 2015
- Dental Screening-P1-P4 Pupils Wednesday 29th January 2015
- Credit Union Quiz- Monday, 2nd February, 2015
- Catholics Schools Week Sunday, 1st February to Sunday 8th February 2015
- Girls Indoor Football Tournament- Thursday 29th February 2015
- Netball Tri-County Tournament – Friday, 21st March 2015
- Trocaire loose change Collection raised £112.85 for Trocaire Appeal
- Linguistic Phonics Workshop – P1 & P2 Parent - Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015
- School Ceili Friday , 14th March 2015

- Flames Festival for P6 pupils – Mid Ulster Arena – Thursday, 19th March, 2015
- Sacrament of Penance – St Mary's, Dunamore Wednesday 26th March, 2015
- First Penance –P4 Class Tuesday, 24th March 2015
- Community Nurse – Isobel Brown visited classes throughout the year
- Class assemblies attended by relatives
- Holy Trinity Cluster Programmes with St. Mary's and St. Joseph's,
- P5- P7 Confessions in St Mary's Church Dunamore
- Sacrament of Holy Communion – Saturday, 9th May 2015
- Credit Union Presentation – Monday, 9th May, 2015
- Travelling Book Company Fair – Pupils & Parents
- Holy Trinity College Taster Day for P6 pupils on Wednesday ,4th June 2015
- P6 Taster Day Visit – Holy Trinity College Wednesday, 3rd June, 2015
- Sacrament of Confirmation – Friday, 5th June, 2015
- Parent Meeting for new P1 intake on Friday, 12th June, 2015
- Nursery Pupils visit to P1 Class Friday, 12th June, 2015
- Healthy Eating Week – 1st – 5th June, 2015
- P7 Records of Achievement Ceremony Friday, 26th June, 2015

Buildings

- A new fire and intruder alarm has been installed in the school this year.
- Playground markings have been laid out in the front playground.
- A refurbishment Programme costing approximately £250,000 has been completed by the Department Of Education.

Finance

- The award of the Extended School Fund ensured that the After Schools Programme continued to flourish.
- LMS Budget

Private School Funds

The Alliance and Leicester Account has been used to purchase resources for the school.

Appendix- To Follow

