

BELLAGHY PRIMARY SCHOOL



GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

BELLAGHY PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2010-11

Chairperson: Mr R Overend

Secretary (non voting): Mrs ML Richmond

NEELB Representatives: Mr J Graham, Mr J Junkin

Parent Representatives: Mrs W Bruce, Mr M Clarke

Transfer Representatives: Mr R Overend (Chairperson), Mrs L Crockett,
Mr A Montgomery, Rev J Sloan

Teacher Representative: Mrs J Torrens

Responsibilities of Governors:

Our Board of Governors is responsible for the management of our school. The members are required to meet three times each year but in practice, they meet much more frequently.

Some of their duties include:

- The overall management of the school, including the curriculum and discipline
- Control of the budget
- Provision of information to parents
- Selection of staff
- Admissions Policy
- Maintenance of premises (shared responsibility with NEELB)
- Fostering links with community
- Responding to Dept of Education and NEELB initiatives on matters which affect the school
- Reporting to parents

The day to day administration, management of the budget and organisation of the curriculum have been delegated to the Principal.

STAFFING 2010 – 11

TEACHING STAFF

Principal

Full Time Teacher P1-4 – Mrs ML Richmond

Part Time Teacher P5-7 – Mrs J Torrens

Part Time Teacher P1-7– Mrs E Overend

NON-TEACHING STAFF (Part-Time)

Classroom Assistant: Mrs Y Davidson

Classroom Assistant: Mrs C Mulholland

Secretary: Mrs R Hamilton

Caretaker: Mrs M Johnston

Lunchtime Supervisor: Mrs C Mulholland

Lunchtime Server: Mrs Marguarite Collins

Students: Miss Elaine Wilson

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance for the school year 10-11 was 98.5% - an increase from last year's percentage.

ENROLMENT

Pupil enrolment in this year was 34. We were delighted to welcome four children to P.1 in September 10 and one child joined us in P2.

TRANSFER

Three children transferred to Magherafelt High, three to Rainey Endowed School, Magherafelt and one to Sperrin Integrated College.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2010-11

September

- Beginning of Assemblies led by Rev Sloan on alternate weeks
- Hockey club from Sept to Easter
- Visit by school nurse
- Visit by student nurse to P1 and P2 on Healthy Eating
- Visit by Robert Overend to speak to P1 and P2 about school long ago
- Ceri-Ann Stewart on work experience from Magherafelt High School

October

- Parent Interviews
- Cookery Club
- Bethany Reid on work experience from Glastry College
- Parents' Association – Movie Night
- Welly Walk in aid of MS Society – Portglenone Forest

November

- Transfer Tests
- Poppy Appeal
- Visit by Dairy Council to speak to P5 – P7
- Bring and Buy Sale
- Road Safety Talk to P1 and P2 by Maureen McAuley
- Parents' Association – Breakfast with Santa
- Key Stage Two visit to Sperrin College to see 'The Wizard of Oz'

December

- Assembly led by Colin Tinsley – Hope for Youth Ministries
- Assembly led by Lesley Craig
- Carol Singing and switch on of Christmas lights at Bellaghy Bawn
- Parents' Association - Christmas Draw for Hamper
- School trip to the Grand Opera House, Belfast with St John Bosco PS – all pupils to see the Pantomime
- Popcorn Party
- School Christmas concert

January

- Cross Community lessons with Beth – Key Stage Two – PDMU
- Cross Community Choir Club
- Visit by Colin McQueen from Fire Service
- Filming by NEELB TV of cross community partnership
- Ceri-Ann Stewart on work experience from Magherafelt High School

February

- Transfer Results and Transfer Interviews
- Ben Montgomery and Ross McKee on work experience from Rainey Endowed School
- Ballymena Festival
- Mini Hockey Tournament – University of Ulster, Coleraine

March

- Parent Interviews
- World Book Day
- Outing to Cinema – Key Stage Two children
- Environmental Youth Speak Public Speaking Competition
- Cross Community Tin Whistling Club
- Cross Community Choir Outing

April

- Visit to Tobermore Primary School to view concert
- Royal Wedding Street Party
- Visit to Donaghy Primary School to see ‘Goldilocks and the three bears’
- Non uniform Day for Project Romania
- Environmental Youth Speak Final – Craigavon Civic Centre
- Parents’ Association Easter Social Night

May

- School Photos
- Cross community training on thematic planning – all staff
- Bushmills Trip
- Cross Community Art classes with ceramic artist Diane McCormick
- Annual Spring Clean around school grounds
- Football club

June

- School exams and standardised tests
- Summer Sports School
- Intake day for new P1 pupils
- Sports Day
- Pushkin and PíEE Celebration Event with St John Bosco PS
- Cross Community Sports Event at Meadowbank
- Football / Hockey Tournament at Meadowbank Arena
- Annual School Trip to Portrush
- Fun Day and picnic
- Celebration Assembly

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The mission of Bellaghy Primary School is to provide, in partnership with parents, **a broad, quality education so that all pupils can reach their full potential** within a caring, secure environment which promotes self-discipline, motivation and individuality.

We believe that:

- A working partnership between home, school and community is essential to provide the optimal learning experiences for everyone.
- Everyone learns best in a caring environment where individuals are acknowledged, accepted, and respected for their uniqueness.
- Every individual needs success to grow.
- Children should have an active role in the learning process where risk taking is encouraged and failure is respected as a necessary ingredient of growth.

The main focus of school development was within the curricular area called The World Around Us, where staff worked collaboratively with staff from St John Bosco Primary School on thematic planning.

This year, hand writing was also a key focus area for development and staff wrote a progressive scheme of work in this area. This scheme is to be implemented in the next school year.

A policy and scheme of work in Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (P.D.M.U.) were also written and will be implemented in the next school year.

Instrumental tuition continues from the NEELB and we have a number of children from P3 – P7 learning to play the violin.

All pupils' work in Literacy and Numeracy is levelled and individual achievement files follow the children through the school.

The curriculum of our school is not solely concerned with formal lessons, but includes all opportunities for learning through sport, music, art, drama, culture, educational visits and many other activities.

SPORT

Through our P.E. Curriculum, we aim to:

- Encourage a positive attitude to sport
- Provide participation for every child
- Improve physical skills
- Provide new experiences and new challenges

Bellaghy Primary School offers a wide range of sporting activities both during and after school. This year we welcomed Eamon Curry a coach with the IFA to take the children for a weekly P.E. lesson focusing on fundamental movement skills.

As part of the P.E. Curriculum, all pupils participate in the four strands of P.E. – Dance, Gymnastics, Games and Athletics.

CHARITY SUPPORT

Over the year the following charities were supported:

Poppy Appeal - £33.50
M.S. Society - £884.40
Project Romania - £80
Hope for Youth Ministries - £125

We thank all parents for their generous donation to the above.

CROSS COMMUNITY LINKS

We continue to develop our links with St John Bosco Primary School, Ballynease and together we participated in a variety of activities over the year. These included trips to the Jet Centre, the Cinema in Maghera and The Grand Opera House in Belfast. This year was the second year in the Primary Integrating and Enriching Education programme and funding was received to organize a variety of activities throughout the year, including a celebration event for parents and friends where the children performed, sang and told the audience of their cross community activities. The work of the partnership can be viewed on NEELB TV on a programme that was filmed this year.

This year saw Bellaghy Primary School involved in the Pushkin programme. This is an initiative led by the Duchess of Abercorn to develop creativity within children. The theme this year was Sparks and all children enjoyed doing some creative writing and other activities around this theme. As part of their involvement in Pushkin, Key Stage Two children from both schools traveled to Baronscourt, Co Tyrone, home of the Duchess to participate in a variety of outdoor activities. Mrs Richmond and Mrs Dobbin (Principal of St John Bosco PS) also spent a training weekend in Baronscourt, hosted by the Duchess.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

We value the importance of the home school link and we aim to keep our parents informed of their child's progress at every opportunity. During the year, parents met with the class teacher on two occasions. This in conjunction with bi-annual written reports, daily homework and other incidental communication between parent and teacher combines to give parents as much information as possible concerning their child.

In school, we have a Parents' Information Board which displays documents and policies of interest to our parents. Parents are free to peruse this information at their leisure. All school policies are available on the school website and parents are offered a paper copy if they wish. An Annual Report was written for all pupils P1-P7 and distributed to parents at the end of June 11.

ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES for 2010-11

Progress in English and Maths are formerly assessed at the end of Key Stage One (P.4) and Key Stage Two (P.7). Level 2 is considered average ability for a child at the end of Key Stage One (P.4) and Level 4 for end of Key Stage Two (P.7). In the table attached, Bellaghy Primary results in English and Maths at Key Stage One and Two are compared with the Northern Ireland average.

KEY STAGE ONE	<u>ENGLISH</u> B.P.S.	ENGLISH N.I. Average	<u>MATHS</u> B.P.S.	MATHS N.I. Average
Level 1	100%	5.92%	100%	5.08%
Level 2	100%	50.82%	100%	46.64%
Level 3	100%	42.80%	100%	47.78%

KEY STAGE TWO	<u>ENGLISH</u> B.P.S.	ENGLISH N.I. Average	<u>MATHS</u> B.P.S.	MATHS N.I. Average
Level 1	100%	0.41%	100%	0.46%
Level 2	100%	2.96	100%	2.44%
Level 3	33.33%	15.16	100%	15.05%
Level 4	33.33%	49.14	66.67%	38.73%
Level 5	33.33%	32.28	33.33%	43.28%

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

This year, we offered the children hockey and football as after school sport. Hockey was led by Mrs Susan Bruce every Friday from September to Easter and the Ian Getty Football School led a football club in Term Three. We are indebted to Mrs Susan Bruce for faithfully and skillfully coaching hockey every week.. This year for the first time, we entered the Ulster Hockey tournament. Both boys and girls played extremely well and their new kits sponsored by HAJ Repairs and Graham's Spar were admired by all present.

Other after school activities were held in collaboration with St John Bosco PS and these included singing and tin whistling club. The cross community choir trained by Mrs Torrens and Mrs Richmond was highly commended at Ballymena Music Festival.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are delighted that the Parents' Association continues to play a vital role in our school. The activities organized this year were:

- Movie Night
- Breakfast with Santa
- Christmas Draw
- Easter Social Evening

Funds raised from all these events helped fund a new Interactive White Board, other ICT resources classroom and buses for various outings.

NEW INTAKE

Pupils starting school in September 11 were invited into school to meet with Mrs Richmond in June. Parents were given a copy of the school Information Booklet and they accepted the opportunity to discuss various aspects of school routine with the Principal. An intake of ten pupils was welcomed into P1 in September 11, one pupil into P5 and one into P7.

ROAD SAFETY

The Governors and staff of our school believe that we have an important role to play in helping to reduce the number of children killed or injured on our roads. We believe this is a tragic and unnecessary waste of human life and one of the greatest social problems of our society today. We believe in educating for life in a very real sense and see Road Safety as a basic skill for survival. We intend to promote this ideal, through the cross curricularity of Road Safety in our school. A policy for Road Safety is available on our school website.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website www.bellaghyps.co.uk continues to attract plenty of interest.

FINANCE

This school operates a fully delegated budget which is delegated by the NEELB, using a formula which is applied to all schools in N. Ireland. The main element of the formula is the age and number of pupils attending the school. Other factors taken into account include deprivation (based on number of pupils receiving school meals), the number with educational needs statements and factors relating to the size and design of the school building which affect running costs.

This year, the Department of Education launched 'Count, Read Succeed – A Strategy to Improve Outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy'. As part of this strategy, Bellaghy Primary School received £516 to purchase Literacy / Numeracy resources and materials. The majority of resources bought were aimed at Foundation and Key Stage One Literacy. These included letter dice, a phonics freize, sound it out puzzles, cvc board games, magnetic letters, word cards, cvc word building mats and Jolly Phonics Interactive for the White Board.

BUDGET ANALYSIS - BELLAGHY PS 2010/11

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
TEACHING STAFF COSTS	125,780
NON TEACHING STAFF COSTS	29,595
NON STAFF COSTS	<u>13,563</u>
<u>NET EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>168,938</u>

<u>ANALYSIS</u>	£
TOTAL BUDGET	183,940
LESS EXPENDITURE	<u>168,938</u>
<u>10/11 SURPLUS</u>	<u>15,002</u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR BELLAGHY P.S. – Current Account 2010-11

Opening Balance 31/08/10	£1565.81
Income	£10,992.09
Expenditure	£ 7,313.78
Closing Balance 31/08/11	£ 5244.12

MLR – September 2011