St John's Primary School

Board of Governors' Annual Report



2011 - 2012

St John's Primary School Board of Governors Report 2011/12

Dear Parent,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to present to you the Governors' Report for St John's Primary School for the academic year 2011/12. It is the Governors' intention that you should be kept informed about the work and progress of the school and this report is one of a number of ways in which such information will be provided.

In 2011 St John's celebrated 40 years of service to education and our local community. Our school was built with only partial funding from Government and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to parents and parishioners who raised the money to secure our excellent provision. That generous spirit continues and the governors wish to record our gratitude to our current parents and friends for their continuing support and fund raising which enables us to enhance the educational experience for our children.

Mrs Anne Corey, our Principal for 10 years, retired at the end of August 2011. The Vice-Principal, Miss Anna Keaney had retired a few months earlier. We thank them both for their commitment to the school and its pupils over the years and wish them both a long and happy retirement. We wish Mrs Haughey every success in her new role as Principal of our school.

I hope that you will find the report both interesting and informative. However, you will appreciate that it can only be a snapshot of the work of the school and is not intended to represent all aspects of the life of the school.

Yours sincerely

Sean Doherty Chairman

St John's Primary School Board of Governors

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PRINCIPAL Mrs M Haughey

The Role and Responsibility of the Board of Governors

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. They are required to meet for a minimum of three times each year but in practice meet much more frequently than this.

Some of their duties include:

- 1. The oversight of the curriculum.
- 2. The control of the budget.
- 3. The appointment of teachers and ancillary staff
- 4. PRSD
- 5. The maintenance of the premises (shared responsibility with the SELB)
- 6. The Admissions Policy.
- Fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding.

St John's Primary School

Staff 2011/2012

Teaching Staff

P1	Mrs McCartin
P2	Mrs O'Neill
Р3	Mrs Black
P4	Miss Donnelly
Р5	Mr Emerson
P6	Mrs McHugh
P7	Mr Kinney

Ancillary Staff

Mrs J Esler	Secretary
Mrs J McGaughey	Classroom Assistant
Mrs M Olphert	Classroom Assistant
Mrs U Campbell	Classroom Assistant
Mrs A Campbell	Special Needs
Mrs P Magill	Caretaker
Mrs J McLoughlin	Cleaner
Mrs M O'Neill	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant

School Meals Staff

Mrs S Atcheson	Cook in Charge
Mrs L Wright	Kitchen Assistant
Mrs S Patterson	Kitchen Assistant

Attendance

The percentage daily attendance for the year 2011/2012 was 94.4%

Review of Past Year

The Governors are delighted with the achievements of pupils in all aspects of school life and greatly appreciate the support given by parents and friends of the school.

The Governors would like to pay tribute to the teaching, ancillary and auxiliary staff of the school for their hard work throughout the 2011/12 year. The Governors are very aware of the changing demands of the job of teaching and would like to thank the staff for their willingness to engage in professional development and to embrace new teaching methods as they continually strive to improve the learning of the pupils in their classes.

Staff

Following interviews held in Summer 2011, three new members of staff were appointed. Mr Ciaran Kinney to Primary Seven on a Permanent basis and Mrs Danielle O'Neill to Primary Two and Miss Bronagh Donnelly to Primary Four both on a Temporary basis for 1 year only. A Management Allowance 1 Post was advertised and Mrs Mc Hugh was successful at interview in taking up the post of SENCO, Pastoral Care co-ordinator and DDT(Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection)

Enrolment

Nineteen children enrolled in Primary One in September 2011. Seven children joined periodically throughout the year. The prospectus was updated to provide further information for prospective parents.

The Curriculum

Under the Education Reform Order the responsibility of governors for the curriculum i.e. what is taught in the school, has been increased. The day-to-day organisation of the curriculum remains the Principal's responsibility. The Governors' control of the curriculum is mainly determined by the government.

It is however our responsibility to ensure that a broad and balanced curriculum is provided for all pupils. To this end the school implements the statutory requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Teachers continued to thoroughly plan, deliver and evaluate all aspects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Children in P4, P5, P6 and P7 again undertook INCAS computerised testing in October 2011.

The staff has attended numerous courses organised by, CCEA, the NEELB and other agencies to keep abreast of the ongoing changes an developments in education.

Mrs Mc Hugh attended training on 22/23 Sept on Child Protection. Mrs Haughey attended training on 19th Oct for Safeguarding Children.

Mrs Black attended training for EPD mentoring and Miss Donnelly attended various twilight meetings.

Staff attended training for ASD services.

C2K provided training for all staff on new arrangements regarding Cross Curricular Skills.

Mrs Haughey attended numerous conferences for First Time Principal's Training provided by RTU, NEELB and CCMS.

Parent interviews were held in October and yearly reports to parents were forwarded in June.

SEN

To assist in the identification of specific difficulties which children might experience, standardised tests in Mathematics and English were carried out and an Intelligence Test was carried out with P4 – P7 children. Again the Code of Practice and SENDO Legislation continued to be implemented; Individual Education plans were drawn up and children referred for further assessment to the Psychology Service when required.

As mentioned in Staffing Mrs Anne Marie McHugh was appointed SENCO in August 2011 and has updated relevant policies. Policies were presented to and ratified by the BOG for Special Needs, Intimate Care, Anti-Bullying and Road Safety. Following this they were shared with staff teaching and non-teaching and with the Parents.

Reading

Accelerated Reading

The school has continued with the Accelerated Reading Programme which the children really enjoy and benefit from. Target Performance training was received. The PTA continue to pay for this programme and we are sincerely grateful for this.

<u>Library</u>

Primary 4 and Primary 6 participated in a programme with Carnlough Library visiting every other week and developing the pupils' knowledge on how a library operates and encouraging them to make better use of the Library.

World Book Day

On 1st March pupils participated in online activities to promote World Book Day. Teachers read to other classes. On 2nd March all pupils and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite book. This was a very memorable occasion.

Book Fair

On 14th March the Book Fair visited St John's for one week. Pupils were given the opportunity to look at books and purchase at discounted prices. The school received a percentage of monies towards books which were put in the library to boost resources.

Science

Many events were attended by Mrs Haughey and Mr Kinney who are members of the AZSTT (AstraZeneca Science Teaching Trust) college to promote Science throughout the curriculum. As a result many links have been developed allowing the pupils to participate in projects funded by the trust. These include a "Gases in the Air" presentation which was held in the school hall and attended by St Killian's students. The school has also availed of additional funding to develop the grounds around the school for an outdoor classroom, in conjunction with other stakeholders such as QUB, UUJ, Stranmillis and St. Mary's Teacher Training Colleges as a model of good practice for them to bring PGCE / B.Ed students to.

Conferences were attended at STEPS (Science and Technology Experts in Primary Schools), COSE (Community of Scientific Enquiry), ASE (Associate of Science Education), NSLC (National Science Learning Centre). Mr. Kinney and Mrs Haughey also continued their role as out reach faculty for the National Science Learning Centre – running a series of courses in N. Ireland to disseminate good practice to other teachers from all education and library boards. The courses were over subscribed and required a further follow up day on a Saturday to be held for the Association of Science Education.

Pupils participated in the STEM Challenge, visited the Garron Road site where the DOE explained and demonstrated the ongoing work on the N. Antrim Coast Road where they got to learn about the work of rope access technicians and civil engineers. The students also got to take part in an initiative with Ardclinis Activity Centre to take part in a presentation by an explorer called Matthew Bowen who completed a crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in a rowing boat. Students got to learn about the work of a marine biologist and examine the potential for exploration and the skills necessary to keep safe. These were all great opportunities for the pupils and we will endeavour to ensure similar experiences are afforded to the students.

Swimming

As part of the PE curriculum Primary 5, 6 and 7 attended swimming lessons in Larne Leisure Centre. Although transport is costly this is a very worthwhile part of the curriculum.

Music Lessons

Four pupils received Music Lessons this year from NEELB with the parents making a contribution towards the cost.

Mrs Mc Fetridge took piano lessons in the school on Tuesday mornings and parents paid privately for these lessons.

School Council

This year a school council was set up in the school with pupils having the opportunity to apply for positions to represent their class. Primary 7 did not participate as the council is to be maintained for the year 2012/13. Pupils were very enthusiastic and it is envisaged that this will be very positive within the school providing pupils with a voice for their suggestions and ideas.

Pastoral Care Evening

A highly successful evening was held to provide parents with information regarding keeping their children safe. PSNI, NIABF (Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum) and Barnardos made presentations along with Mrs Mc Hugh and Primary 6 who really brought the policies to life. We have been continuing to promote Healthy Eating in school both at break time and in school meals. This has been very successful and we hope that parents will continue to give it their full support.

Junior Industry Challenge

This year children from P7 have started their own mini-business working along with Black Advertising to set up their advertising business to promote the school concert. The profit made from this business was donated to school funds.

ECO Friendly

Walk to School

Staff and pupils participated in Walk to School Week beginning on 21st May. This was very well supported.

Arc Recycling

Pupils were able to take part in lessons to promote recycling creating new objects from recycled products.

Larne Borough Council

Barry Tapster continues to develop his link with St John's assisting the pupils with planting and highlighting the importance of environmental issues.

Energy Efficient Adviser

Sinead Kelly has been newly appointed to this post and has visited the school to make pupils aware of events. Key Stage 2 got a keeping warm in winter pack complete with thermals , gloves and hats.

Hill Walking

Primary 7 took part in a Hill walking programme in the third term led by Mr Kinney. This was a great experience for the pupils to develop skills in orienteering.

Tree Planting

Primary 6 and the ECO team took part in a Tree Planting activity on 30th March organised by Carnlough Community Association. It is hoped the pupils involved will look after the trees in their community.

Events

Mass for Mrs Corey's Retirement

A mass was held to mark Mrs Corey's retirement on 28th September. This was attended by a wide section of the community followed by a recital and presentation in the hall. Mrs Corey was extremely touched and sent a letter of thanks to the school which was distributed to parents and published on the school website.

Opening Mass

On Thursday 12th September there was a school Mass to celebrate the opening of the school year. This was attended by parents and parishioners.

Pupils continue to attend mass on a rota basis ensuring children develop their spiritual needs and are well prepared for the Sacraments.

<u>Nativity</u>

The Nativity was held in St John the Evangelist Church on Friday 16th December for all classes and Carnlough Community Nursery. We are extremely indebted to Fr Forde for accommodating this event which as always is a very special occasion.

Grandparent's Mass

A Grandparents mass was held on 26th January 2012 in St John's the Evangelist church. Many grandparents and friends attended and came to the school afterwards to visit their grandchild/grandchildren's classes. It was a lovely occasion which hopefully will be repeated. <u>Sacraments</u>

Primary 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 29th March.

Primary 4 received the Sacrament of the Eucharist on 2nd June.

Primary 7 received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 1st May.

These were all very special occasions attended by family and friends in the church and afterwards in the school hall for refreshments. Many thanks to all staff who assist on these occasions.

Olympic Torch

On Sunday 3rd June 2011 the Olympic torch passed through Carnlough. We are very honoured that Mr Kinney was nominated and chosen to run this leg of the event. Many staff and pupils turned out to support Mr Kinney and it is hoped to exhibit the torch in a suitable in location in the school.

<u>June Fair</u>

The PTA as usual worked diligently to ensure that despite the recession the June Fair was a tremendous success. Many thanks to all who helped in any way possible.

School Concert

This year on 12th June a Summer Concert was held as part of Primary 7's Junior Industry Challenge where the Primary 7 group set up a promotion company to promote a School Concert. Sponsorship was received from a variety of sources, posters were designed, meetings were held including breakfast meetings and everyone got behind it. The concert was a tremendous success with every child in the school performing to showcase the talent in St John's Primary School.

Sport's Day

Sport's Day was held on 21st June. It was a lovely day and supported by many parents. The kitchen staff organised a Barbecue which parents could buy and there was a lovely atmosphere created. Ulster School's Council provided support for organising team activities for which we are very grateful. Many thanks to Miss Donnelly for co-ordinating this event.

School Meals

We would like to thank Mrs Atcheson and her staff for continuing to provide an extensive range of meals which are to the highest nutritional standards. All meals conform to the standards required by the school's participation in Healthy Eating Initiative.

Sport

After school activities 2011-2012

There was an extensive range of after school activities offered to pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 7 this year.

Sporting activities changed every half term. All children thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities which included:

-Mini golf - Gymnastics

-Rugby	- Dance
-Basketball	- Soccer
-Netball	-Gaelic Football
-Hurling	- Camogie

The sporting activities were led by Miss B. Donnelly, Mr A. Emerson and qualified coaches from the Larne Borough Council.

Hill walking was offered to Primary 7 pupils in the third term. The children gained excellent Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities as well as covering all cross curricular areas.

Other After School Clubs that ran throughout the year were: -Art and Crafts

-ICT club -Choir

-Tiny Tunes.

Tournaments 2011-2012

St. John's participated in several events throughout the year. Primary 5-7 children represented the school in an indoor and outdoor hurling and camogie blitz's organised by the by Cumann na mBunscol. The hurlers had great success achieving runners up. A very enjoyable and competitive day was had by all.

Primary 7 pupils represented the school in the Cumann na mBunscol quiz held in St. Ciaran's Cushendun. Other schools from North Antrim also attended the event.

The hurlers and camogs gained an excellent opportunity to represent their school at half time of the Antrim Senior Hurling match against Limerick in Casement Park Belfast. They played against St. Theresa's Belfast and showed great determination during the game.

St. John's also entered a team into the Larne Borough Council Soccer Association. Primary 5 – 7 boys were selected to play against teams such as Lynn P.S, Moyle etc. There were two events, the matches were very tough and they did the school proud.

School Trip

This year children from Primary seven took part in an outdoor activity week at Bushmills Education Centre. They went kayaking and canoeing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their experience. This was the first residential enjoyed by the school and we are pleased to report it was a tremendous success not only in educational terms but in developing all aspects of the pupils. Primaries 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a trip to Carnfunnock, Primary 4 and Primary 6 attended the Causeway School and stepped back in time while Primary 5 concentrated on environmental issues with a trip to Greenmount.

Charities

This year we had a number of fund raising events to raise money for a range of charities including Trocaire and a special effort was made during Lent to raise money for the Missionary Sisters of Africa.

School Choir

The school choir is made up of children from primary 3 to primary 7. They had a busy year with after school clubs. Preparation for the Sacraments, Nativity and the Summer Concert.

Parent / Teacher Association –

The PTA continued to be very active and ran many successful events for parents, children and the local community. They organised Fire side quizzes, Black Bag appeals, Christmas

Raffle and the very successful June Fair. The Governors would like to thank all involved with the PTA events and would encourage as many parents as possible to support the group. The PTA used the funds this year to purchase many items the school would be unable to and allow the pupils the opportunity to participate in many events,

This account is discussed and viewed at the AGM. Further information is available from the treasurer.

Management

A review of 2010/11 SDP, a School Development Plan and detailed Action Plans for 2010/2011 were drawn up.

Use of Development Days (Baker Days)

The training undertaken by staff reflect the sections in the *Every School a Good School document*: - Effective Leadership, High Quality Teaching and Learning, Child-Centred Provision and A School Connected to its Local Community.

	Date		FOCUS OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT		
Baker Day	Day	Date			
Day 1	24 th	August	NEW STAFF INITIATION – TEACHER MENTORS/ CHILD PROTECTION - ROLES		
Day 2	25 th	August	PLANNING – AUDIT, REVIEW ACTION PLANS		
Day 3	26 th	August	SDP – FOCUS FOR DEVELOPMENT		
Day 4	30 th	August	TEACHER TRANSISTION – SIX WEEK PLANNERS. IEP's		
Da5	31st	August	ALTA MATHS/ AR/		
SDDs	Day	Date			
Day 1	30 th	Sept	THE ARTS – MUSIC – DEVELOPING A POLICY.		
Day 2	23 rd	Dec	WAU – EXTENDING USE OF OUTDOORS		
Day 3	5 th	Jan	P.E. – DEVELOPING A POLICY		
Day 4	6 th	Jan	CROSS CURRICULAR SKILLS – ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS – AFL		
Day 5	24 th	April	ASSESSING THE CROSS CURRICULAR SKILLS		

Assessment 2011/12

Pupils are tested at the end of Key Stage 1 (P4) and at the end of Key Stage 2 (P7). Tests are normally carried out around March/April.

Government targets recommend that the majority of children in **P4 will reach Level 2** and the majority of children in **P7 will reach Level 4**.

Level 5 is the highest attainment at key Stage 2 and Level 3 is the highest attainment at Key Stage 1.

Depending on the individual circumstances some children who have statements of educational needs do not have their results included in the overall school percentage.

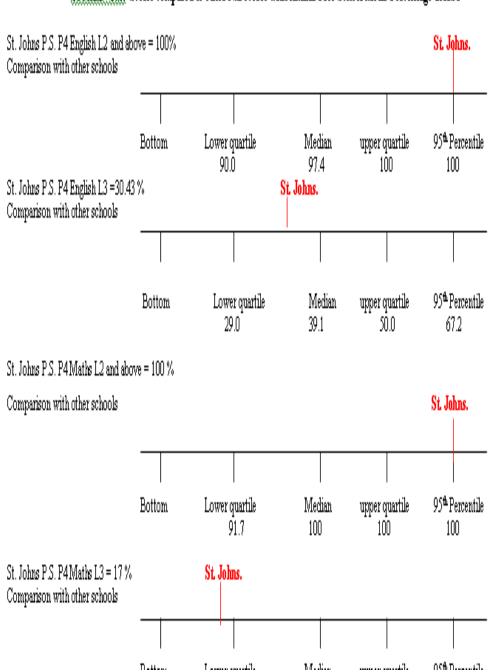
	% of pupils at level				
English	w 1 2 3				
St John's	0	4	70	26	
NI	0	6	53	40	

	% of pupils at level			
Maths	w	1	2	3
St John's	0	4	74	22
NI	0	5	48	47

KS2 Results

	% of pupils at level						
English	w	w 1 2 3 4 5					
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St John's	0	0	0	9	67	24	
NI	0	0	3	15	50	32	

	% of pupils at level					
Maths	w	1	2	3	4	5
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St John's	0	0	0	10	62	28
NI	0.5	0.5	2	14	40	43



KS1 2011 - 2012 St Johns P.S. Scores compared to other N.L scores with similar Free School Meals Percentage at KS1

Target Setting for Academic Year 2012 – 2013

Y 09 KS 1 Maths (24 pupils			
Level	Target (%)	Results (%)	
1	2/24 = 8 %		
2	20/24 = 83 %		
3	2/24 = 8 %		

	Y 09 KS 1 English (24	pupils	
Level	Target (%)	Results (%)	
1	2/24 = 8 %		
2	20/24 = 83 %		
3	2/24 = 8 %		

Y 06 KS 2 English (19 pupils				
Level	Target (%)	Results (%)		
3	6/19 = 32 %			
4	11/19 = 58 %			
5	2/19 = 11 %			

Y 06 KS 2 Maths.(19 pupils			
Level	Target (%)	Results (%)	
2	2/19 = 11 %		
3	5/19 = 26 %		
4	8/19 = 42 %		
5	4 / 19 = 21 %		

Links with Outside Agencies

Antrim Coast Lion's Club

As always the school receives overwhelming support from the Lions. This year they made their annual Christmas visit distributing a gift to every child in the school.

Primary 6 pupils along with Seaview Primary School and CCIPS were invited to a Tee Planting morning at Spar car park. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Once again the Lion's assisted at the June Fair organising the Barbecue, assisting with the Wheel of Fortune and helping to set up and clear away the premises.

Carnlough Community Association

A trip was organised on 18th October 2011 to Stormont for Primary 7 pupils along with CCIPS and Seaview PS. This was a wonderful opportunity for the pupils and we are very grateful to all involved.

All pupils took part in the Christmas Card competition with the winning design being used for the official CCA card.

A mosaic was designed and created by all the pupils in the school to be exhibited at the Playground. Although it is not yet complete this is a fabulous piece of work which the pupils will always remember being involved with.

St Killian's College

St John's has very strong links with St Killian's College which are developed for the benefit of the pupils and to enable the process of transition from KS2 to KS3 to be as seamless as possible given that the majority of the pupils transfer to St Killian's. Activities to enable this throughout the year have included a Taster Day for Primary 7 pupils, an Open Day, a STEM project where P7 pupils have availed of Technology expertise and resources, the Faith Friends programme where pupils are mentored in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. St Killian's students have also visited St John's as part of their work

experience, to take part in a "Gases in the Air" exhibition held by AZSTT and staff have worked with St Killian's staff to timetable projects to develop this work. <u>St Brigid's Primary School Cloughmills</u>

Mrs Haughey has worked closely with Mr Mc Guckian gaining advice and expertise in Leadership and also in Teaching and Learning strategies.

St Colmcille's Primary School Ballymena

Mrs Haughey and Mr Emerson visited St Colmcille's to get practical advice on how to make best use of Data. Mr Rogers demonstrated how their school gathered data, analysed it and used it to inform their planning. He provided us with templates and advice on identifying underachievers and strategies to improve their levels in Numeracy and Literacy. <u>Missionary Sisters of Africa</u>

Sr Mary Mc Ateer, a native of Carnlough currently works in South Africa. Having pledged money to her via her sister Mrs Catherine Mulvenna, Sr Mary has provided feedback directly to the pupils telling them what their money is being used for and providing photographs. NRC

Students from the Northern Regional College have completed their work placements in P1, P2 and P3 and have been a tremendous help to the staff and pupils.

St Mary's University

Two students undertook their Teaching Practice from Feb to April placed in Primary 5 and Primary 7. they made a very positive contribution to the curriculum.

Cross and Passion College

One student from Cross and Passion completed her work experience in St John's taking the opportunity to visit different year groups to get an idea of school life. NIFRS

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service maintain very strong links with St John's . They supervise our Fire Drills and offer practical advice. They also visit the classes to provide advice on keeping safe particularly before Halloween.

Premises

St John's Primary School would like to thank Fr Forde on behalf of the Parish for the support he has provided in improving the entrance to the school. The work was carried out by Mc Loughlin Brothers.

The Governors would like to thank Mrs Magill and Miss McLoughlin for their hard work around the school maintaining and keeping the school tidy.

Security

The school has at present security arrangements for staff and pupils in the school. We request that visitors to school sign the visitor book which is kept in the entrance hall. Unfortunately the lead from the roof was removed during the year. This has been replaced with an alternative material.

Thank You

The Governors would like to express their sincere thanks to the Principal and staff (both teaching and non-teaching) of St John's Primary School. They are to be commended for their high level of commitment which has allowed high standards of achievement both inside and outside the classroom.

The Governors would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and wider community for their support of the school. During the year many events were organised for the school and local community which were enjoyed by everyone.

St John's Primary School: LMS OUTTURN STATEMENT 2011- 2012

SCHOOL'S BUDGET

TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL	£ 612,776
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	£ 582,919
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£29,857

For more details regarding please see the hard copy of the Outturn Statement in the Board of Governors Annual Report 2010/2011 available in the school on request.