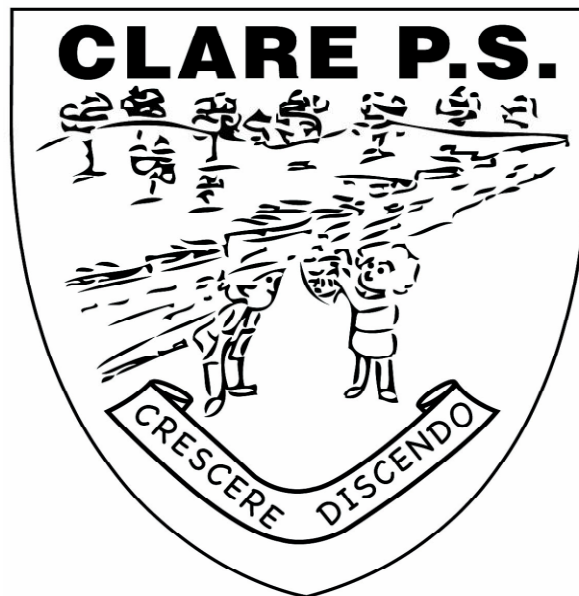


CLARE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Growing through learning'

2015 / 2016
Governors' Report

CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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During the year our Chairperson Rev. C. Harris took up a new ministry in Banbridge. Mr. Harris had been a member of our Board for twenty-seven years and we would like to thank him for his friendship, support and service during this time. The new Chairperson, Mr. M. Adair, and our Vice-chairperson Mr. T. Robinson were appointed 3rd March 2016. We wish them well in their new roles.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2015 – 2016

Another great year has passed so quickly in Clare Primary School. On September 1 we broke our enrolment record – 148 pupils! Even though we may be technically ‘a medium sized’ school as Governors we believe that our school still has a warm, welcoming atmosphere where each child is valued and helped towards achieving their potential.

Each year we strive to keep parents informed about their child’s education, either providing written information regarding curriculum content (Literacy / Numeracy content for each class) or information sessions within school. This year was no exception as parents were invited to a “Ready to Learn” programmes (held over 3 evenings in September) designed to explore how they could help their child maximise their potential within school.

In November, we have our Parent-Teacher meetings where pupils’ progress is discussed and additional information regarding ‘How Parents can help’ is shared. It has to be emphasised that parents are most welcome to come and meet with the Principal or teachers, if they are concerned with any aspect of their child’s education or welfare.

We are extremely thankful for our supportive parents, not only regarding their children’s education but also for their generosity shown in both fundraising and charity events. This year our main charity had a wonderful sponsored walk in Gosford and they raised the magnificent amount of £4145 and were Southern Area Winners. All those pupils who raised £100 each were treated to a special luncheon in the Ramada Hotel in Belfast. We are proud of all our pupils, family and friends who raised this record amount for such a worthwhile cause. Other charities supported throughout the year were Clarity for the Blind, Poppy Appeal and Christian Aid.

The Friends of Clare had several successful events during the year which culminated with ‘The Big Breakfast’. Everyone, parents, teachers and children, enjoyed this event and raised £1058.20 which is used to fund buses and provide extra resources for all our children.

As you are aware we encourage our pupils to take part in many different events in school – speech and music festivals, cross-country, hockey and football. The children always enjoy the competitions and although no cups were won this year they did extremely well in all these events. Our P7 class took part in the Poetry Competition held in the Navan Centre, Congratulations to Thomas Glenholmes and Kaitlyn Toal who read their winning poems at special evening event for parents and pupils in the Southern Authority Region.

We continue to strive in giving each of our pupils the best experiences and educational opportunities possible but at the same time giving them a childhood filled with special memories. Some happy times from this year were:

- The Beauty and the Beast Pantomime (West Midland Theatre Group)
- The Amazing Journey (Rev D. Patterson & Friends)
- Mad Scientist Day
- School Christmas Concert
- Pancake Day

Each class had their own educational outings to – Peter Pan’s Adventure Play Centre, Bowling at Lisburn Omniplex and ‘Gangsta Granny’ at the Opera House Belfast.

As part of our P7 transition work pupils attended Tandragee Junior High and Markethill High experience days. These were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

A School Development Plan (SDP) is enclosed outlining training, curriculum development, etc for 2015 – 2016

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

1. 2nd November 2015	Planning activities to promote a rich writing environment P1 – P7. Stem and WAU Planning.
2. 12th February 2016	Internal Standardisation Literacy and Numeracy. I-Pad Training.
3. 5th April 2016	Writing Policy for Whole School.
4. 6th April 2016	Planning activities for 'Mad Scientist' (STEM) Days.
5. 31st May 2016	Analysis of Test Scores – PTE / PTM / CAT.

If you would like to discuss any details regarding the School Development Plan or put forward possible development ideas for the following year, all will be gratefully received and considered.

The Governors are pleased to report that the children are fulfilling their potential as can be seen when their Cognitive Ability Test Scores are compared to Progress Test Maths (PTM) Progress Test English (PTE), Spelling and Reading results. These standardised scores are reported to parents in June. Owing to Industrial Action this year end of Key Stage Level results were not available.

At the final assembly at the end of June, P7 pupils were presented with the following cups and shields.

The Rosemary Ferguson Cup for Music	Jane Brown
The Flack Cup for Mathematics	Rebekah Stephenson & Luke Jackson
The Adair Cup for English	Luke Jackson
The Adair Shield for Sport (Boy)	Jamie Carville
The Richardson Shield for Sport (Girl)	Julie Hamilton
The Briggs Shield for 'Make & Do'	Callum Toal
The Hamilton Cup for Art & Design	Kathryn McCallister
The Dalzell Perpetual Cup	Grace Purdy

The Agg Cup for Enthusiasm & Diligence	Rachel Hanna & Ellie Marshall
The Cully Cup for Drama	Sascha Cairns
The Toal Cup for ICT	Emily Hamilton
The Kelly/McKeown Cup for Citizenship	Kirsty White & Dylan Parks
The Sara Cairns Cup for Science	Sarah-Jane Meredith
'Runner of the Year'	Callum Toal
'Football Player of the Year'	Luke Jackson
'Netball Player of the Year'	Sascha Cairns
'Hockey Player of the Year'	Hannah Lindsay

Mr. David Wilson donated a cup for the 'Sports' Personality of the Year which was awarded to Thomas Glenholmes.

The Board of Governors would like to congratulate the prize winners and all those who took part in the above activities with such enthusiasm and energy.

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RATE

Attendance at the school was, as usual very good. The percentage present for the 2015 / 2016 year was 96.6% with the following pupils having achieved full attendance.

Molly Dillon	P1
Matthew Ellis	P1
Rebecca Frazer	P2
Ben Wilson	P3
Sophie Lindsay	P4
Sarah Spence	P4
Samuel Stephenson	P4
Sarah Lowe	P5
Sarah-Jane Meredith	P7

The Governors would like to congratulate all the children for their excellent attendance.

CHARITIES & FUNDRAISING

Charities	
MS Charity	£4145.00
Clarity – Charity for the Blind	£50.00
Poppy Appeal	
Christian Aid – soccer	£20.00
Friends of Clare Events	
‘Healthy Breakfast’	£1058.00
Easter Fun Raise	£142.00
Knitted Easter Chicks etc.	£126.00

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

2014 -2017

Priorities	2014 - 2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
Child Centred Provision			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral care • Child protection • SEN-interventions/support • Inclusion/diversity • Pupil involvement • Healthy school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Positive Behaviour and Anti bullying Policy. Survey Parents/Staff/Pupils/Board of Governors. • Continue with School Council. • Child Protection Training. (Teaching and Non-Teaching) • Co-ordinator Training. • Continuation of Special Needs hours (3 days). • SpLd input for identified children. • Outside agency support (ACE TEAM) • CRED – implement activities with PDMU. • Continue ECO Schools Project. • Football / Rugby Coaches involvement (if available) • Healthy Break / School Council • Provision of Playground equipment. • Re stocking of library. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review S.E.N. Provision • Continue Reading Partnership • Provision of Sp.Needs Teacher • Child Protection Training with all staff. • Identified children for SpLd Service. • Continue CRED proof existing policies. • Develop School Council Voice. • Anti –Bullying Training for non – teaching staff. • Continuation of re stocking Library. • E safety training for all teaching staff. • Introduce ICT after school’s club. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Safe Guarding Procedures. • Provide Special Needs Teacher (if budget allows). • Identify and have assessed those with additional needs. • Continue after-school Clubs. • Extend ICT Club to other classes • Review Healthy food policy. • Introduce Healthy Lifestyle initiatives eg. Daily walk. • Extend Hockey Club to other classes (boys + girls) • Continue to develop School Council Voice.

High Quality Teaching and Learning

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum provision• Literacy and Numeracy• Learning and Teaching Strategies• Assessment /data analysis/use• Self-evaluation – teacher/whole school | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy – Undertake internal standardisation + prepare portfolio.• Analysis of Test Scores to enable tracking of individual pupils.• Target setting / Continue CAT analysis with PIE / PIM scores.• Literacy
Review and reflect on Reading Strategies / Sentence Level work.• Numeracy
Reflect on and prepare investigations suitable for assessment.• Teacher evaluation of Planning for Literacy / Numeracy.• Continue music tuition P6/P7• Attend training courses (SENCO)• Liaise with LSC teachers / SpLd.• Outdoor Play (Plans P1 & P2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy-promoting a Writing Rich Environment.• Developing a Writing Policy for whole school.• Numeracy Tasks – undertake internal standardisation – prepare portfolio tasks.• I.C.T. Internal standardisation• PIE / PIM / CAT scores analysis.• Evaluation of Teaching notes plans Literacy / Numeracy.• ICT Develop use of I pads in classroom.• Review WAU schemes to include STEM activities.• Plan for regular co-ordinator visits and book scoops.• Continue Music Tuition P6/P7. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I.C. T. planning in incorporate I.Pad use with introduction of new Apps.• Numeracy assessment / internal standardisation.• Literacy – Developing Writing techniques different forms.• Review of Planning for ICT, Literacy, Numeracy.• Continued analysis of PIE/PIM score and Target setting.• Continue Music Tuition P6/P7.• Attend Global Learning programme (2 teachers)• Digital Learning programme to link with World Around Us – Local Study. |
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Effective Leadership			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective school development plan • Continuing Professional Development • Curriculum leadership • Financial management, including accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review 2013 – 2014 SDP. • Consult with Pupils / Parents / Teachers / Board of Governors regarding priorities for 3 Year Plan 2014 / 2017. • PRSD Target set. • Budget Review. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review S.D.P • Continue PRSD. • Monitor budget & Review Staffing • Self Evaluation Training with Governors. • Have ACE meetings P1/2 • Arrange purchase of I-Pads. [either LMS or Awards for AU] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review SDP and prioritise new ideas / areas for new 3 year plan (2017 – 2020) • Monitor Budget & Review Staffing. • Continue PRSD. • Ask for input from parents. • Organise 60th Anniversary • First Aid Training • Attend C.P. D Training (2 Teachers)
School connected to the Local Community			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication / relationships /projects • Links with educational agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet parents re introduction of Child Line Talks (P6/P7) • Parental meetings (Group & individual) • Cluster meetings with neighbouring schools. • Liaise with local schools and High Schools through: • Principal Meetings • Sports Activities • Schools Plays / Concerts • Charity Events • Friends of Clare • ICT Questionnaire • New Parents questionnaires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold Information meetings with parents. • Set up • Cluster meetings with neighbouring schools. • Liaise with Nurseries / High Schools through: • Principal Meetings • Sports Activities. • Plays / Concerts. • Continue Friends of Clare fund-raising events. • Continue Festival Work Speech/Music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Music Festival work. • Invite visitors to speak to pupils re Local History. • Cluster with local schools. • Liaise with Pre-school and High School Principals. • Continue Parental Meetings • Friends of Clare Events. • Charity work. • School plays / concerts. • 60th Anniversary Concert. • Survey Parents re S.D.P (2017 – 2020) • P.7 Transition work CPD Project.

CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOW A PARENT CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT


I HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT MY / A CHILD'S SAFETY



I CAN TALK TO THE CLASS TEACHER




IF I AM STILL CONCERNED, I CAN TALK TO MRS H BENTLEY (THE DESIGNATED TEACHER FOR CHILD PROTECTION/PASTORAL CARE)



IF I AM STILL CONCERNED, I CAN TALK TO THE PRINCIPAL



IF I AM STILL CONCERNED, I CAN TALK/WRITE TO THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



AT ANYTIME, I CAN TALK TO THE SOCIAL WORKER OR THE POLICE