



St. Anne's Primary School

ANNUAL REPORT
from the
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
2019 – 2020

June 2020

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR ST ANNE'S

The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the effective management of the school. They are required to meet for a minimum of three times each year but in practice may meet more often than this. Their range of duties and responsibilities are diverse and would include such things as:

- Oversight of the Curriculum
- Control of the School Budget
- Provision of information to parents
- Selection of staff
- Maintenance of premises - a responsibility shared with the Education Authority
- Admissions Policy
- Fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of mutual understanding

- in addition to other duties not specifically listed above.

The Board of Governors is reconstituted every four years. Our current board was reconstituted in Term 2 of the 2018-19 academic year.

MEMBERSHIP OF ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS, 2019/20

Father P. Mulholland	Trustee
Mr. F. Casey	Trustee
Mrs. M. Murray (Vice Chairperson)	Trustee
Mrs M.R. Lynn	Trustee
Mrs. C. Kelly (Chairperson)	E. A. Rep
Mrs. A.M. Quinn	E. A. Rep
Mrs P. McAuley	Dept. of Ed. Rep
Mr. N. McCollum	Parents Rep.
Mrs. B. Marron	Teachers Rep.
Mr. H. Duffin	Principal, Secretary to B.O.G

ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFFING COMPLEMENT, 2019/20

Teaching Complement

Mr H Duffin: Principal
Mrs B Marron/Miss M Lynn P1/2
Mrs M Black/Miss M. Lynn: P3/4
Mrs C McQuaid/Miss CA Martin: P5/P6
Mr H Duffin/Mrs T Henry: P7

Ancillary Staff

Clerical Officer: Mrs G McClements
Building Supervisor: Mr P Douthart
Cleaners: Mr P Douthart and Mr D Casey
Learning Support: (Foundation) Miss N McGuckian
Learning Support: (SEN) Mrs G O'Boyle, Ms M Hegarty, Ms R McNeill, Miss B Cochrane, Miss K Rodgers
Supervisory Assistants: Mr D Casey, Mrs A Casey

Kitchen: Mrs AM Watt

ATTENDANCE

Attendance rate of Pupils from September 2019– June 2020 was as follows:

Two pupils with attendance <85% (same number as last year)

Six pupils with attendance <90% (decrease of 6 year on year)

Five pupils with attendance of 100%. (decrease of 3 year on year) Achievement will be marked with a prize sent home with school report.

P1 attendance: 96.8%	(last year 96.2%)
P2 attendance: 96.9%	(last year 95.1%)
P3 attendance: 94.3%	(last year 92.5%)
P4 attendance: 93.1%	(last year 96.2%)
P5 attendance: 95.5%	(last year 96.8%)
P6 attendance: 95.6%	(last year 93.9%)
P7 attendance: 95.0%	(last year 94.6%)

St Anne's whole school average attendance: 95.4% (last year 95.2%)

N. Ireland average primary school attendance: 94.9% (*ref. DE Statistical Bulletin 1/2019*)

To put this into perspective:

100% attendance	0 days of absence
95% attendance	9 days of absence
90% attendance	19 days of absence
85% attendance	28 days of absence
80% attendance	38 days of absence
75% attendance	46 days of absence

90% attendance may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, however, the reality is that 90% attendance means a child misses half a school day per week or 19 full days over the year; almost 4 school weeks of education lost.

St. Anne's PTA

St Anne's PTA was reconstituted in Term 1 of the 2018-19 academic year. New officers were elected in Term 1 of 2019-20 year. The officers are:

Mrs M Hennessy	Chairperson
Mrs L McConville	Secretary
Mrs S McFadden	Treasurer
Mr N McCollum	
Mrs U Murtagh	

Mrs N Clarke

Mrs E Butler

Mr H Duffin/Mrs B Marron

Teachers

As you can see from the figures presented below, St Anne's PTA have engaged in a number of excellent fundraising initiatives this year, including the Christmas Raffle, Summer Raffle and the fantastic 'Split the Pot' weekly draw.

It is important to note, however, that the work of the PTA is not solely fundraising for trips and resources. This year our PTA members have organised gifts for children receiving sacraments and P7 leavers and served refreshments at various events for our school and wider community. This support is invaluable, adding to the children's experiences and presenting St Anne's Primary School in the best possible light to the wider community. For all of this the Board of Governors, staff and children are truly grateful.

All of this work takes time and, as many hands make light work, we would greatly appreciate new members to come on board and assist our current members in their support for our school.

PTA Update 2019/20

Our main fundraiser this year was Split the Pot along with Our Halloween Disco, Christmas Draw and Donations. Thanks to the support of teachers, parents, friends and our local businesses.

We were able to make the contributions to the annual school pantomime trip, outdoor play resources, P7 interactive whiteboard and creative class resources as requested this school year.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

St. Anne's are coming to the end of our pilot year in the mainstreamed model in our Shared Education Signature Project with Knockahollet Primary School, building on previous collaboration and relationships through CRED and PEE programmes. Due to Covid 19 and other financial considerations, no plans are being made at this time to fund pupil interaction for 2020-21, however, some funding will be provided to maintain links between the schools.

The programme our schools jointly put in place for 2019-20 focussed on the key objectives of school, parental and community relationships and collaboration. Staff have consolidated and developed previous work in WAU, Art, Physical Education, PDMU, sport, music and dance, Art and Design, Literacy and Play Based Learning. The children have had many opportunities to work and socialise together through shared lessons in both schools, however, events such as the Art project, 'Shared Cultural Night' and Shared three-day Residential to Carlingford Outdoor Adventure Centre had to be cancelled due to Covid 19.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) of our staff through involvement in a Shared Education Learning Cluster with five other local schools continued to be successful until cut short by Covid 19 restrictions.

More details can be found on our website: www.stannespscorkey.com

LITURGICAL LINKS

First Confession, Confirmation and First Holy Communion were cancelled due to Covid 19. Fr Mulholland did dedicate masses to the children on the dates the services were due to take place and it is hoped we will be able to reschedule these events in the not too distant future.

SCHOOL SECURITY AND BUILDINGS

There were no incidents of vandalism or damage to school property outside school hours. Action taken to close access at an identified point of entry for young people, after school hours, has helped keep the school premises secure at all times.

The Community Hall is being used regularly, though the local Bowling Club has dissolved, removing a large chunk of community usage from our hall. The Hall Committee are actively seeking alternative usage, though these efforts are being curtailed by the Covid 19 situation.

STAFF COURSES AND TRAINING

St Anne's has collaborated with 5 other local schools to provide Teacher Professional Learning (TPL) and professional learning opportunities for classroom assistants. This is through a Shared Education pilot project called Network of Shared School Improvement (NSSI).

Training opportunities for teachers and some assistants included Training in the Role of the Co-ordinator, ICT, Music, Outdoor Play, and Thinking Maps.

ENROLMENT and TRANSITION

10 pupils have been enrolled to Primary 1 for September 2020. 10 pupils will transfer to second level education in June. We have an enrolment of 71 for September 2020, demonstrating a small year on year increase in enrolment of 1 pupil due to in year enrolment to the P6 class.

The destination of pupils who will transfer to second level education at the end of June is as follows:

Cross & Passion College, Ballycastle	4
St. Louis Grammar, Ballymena	3
Our Lady of Lourdes Ballymoney	3

CATHOLIC ETHOS

Catholic Schools week was a great success with all children having Grandparents or another family member attending. Father Mulholland blessed St Brigid's crosses and was very attentive to the children during preparation for the sacraments.

The school carried out a number of charity fundraising activities over the year including World Book Day activities, Lenten fundraising, Bun Sales, and individual donations from parents.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The school provides in-class and withdrawal learning support for children who need help to overcome their barriers to learning. This support is provided by LTSS support teachers and through extra support for targeted children in class. Although the impact of withdrawal in 2019-20 could not be fully evaluated, we see significant merit in these interventions and plan to continue with the programme in 2020-21.

Extra-curricular clubs (before/after school hours)

St Anne's Board of Governors and staff wish to develop more opportunities for after school activities. It is hoped these activities are self-financing, but Board of Governors agreed that after school activities may be supported by surplus from previous year and St Anne's Support Group if necessary.

Before and after school activities this year included Breakfast club (daily), Hurling and Camogie, Cross Country Running, Arts and Crafts, ICT, Soccer, multi-sports and table tennis. Unfortunately our plans for other new clubs had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 situation.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2019-20

September Peace Proms Registration
P4-P7 Curricular Hurling with Dominic McKinley
P3-P7 After Schools Art Club
P4-P7 After Schools Cross Country Club
P4-P7 After Schools Hurling/Camogie
P5-6 Swimming
LCU School Savings
P7 Parent Teacher Interviews
P7 RADAR Trip
P1 Photo for Ballymoney Times
P7 Brain Gym

October P4-P7 Curricular Hurling with Dominic McKinley
P3-P7 After Schools Art Club
P4-P7 After Schools Cross Country Club
P4-P7 After Schools Hurling/Camogie
P5-6 Swimming
LCU School Savings
P7 Brain Gym
P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interviews
School Meals Census
LCU School Savings
Tempest Photographer
Cross Country Competition
Wear Red Day
Halloween Disco

November P1-P7 Flu Vaccine

2019-20

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P3-P7 After Schools Art Club
P4-P7 After Schools Cross Country Club
P4-P7 After Schools Hurling/Camogie
P5-6 Swimming
P7 Swimming
LCU School Savings
P5-P7 Indoor Camogie Blitz
P5-P7 Indoor Hurling Blitz
Christmas Show Rehearsals with Mr Pat Black (CPC)
P1 Shared PE Lessons with Knockahollet Primary School
"Split the Pot" Birthday celebration
P7 Brain Gym
Anti-Bullying Week
P4-P7 After Schools Handball
P3/P4 After Schools Soccer
LCU Art Competition

December

School Mass
"Split the Pot"
Cross Country Competition
P7 Swimming
P3-P7 After Schools Art Club
P4-P7 After Schools Cross Country Club
P4-P7 After Schools Hurling/Camogie
P3/P4 After Schools Soccer Club
P5-P7 After Schools Handball
Christmas Dinner
P1 Shared PE Lessons with Knockahollet Primary School
St Patrick's Ballymena Taster Day
P5-P7 Confessions
Christmas Shows
P1 School Nurse Assessments
Christmas Jumper Day
Santa's Visit
Radio Cracker Performance
P1 Open Afternoon
LCU School Savings & Christmas Draw

January

P6/P7 Visit from Mr McClean (CPC)
P3 P7 After Schools Art & Craft Club
P4-P7 After Schools Table Tennis Club
Trip to Grand Opera House (PTA sponsored)
P7 Swimming
P7 Visit from Mr Fitzpatrick (St Patrick's, Ballymena)
P7 Visit From Mrs O'Neill (St Louis', Ballymena)
Catholic Schools Week
P7 Parent Transfer Interviews

Grandparents' Day Assembly
LCU School Savings
LCU Annual Schools Quiz
P1 Enrolment

February Safer Internet Day
P3-P7 After Schools Art & Craft Club
P4-P7 After Schools Table Tennis Club
P7 Swimming
Cumann na mBunscol Quiz, Cushendun
Peace Proms Rehearsal, Whitla Hall, Belfast
P6/P7 Shared PE lessons with Knockahollet Primary School
Service of Enrolment for First Confession
LCU School Savings

March Peace Proms Performance, Waterfront Hall, Belfast
18th March: School closed due to Covid 19 pandemic. Home Schooling initiated using 'Home Learning' webpage, Microsoft Teams and photocopied packs. All further planned activity cancelled.

CONCLUSION FROM ST ANNE'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS

We are pleased to publish our Annual Report for 2019-2020. Due to Covid-19, the end of our school year was unlike any other we have ever experienced. However, we must still take this opportunity to celebrate the ample activities which did take place, both in and outside of the classroom.

Without the support of teachers, assistants and parents, it would not be possible to undertake such a wide range of activities - we are extremely grateful for this support. Some examples of where we have worked together have been raising money for Trócaire and Sister Patricia and continuing to develop our GAA 5 star programme, among many others.

We would like to express our gratitude to the PTA committee, who have worked tirelessly this year on fundraising for the good of the school and all our pupils - the Split the Pot draws continue to be very successful indeed and the new P7 whiteboard, the renovation of the decking area, the fairy garden, creative resources for all classes and a school trip to the Grand Opera House are all testimony to the incredible work of the PTA. We are extremely thankful to all those mentioned above for your support and commitment throughout the year.

We would also like to thank the staff and parents of our Shared Education partner school, Knockahollet Primary School. We continue to enjoy a very good working relationship with Knockahollet and we look forward to continuing that over the coming years. It was unfortunate for our P7 pupils that the Shared Education residential trip to Carlingford had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but this was unavoidable. It is hoped that Shared Education activities will resume as soon as possible, following PHA advice.

A special word of thanks to all those who help out with our after school activities. We are sure you will agree that the wide range of activities provide an enriched learning environment for our children and we look forward to the reinstatement of all clubs and after school activities as soon as it is allowed.

We are grateful for our support staff in school: classroom assistants, clerical, kitchen, cleaning and caretaking staff. Their efforts allow for the smooth running of the school and their commitment and loyalty to St. Anne's is very much appreciated by us all.

2019-20

To conclude, we would like to pay special tribute to our wonderful teaching staff. They are always ready to move forward and embrace new challenges and this year, more than any other, they have faced the huge challenge of facilitating the 'learning at home' programme for our pupils between March and the end of June. They learned new skills very quickly and adapted so professionally to the situation we all found ourselves in. As a result, work was provided via learning packs and online learning platforms consistently until the end of the year. In addition, supervision was offered to children of key workers, they maintained contact via the school website and even held an online P7 Leavers Assembly, and I believe their superb efforts meant that pupils and parents felt hugely supported throughout a very challenging time. We owe Mr Duffin and all the staff a huge debt of gratitude.

Despite the challenges faced, this has been another outstanding year for St. Anne's Primary School, and we look forward to your continued support in the years ahead.

Signed Clarre Kelly
Chairperson of Board of Governors

Date: 30/10/20

