



BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS'
ANNUAL REPORT**

2023 - 2024

Excellence – Creativity – Integrity

April 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

As Chairperson of the Board of Governors of Ballyoran Primary School it gives me great pleasure to present you with our Annual Report for 2023-2024.

This was a special year in the life and history of our school as we celebrated our 50th Anniversary, this culminated in a Special Birthday Fun Day in June when everyone had lots of fun as we celebrated Ballyoran Primary School's half century in existence.

Firstly, I want to thank all the staff of Ballyoran Primary School for their hard work, commitment and dedication, frequently beyond the school day. This has been another busy year for staff as the school has continued to provide the best possible education for all its pupils.

Next, I want to thank parents and guardians for their support throughout the year which is vital in a child's educational development and without which the school could not function effectively.

Thanks must also go to the pupils, without whom there would not be a Ballyoran Primary School, for all that they contributed in 2023-2024.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Board of Governors who have faithfully served the school over this past year.

Finally, as this is the last Annual Report that I will write the foreword to, as I am retiring from the Board of Governors, I would like to wish the school continued success for the future.

Detailed as this report is, it can only give you a brief insight into the many varied aspects of school life during the 2023-2024 year. Should any parents/guardians need clarification on any aspect of this Report, I would ask you to forward your request in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Governors, Mr Woolsey.

Yours faithfully

Eamonn Fleming
Chairperson of the Board of Governors

Ballyoran Primary School Board of Governors: 2023-2024

Education Authority Representative

Mr Eamonn Fleming (Chairperson)

Mrs Linda-Jayne Watt

Transferor Representatives

Mrs Hazel Loney (Vice-Chairperson)

Mrs Enid Jennett

Rev Christina Bradley

Mrs Sharon Douglas

Parent Representatives

Ms Ceira Hall

Mrs Sinead Hughes

Teacher Representative

Mrs Roisin McGuire

Secretary

Mr Richard Woolsey (non-voting Member)

The Principal would like to thank members of the Board of Governors for their time, dedication and commitment given voluntarily to the school and their wise counsel and support given to him during another very busy school year.

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors

The main responsibilities of the Board of Governors are:

- The implementation, delivery and oversight of the curriculum.
- The management and control of the allocated budget.
- The provision of information for parents.
- The recruitment and selection of staff.
- The maintenance of the premises (Shared responsibility with the Education Authority).
- The Admissions Policy.
- The fostering of links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding.

The Board of Governors is ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. It is required to meet a minimum of 3 times during the year (once every term), but during the 2023-2024 school year it met 13 times either as a full board or sub committee. The dates of the meetings were as follows:

Full Board:

27th September 2023
15th November 2023
28th February 2024
24th April 2024
19th June 2024

Staffing/Finance Sub Committee:

27th September 2023
19th June 2024

Appointments Sub Committee:

4th October 2023
18th October 2023
4th March 2024
19th March 2024
26th April 2024
10th May 2024

**School Staff
2023-2024**

Teaching Staff

Member of Staff

Class/Responsibility

Mr R Woolsey	Principal
Mrs R McGuire	Vice Principal Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator, Learning Support Co-ordinator, Designated Teacher
Mrs F Mulholland	Nursery 1, Nursery Co-ordinator, Deputy Designated Teacher
Miss Z Sanlisoy	Nursery 2 (Job Share)
Miss A Mackle	Nursery 2 (Job Share) from 08/04/24
Mrs K Wells	Nursery 2 (Job Share)
Mrs A Biggerstaff	Yr 1 (Job Share), ICT Co-ordinator
Mrs C Totten	Yr 1 (Job Share)
Mrs H McConville	Yr 2/3, Foundation Stage Co-ordinator, Shared Education Co-ordinator, ICT Co-ordinator, Teacher Tutor
Mrs A Muldrew (Maternity Leave covered by Miss R Carson & Mrs C Totten)	Yr 1/2, Music & Sustrans Co-ordinator
Miss A Baird	Yr 3, WAU, Forest School & Eco Co-ordinator
Miss H Abraham	Yr 4, Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator, Literacy Co-ordinator & Assessment Co-ordinator
Mrs R McGuire	Yr 5 (Job Share)
Mrs L Walker	Yr 5 (Job Share)
Miss M McKernan	Yr 6, PDMU Co-ordinator, Charity Co-ordinator
Mrs S Brown	Yr 7 (Job Share), Numeracy Co-ordinator
Mrs L Martin	Yr 7 (Job Share), Playground Co-ordinator
Mrs L Walker	Yr 5 (Job Share)
Mr R Hendron	Senior LSC, PE Co-ordinator & RE Co-ordinator
Mrs H McCullough	Junior LSC opened January 2024
Mrs K Barkley	Literacy and Numeracy Support Teacher

Auxiliary Staff

Mrs M Bell	Nursery Assistant
Miss E Dudek	Nursery Assistant
Miss J Carson	Classroom Assistant
Mrs S Glavin	Classroom Assistant
Miss E Bloomer	Classroom Assistant
Mrs N Stewart	Classroom Assistant
Miss R Cinikaite	Classroom Assistant
Ms S Foster	Classroom Assistant
Miss C Wilson	Classroom Assistant
Miss K Goodman	Classroom Assistant
Miss L Murray	Classroom Assistant
Miss C McDonnell	Classroom Assistant

Mrs E Black	Classroom Assistant
Miss E Montgomery	Classroom Assistant
Miss M Duraes	Classroom Assistant
Mrs P Reid	Classroom Assistant
Mrs L McDonnell	Classroom Assistant

Mrs U Stevenson	Secretary
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Ancillary Staff

Mr J Glavin	Building Supervisor
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Miss S Henderson	Cleaner
Mrs G Mercer	Cleaner
Mrs D Larkin	Cleaner
Mrs T Lawless	Cleaner

Mrs M Cusack	Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant
Mrs J Robinson	Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant

Breakfast Club	Mrs S Dobrowolska
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School Meals Kitchen Staff

Mrs D Campbell	Unit Catering Supervisor
Mrs E Murphy	Cook
Mrs D Rowney	Catering Assistant
Mrs S Dobrowolska	Catering Assistant

We said farewell to the following staff in 2023/2024:

Miss Cason who was covering a teacher Maternity Leave for the year.

Mrs Black and Miss Montgomery who were with us for a short time as Classroom Assistants.

Mrs Stevenson who was with us as a secretary for a year.

Mr Glavin who was with us as Building Supervisor for 3 years

Mrs Larkin, our longest serving member of staff who retired from her cleaning post after 40 years' service at the school.

We wish all of them all the very best for the future.

Thanks

The Board of Governors would like to thank the Principal and all the Staff for their hard work and dedication during 2023/2024. They appreciate the efforts of the entire staff who contribute so effectively to the smooth and safe running of a happy school.

Vision, Aims and Mission Statement

Mission Statement

Excellence, Creativity, Integrity

Vision

As a welcoming, Inclusive School we aim to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating learning environment which will enable each child to develop to his or her full potential - academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually, in preparation for becoming responsible citizens.

We celebrate each person as an individual and as a valued member of our school and wider community.

In an atmosphere of tolerance and trust, we actively encourage respect, self-worth, independence, team spirit, imagination, creativity and fun.

Aims

- 1) To fulfil the school vision by developing each child as:
 - an individual
 - a contributor to society
 - a contributor to the economy and environment.

- 2) To develop in each child the following skills:
 - Communication
 - Using Mathematics
 - Using ICT
 - Thinking skills
 - Managing information, problem solving and decision-making
 - Being creative, working with others and self management.

- 3) To foster the following attitudes and values:
 - Personal responsibility
 - Self-confidence
 - Tolerance and respect for others
 - Commitment, determination and resourcefulness
 - Community spirit
 - Integrity

- Independence
- Openness to new ideas.

Ultimately to provide stimulating, relevant and enriching learning experiences with equality of access for each child so that they may develop an enthusiasm for learning as a lifelong process.

2023-2024 Calendar of Events

Many events, interwoven through the Curriculum, reflect the variety of activities the pupils experienced throughout the school year. It should be noted that the list below is not exhaustive.

Autumn Term

- Relax Kids
- Healthy Kidz
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Swimming: Years 5 – 7
- Instrumental Tuition
- Hospice Coffee Morning
- Book Fair
- Flu Vaccinations
- World Mental Health Day
- Credit Union Poster Competition
- Nursery Welly Boot Walk
- Nursery Football Coaching
- Young Enterprise
- European Day of Languages
- Anti Bullying Week
- Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Children In Need Non-Uniform Day
- Community Dentist Visit
- Dog's Trust Workshops
- Sustrans Journey to Santa
- Health Visitor Appraisals
- Daily Mile Santa Run
- Aladdin Panto at Market Place Theatre
- Dairy Council Food & Fitness Session
- School Christmas Card Competition
- Individual and Family Photographs
- Non-Uniform Day & Bun Sale for Children In Need
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Canteen Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Performances
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Parties

Spring Term

- Relax Kids
- Healthy Kidz
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Swimming: Years 5 – 7

- Instrumental Tuition
- Transfer Talks and Open Days/Nights
- PSNI Internet Safety Talk
- Yr 4 World War 2 Trip to Palace Stables
- Safer Internet Day
- County Board Gaelic Coaching
- Portadown Moves
- Years 6 & 7 'Your Life' Workshops
- Nursery Dentist Visit
- Nursery Football Coaching
- Reading Week
- PSNI Visit to Nursery
- Action Mental Health Healthy Me Workshop
- Tree Planting
- Pupil Council visit to Civic Centre
- World Book Day
- Blackberry Farm visit to Nursery
- Year 7 Ceremony of Light
- Gaelic Team playing at Half Time at Armagh game
- Whole school 50th Anniversary Photograph
- Year 5 Fire Service Talk
- Easter Egg Hunts
- First Confession
- Year 1 Health Appraisals
- Yr 7 Oral Health Survey
- Shared Education
- Young Enterprise
- Diocesan RE Visit
- Dental Visit to LSC
- Class & Group Photos

Summer Term

- Relax Kids
- Healthy Kidz
- Pupil Council Meetings
- Swimming: Years 5 - 7
- Instrumental Tuition
- Gaelic Coaching
- Confirmation
- Parents & Friends Meeting
- PSNI Talk on Anti Social Behaviour
- Nursery Football coaching

- Gaelic Blitzes
- Assessment Fortnight
- Visit to People's Park
- Yr 7 Trip to Armagh Planetarium
- Year 7 Cycling Proficiency
- Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential
- Jo Jingles in Nursery
- First Holy Communion
- End of Year Class Trips
- Fun Run at People's Park
- Sports Day
- 50th Birthday Fun Day
- Talent Show
- Year 7 Leaver's Party
- Young Enterprise
- Sports Awards
- Nursery Graduation
- Prize Day
- Class Changes
- End Year Class Parties

Staff Development

Staff were involved in the following training and development during the 2023-2024 school year. A more specific list of which members of staff were involved in training is kept by staff members and the Principal:

- Whole Staff Safeguarding & Child Protection
- Health Awareness Refresher
- Fire Safety
- Behaviour Management
- Supporting Health and Well Being
- Guided Reading
- Child Protection Designated Teacher
- Boosting Reading
- PLPs
- First Aid At Work
- School Development Planning
- Behaviour Support
- ASD
- Nursery Interactions
- ICT Just Too Easy
- Online Safety
- Assessment & Reporting
- Handwriting
- Admissions
- Online Payroll
- NISTR
- SIMs
- CEFR

PRSD

PRSD continued during 2023/2024 but due to industrial action it was only for staff still progressing through incremental pay increases.

The Curriculum

Under the Education Reform Order, the responsibility of the Governors for the curriculum, ie. what is taught in school, has been increased. The Governors' control of the curriculum is, however, more apparent than real as much of what is taught has now been determined by law in the form of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Generally, the day-to-day organisation of the curriculum remains the Principal's responsibility.

A broad and balanced learning experience is provided for all pupils attending Ballyoran Primary School. This has been achieved through the efforts of the Principal, Vice Principal, School Leadership Team, Subject Co-ordinators and Teachers spending many hours in discussion and planning to produce Policies and Schemes for use in the classroom and ensuring that classroom practice gives pupils the best learning opportunities possible.

The Curriculum Development Programme involved In-service Training, both inside and outside school on Baker Days, School Development Days and Directed Time throughout the year. The Programme involved all members of Staff working individually, in year groups, in key stage groups or as a whole staff team as appropriate and was supported by EA Advisers and other outside agencies.

The Northern Ireland Curriculum aims 'to empower young people to achieve their potential and to make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives.' It has three objectives:

1. To develop the young person as an individual
2. To develop the young person as a contributor to society
3. To develop the young person as a contributor to the economy and environment

The Cross Curricular Skills which underpin all teaching and learning are Communication, Using Mathematics and Using ICT, as well as Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities.

There are seven Areas of Learning in the Northern Ireland Curriculum:

1. Language & Literacy
2. Mathematics & Numeracy
3. The World Around Us
4. The Arts
5. Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
6. Physical Education
7. Religious Education

The following were the main curriculum priority areas for development during 2023/2024:

- Literacy Development
 - ✓ Handwriting
 - ✓ Decoding text through effective blending and segmenting when reading
 - ✓ Non narrative texts
- Numeracy Development
 - ✓ Word Problems - Number

- ✓ Maths Challenges
 - ✓ Numeracy Recovery techniques
- ICT Development
 - ✓ Desirable Features
 - ✓ Review of ICT Planning format
 - ✓ Use of Staff Surface Pros
 - ✓ Just Too Easy
- WAU
 - ✓ Forest Schools Training
 - ✓ Develop Outdoor Learning Area
 - ✓ Review of topics
- PDMU
 - ✓ Mindfulness
 - ✓ Relax Kids
 - ✓ Young Enterprise
- Music
 - ✓ Audit
 - ✓ Planning Review
 - ✓ Develop Recorder
- Art
 - ✓ Correlate topics with WAU
- PE
 - ✓ Develop Resources
 - ✓ Develop Daily Mile
- Develop Outdoor Play in Foundation Stage

Nursery

There are two classes within the Nursery Unit, each class has 26 children, a teacher and a classroom assistant.

In Ballyoran Nursery, staff continued to plan the indoor and outdoor curriculum to develop the children's six areas of learning:

1. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
2. Language Development
3. Physical Development
4. The Arts
5. Early Mathematical Development
6. The World Around Us

The following development took place during the 2023-24 school year:

- Review Outdoor Play document
- Development of early Mathematical Skills using a Maths Den
- Development of Outdoor Play through a Sensory Den and new allotment

Special Educational Needs

The good practice within SEN continued throughout the 2023-2024 academic year:

- Pupils were assessed by the Educational Psychologist
- Pupils received teaching support from the SPLD team
- Outside agencies worked with children at Stage 3 of the Code of Practice
- SEND Implementation work with staff
- PLP implementation
- Set up new Junior Learning Support Class
- New Sensory Room
- Seeking The Views of the Child - To support pupil engagement in the planning and reviewing of their individualised learning
- Sensory Motor Group continued

Assessment and Reporting

Standardised Assessment was completed during Assessment Fortnight in May.
End of Key Stage Assessment remained paused due to Industrial Action.

Pastoral Care, Safeguarding & Child Protection

During the 2023 – 2024 school year the following developments took place:

- ETI Safeguarding Pro Forma completed
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy reviewed
- Staff Safeguarding and Child Protection Training
- Designated Teacher Refresher Training
- Centralised Health Awareness Training
- Operation Encompass continuing to operate in school

Pupil Council

The members for 2023-2024 were as follows:

Yr 4	Aedan Creaney	Emilie Lawless
Yr 5	Varshita Mahesh Babu	Fionn Larkin
Yr 6	Sophia Murphy	Mason McDonnell
Yr 7	Ethan Millar	Beth Creaney
LSC	Balthasar Carlson Li	Jakub Czwojdrak

House System

The House Competition continued during the 2023 - 2024 school year. All of the pupils in Years 1 – 7 are placed in one of the following houses:

1. Bann
2. Lagan
3. Foyle

Points were given out by staff and recorded on a weekly basis on the Display Board in the Assembly Hall. A cup was presented to the winning House on a monthly basis in assembly and the overall winner recognised at Prize Day in June, the winning house for 2023/24 was Foyle. Pupils elected a Captain and Vice captain for each House as follows:

House	Captain	Vice-Captain
Bann	Beth Creaney	Sophia Murphy
Foyle	Tia Hughes	Denis Kozlowski
Lagan	Mia McKee	Ruby Hall

Eco Committee

The following pupils were elected onto the Eco Committee for 2023 – 2024:

Year 4	Maria Fialho	Rafael Sa
Year 5	Caitlin Corrigan	Isaac Sergeant
Year 6	Emilija Abromaviciute	Mason McDonnell
Year 7	Mia McKee	Jose Mendes
LSC	Jason Hall	Jakub Czwojdrak

Digital Leaders

The following pupils were elected to serve as Digital Leaders for 2023 – 2024:

Year 2/3	Daragh Knox and Harvey Hempkin
Year 3	Natan Michalik and Jilianne Dela Cruz
Year 4	Sadie Hall and Nicole Poliakova
Year 5	Isaac Sergeant and Reyna Kaplan
Year 6	Liam Mulholland and Katie Hamilton
Year 7	Ola Zaliwska and Denas Ciujevas
LSC	Alessandra da Veiga and Balthasar Carlson Li

Enrolment

Enrolment at 30th June 2024 was

Nursery	Primary	LSC	Total
52	212	16	28

Attendance

Attendance continued to be a priority for improvement on the School Development Plan. The School continues to promote the DE Policy – ‘School Attendance – Every School Day Counts.’

The average Attendance % for 2023 - 2024 was 90.5%, this was a significant increase from 87.9 the previous year%.

Twelve pupils received awards for 100% were given out at Prize Day, again this was an increase from 2 pupils the previous year.

Although our attendance remains below the Northern Ireland Average, we compare well with schools in a similar Free Schools Meals bracket to ourselves. Parents/guardians are to be thanked for ensuring that their children are in school every day. Staff are also to be commended for their part in ensuring good attendance. Attendance levels are proof that pupils want to be in school every day because staff are making their educational experience motivating, interesting and meaningful.

Partnership with Parents

Links between the school and parents which are vital, continued to be fostered and encouraged in various ways during the 2023 - 2024 year:

Nursery and Year 1 Induction Meetings.

All parents were kept up to date with happenings in school through monthly News Sheets, monthly Nursery News Letters and Topic Sheets, School Website, The School App, See Saw, email and text messages.

Other Information Sheets and Permission Notices were issued regularly as and when required.

Face to face Parent/Teacher Meetings returned and were held twice during the year.

A written Annual Report was issued to all Year 1 – 7 pupils and a Nursery Transition Form to all Nursery pupils in June.

Parents were able to make an appointment to speak to staff when required.

Our Parents & Friends Group was reestablished again for the first time since the pandemic.

Parents were surveyed on a range of issues using Online Google Forms.

The Board of Governors, Principal and staff would like to take this opportunity of thanking all parents for the valuable contribution that they made in supporting the school during 2023 - 2024.

Community Links

At Ballyoran Primary School we believe that the link with the local community is vital. This relationship is a two-way process, the school reaches into the community and the community is welcomed into school.

The following are some of our community links from last year:

- Our Community Learning Centre hosts a Blossom Sure Start ‘In Tune’ programme for 2 year olds.
- Pupils had opportunities to take part in a wide variety of educational trips to local facilities.
- Represented on the Local Neighbourhood Renewal Committee.
- Supported the local Community Association – Drumcree Community Trust as part of their Summer Programme through use of facilities.
- Links with other local Primary and Post primary schools through an Extended Schools’ Cluster.
- Strong Shared Education partnership with Bocombra Primary School.
- Pathways Into Partnership Cluster with four other local schools.
- Links with local Tir na nOg GFC
- Strong links with local PSNI Neighbourhood Policing team who came into school on numerous occasions to speak to pupils e.g. Firework Safety.
- Strong links with local church in particular with reference to First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Links with other local agencies: Education Welfare Service, Social Services, School Nurses, Council etc.
- Competitions e.g. Credit Union.
- Use of Website – www.ballyoranps.com.

Student Placements

During 2023-2024 the school hosted:

- 9 students from Southern Regional College.
- 2 students from Stranmillis University College

Charity

The school continued its fundraising for a number of charities and would like to thank staff, pupils, parents and friends of the school for their support and generosity.

Inclusion and Diversity

We are an inclusive school and highly respect the cultural diversity within our school community. Newcomers continue to settle in the local community and our enrolment includes a significant number of pupils from other countries including Portugal, Poland Romania and Lithuania.

The school receives a significant amount of extra funding for its Newcomer pupils. To celebrate the fact that we are a diverse and inclusive school, on 26th September 2024 we celebrated European Day of Languages.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Year 7 pupils were prepared for Confirmation which took place in April.

Year 4 First Holy Communion took place in May.

We are grateful for the pastoral support of our Chaplain Rev Father Sheehan, for his assistance in the organisation of the various celebrations.

Shared Education

Shared Education has been defined as education that will provide opportunities for children and young people from different community backgrounds to learn together. We again had a programme of activities for each year group with our partner, Bocombra Primary School.

Healthy Kidz

All primary pupils now benefit from the Healthy Kidz programme. Sessions included an initial assessment in week one and a further assessment in the final week to ascertain the level of progress. Central to the Healthy Kids programme was the Golden Mile where the pupils were encouraged to complete a circuit over a period of 15 minutes of either walking or running. The aim was very much to improve each pupil's level of fitness.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The school's programme of extra-curricular activities started again this year and these proved to be very popular with all of the pupils.

Extended Schools

The school again was fortunate to receive funding as part of the Department of Education's Extended Schools Programme whereby schools are encouraged to extend their activities beyond the normal school day. Many activities including Breakfast Club and Boosting Reading were possible because of this funding:

As well as our own school activities, the school is also the Lead School in an Extended Schools Cluster of Nursery, Primary and Post Primary schools.

Eco Schools

The school successfully completed its Green Flag Reassessment, thanks to the hard work of the Eco Committee.

Competitions

During the 2023 - 2024 school year, pupils enjoyed taking part in Art Competitions including the Credit Union Poster Competition, the school's Christmas Card Competition, an Anti-Bullying Poster Competition and a Knight's of St Columbanus Art Competition.

Healthy Breaks

Ballyoran Primary School is a Health Promoting School and has operated a Healthy Breaks Policy for many years. Nursery and Foundation Stage pupils are provided with a healthy snack each day by the school. Pupils in Years 3 – 7 are responsible for bringing in a healthy snack each day. The school also continued to offer pupils the opportunity to buy milk as part of the European Milk Subsidy Scheme.

School Leavers

Twenty-nine Year 7 pupils left Ballyoran Primary School at the end of June 2024, transferring to the following 7 post primary schools:

The Board of Governors wishes these pupils well for the next stage of their education and thanks them for all that they have contributed to Ballyoran Primary School during their time here.

Post-Primary School	Number of Pupils Transferring
Brownlow College	1
Clounagh Junior High School	1
Integrated College, Dungannon	1
St Catherine's College	3
St John the Baptist College	18
St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	5

School Finance

LMS Budget - Financial Year: April 2023 – March 2024

With the introduction of Local Management of Schools (LMS), each school receives an annual budget, which is largely based on the number of pupils attending the school. Since April 1992 the LMS budget for Ballyoran Primary School has been fully delegated to the Board of Governors.

Please note that the LMS budget report covers the financial year from April to March as distinct from the academic year from September to June.

1. Total Available Budget:	£1,291,095
2. Total Expenditure:	£1,177,959
3. Carry over for 2024-2025:	£113,136

School Fund Account: 1st August 2023 – 31st July 2024

2. Income:	£80,823.89
3. Expenditure:	£75,397
3. Closing Balance:	£5,426.89

School Security

DENI 1998 regulations require formal information to be presented regarding school security. Please note the following:

- Visitor access control - during school hours all visitors to school must enter by the front door and report to reception, sign the Visitors' Book and get a Visitors' Pass which must be worn at all times.
- The front doors of the School, Nursery and Community Learning Centre are protected by electronic access controls.
- A closed circuit television system operates inside and outside school premises.
- Secure doors and windows.
- Fire Detection Systems - the school is fitted with a fully functional fire alarm.
- Computer security - information held on computer can only be accessed by using confidential passwords.
- All valuable assets are marked with DNA.
- Intruder Alarm - the school is protected by an intruder alarm system.
- Security lights cover the exterior of the building.
- A security fence is in place around the site.

School Premises/Accommodation

Although the day-to-day management of maintenance issues is delegated to the Principal, each year the Governors carry out an Inspection of Premises. A number of maintenance developments took place during the 2023 - 2024 school year. The Board of Governors wish to place on record its thanks to the Education Authority Maintenance Department for all their support in maintaining the premises during the year.

School Closures: 2023 – 2024

Holidays for pupils and staff

September	-
October	30 - 31
November	1 - 3
December	20 – 31
January	1 - 2
February	12 - 16
March	17, 28 - 31
April	1 - 5
May	6, 27

School Development Days – School closed for pupils for Staff Training:

- 25th September 2023
- 1st November 2023
- 3rd January 2024
- 12th February 2024
- 28th May 2024

Exceptional Closure Days:

- 18th January 2024: School closed due to Strike