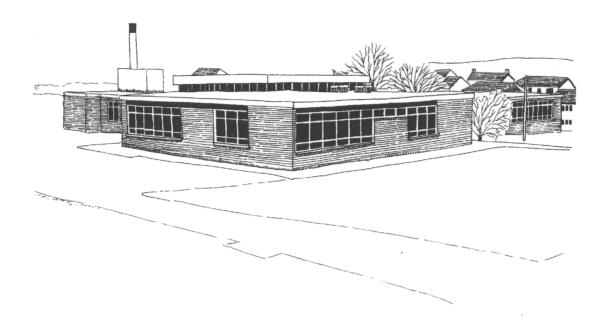
CARNINY PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Annual Report of the Board of Governors 2015/2016 School Year

Chairperson: Dr S Russell Secretary: Mr R Ross

"A friendly forward thinking school in which everyone is valued and encouraged to be successful"

The Governors' report provides an overview of the working of Carniny Primary School and how the Governors and others with responsibility for the school have carried out their duties.

Should you wish to have any additional information or clarification on any aspect of the report please forward your request in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

I present the report for your consideration.



Raymond Ross

(Secretary of Board of Governors)

1. The Governing Body and Structure

(1) Names and Categories of the Board of Governors

Dr S Russell (Chairman)

Mrs R Morrison

Mr P Dennis

Mrs C McKay

Mr W Kerr

Mrs L Hill

Transferor Representative

Transferor Representative

Parent Representative

Parent Representative

Mrs P Fleming Education Authority Representative
Mr D Fulton (Vice Chairman) Education Authority Representative

Mrs V Wylie Teacher Representative
Mr R Ross (Secretary) Principal - Non Voting member

The Board of Governors was reconstituted in January 2015. Each Governor's term of office will expire in 2018.

(2) The Functions of the Board of Governors

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. Some of their responsibilities include:

- The oversight of the curriculum.
- Selection of staff and other personnel responsibilities.
- Admissions policy.
- School maintenance.
- Implementation of new legislation.
- Fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding.
- Management of LMS (Local Management of Schools) Budget.

2. School Organisation

(1) Teaching Staff

Staffing is dependent upon the number of pupils enrolled at the school. The number of pupils admitted in September 2015 was 44. The total number of pupils on the roll was 291. There were 13 members of teaching staff.

(2) Members of Teaching Staff September 2015

Principal Mr R Ross Vice Principal (P6) Mr J Henry P7 Mr G Fisher P6/7 Mr S Church P5 Mr D Calwell P4/5 Mrs J Barnes Ρ4 Miss L Stevenson

Р3 Mrs M McCombe/Mrs G Dickson

P2/3 Miss R Todd P1/2 Mrs K Scott P1 Mrs Wylie

Mrs K Armstrong Special Needs

Mrs Barnes vacated her teaching position on 31 October. Her class was taught by Mr M Armstrong for the school year. Mr Henry retired at the end of the Autumn term and his class was taught by Miss L Galloway for the remainder of the school year.

(3) Ancillary and Auxiliary Staff 1 September 2015

Senior Clerical Officer Mrs M Shevlin Clerical Officer Mrs B Anderson Classroom Assistants Miss K McCartney Miss J McCartney

Mrs R Fletcher Mrs A Russell (Temp) Mrs C Simpson

Mrs S Andrews (Temp) Mrs J Craig (Temp) Mrs J McMullan (Temp) Mrs K McClelland (Temp)

Mrs L Daisley (Temp) Miss L Young (Temp)

General Assistant Supervisory Assistants Mrs K McClelland

Mrs R Tweedy Mrs S Hazlett Mrs F Fullerton Mr W Peacock

Caretaker Ancillary Staff Mrs J Davison Mrs D Hueston

Language Assistant Mr R McCombe

Mrs McClelland resigned from her position as Classroom Assistant and Supervisory Assistant at the end of the Christmas term and she was replaced by Mrs L Daisley on a temporary basis for the remainder of the school year.

3. School Finances

(1) LMS (Local Management of Schools) Delegated Budget

The school operates under a fully delegated status.

Income and Expenditure for the financial year April 2015 to March 2016

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Budget 859 269

Expenditure 773 870

2015/2016 Carry Over 85 399

The Education Authority has approved the school's most recent 3 Year Financial Plan for the period 2016-2019.

(2) Private School Funds

The school operates four private accounts with the First Trust Bank, Ballymena . These accounts are as follows:

General Purposes

Educational Visits

Milk

Comenius Project

The accounts are audited on an annual basis.

4. Attendance 2015/2016

The average daily attendance was 96.5%

Full Attendance Certificates were awarded as follows:

One Year

Zara Cumming, Anna Ford, Georgie Harvey, Jack Hosseini, Alex Moon, Emma Wylie, Ellen Dickson, Lois Gamble, Rudy Harvey, Zac Russell, Billy Wylie, Daniel Barnes, Sarah Livingstone, Morgan Mawhinney, Lucy McDonald, Thomas Scullion, Yasmin White, Lucy McAllister, Grace Warnock, Nicole Hajduga, Joshua McDowell, Adam Stirling, Jessica Wylie, Caleb McCorriston, Robyn McIlrath, Leah McKelvery, Daniel Craig, Joshua Gilkinson, Sophie Gormley, Leon Graham, Lloyd Logan

Two Years

Rebecca Kelly, Adam Paul, Matthew Wylie, Adam Rainey

Three Years

Luca Laverty, Luke Millar, Gemma McClelland, Tom Wylie, Harry Ross

Four Years

Emily Rainey, Sarah Stirling

Five Years

Sam Donnelly

5. The Curriculum

(1) The Northern Ireland Curriculum

The school continued to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all its pupils and has fulfilled the statutory requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Within each class, differentiation of work has taken into account the varying ability levels of the children. A variety of teaching techniques and styles have been employed, from class teaching to group workshops and field work.

All children on the Special Needs Register had an Individual Education Plan. Support for each child was in the form of differentiated learning within the class and support from Learning Support Assistants. Primary 3 pupils experiencing difficulties with reading benefited from a Reading Recovery type programme provided by Mrs K Armstrong (SENCO).

(2) Curriculum/Professional Development

The School Development Plan was updated. Curriculum/professional development during the year focused on:-

Teachers availed of opportunities for professional development through attendance at in-service courses organised by the school, Education Authority or the Regional Training Unit.

Staff Development in the school focused on the areas detailed below. Subject co-ordinators in the school provided relevant training.

Area	Specific Development	
Assessment	 Using data more effectively 	
	 Internal Standardisation 	
	 Assessment for Learning - making learning explicit and 	
	effective questioning	
Literacy	 Creation of Literacy Reading Activities 	
	 Accelerated Reader 	
	 Synthetic Phonics (P1) 	
Numeracy	 Rapid Maths (P4-7) 	
	 Mental Maths Strategies and Scheme of Work 	
	 IZAK9 Mental Maths Resource 	
ICT	 Use of iPads across the curriculum (Using Greenscreen and 	
	iMovie)	
	iMovie)Operation of new school website	
	Operation of new school websiteDevelopment of Computer Based Assessment	
	 Development of Computer Based Assessment Review of UICT tasks 	
	 Whole staff awareness of use of iPads (all staff attended 	
	the iLearn conference in Belfast)	
Medication	 Update training in administration of medication- 	
	Anaphylaxis Training	
Child Protection	Child Protection update training for all staff	
Shared	Staff attended training in Shared Education (with teaching)	
Education	staff from St Colmcilles)	
	 Training facilitated by iTeach (Stop Motion Movie Making) 	
	with teachers from St Colmcille's PS	
	 Creation of topic themes for each year group in Carniny and 	
	St Colmcille's PS.	
Heartstart	 Heartstart update training for teaching and non teaching 	
	staff	

(3) Exceptional Closures

There were five Exceptional Closures during the year for staff development/training in the following areas:

ICT - (1 day)
Mental Maths- (1 Day)
Assessment -AFL, Target Setting, Internal Standardisation and Data Analysis (2 Days)
Reading -Accelerated Reader (1 Day)

(4) Education for Mutual Understanding

The Governors, Principal and Staff continued to promote activities, experiences and learning situations which gave our pupils the opportunity to:-

- learn to respect oneself and other people.
- learn to understand and appreciate one's own culture and traditions.
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- learn skills of co-operation.
- broaden horizons towards the wider world.

Raising money for local charities and participation in sporting and musical activities; welcoming visiting speakers/clergy to our assemblies and classrooms are some of the ways through which EMU is promoted in the school. The Discipline Policy is also considered to be central to our EMU Policy since our pupils are continually encouraged in class, playground, sports' field and community to show respect for others. All our classes continue to use the agreed NEELB syllabus for R.E. and this provides excellent motivation and opportunity for teaching mutual respect using scriptural illustration.

Education for Mutual Understanding has also been promoted through:

- The European Comenius Project
- Participation in a Shared Education project with pupils and staff from St Colmcille's PS.

The school was delighted to have a successful application for participation in a Shared Education Project with pupils and staff from St Colmcille's PS. The project commenced in the 2015/2016 School Year with staff training in both schools in preparation for pupil contact in the 2016/2017 School Year. The focus of the project will be using movie making in the context of cross curricular thematic teaching.

6. Assessment

(1) Statutory Assessment

Year 4 and Year 7 pupils completed the Statutory Assessment in Communication and Using Mathematics during the 2015/16 school year. The results were reported to parents in the Annual Progress Reports in June 2016. These figures report the percentage of pupils achieving the different levels in both subjects, and highlight that pupils at Carniny Primary School continue to achieve high standards.

Statutory Assessment Results 2015/2016

Key Stage 1

	Level 2 and above	Level 3 and above
Communication	100% (88.7%)*	34.15%
Using Mathematics	97.56% (90.3%)*	26.83%

Key Stage 2

	Level 4 and above	Level 5 and above
Communication	82.92% (76.8%)*	17.07%
Using Mathematics	80.49% (77.4)*	19.51%

^{*}Northern Ireland Averages

During the 2015/2016 School Year the majority of schools in N I participated in Industrial Action concerning the new Assessment Arrangements. In the table above the figures in brackets are NI averages based only on a limited number of schools participating in the Statutory Assessment.

Year 7 pupils received their Record of Achievement Folders at the P7 Leavers' Night on 28 June 2016.

(2) Transfer Procedure

The number of children transferring to each of the secondary schools is detailed below:-

Ballymena Academy -	16	Cambridge House -	9
Cullybackey College	2	Dunclug College -	11
Slemish College	3		

7. Awards 2015/2016

(1) Academic Awards

Awards for special achievement were presented to the following Year 7 pupils.

Award	Description	Pupil
Allen English Cup	English	Keira Reid
Aicken Mathematics Cup	Mathematics	Sarah Stirling
Foster Science Cup	Science	Jacob Oliver
Carson IT Shield	IT	Jamie Scullion
Foster Art Cup	Art	Lauren Ramsey
Smyth Project Shield	Project	Shannon Warwick
Drummond Cup	Most Improved Pupil	Beth Tennant
McKerr Cup	Drama	Isobel Henderson
Hanly Dance Cup	Dance	Daniel Craig
Ross Shield	Exemplary Behaviour	Jessica Livingstone

Fleming Ethos Cup	Promoting School Ethos	Bobby Foster
Thompson Cup	Contribution to Extra Curricular Activities	Kate Wylie
David Hamill Memorial Cup	Effort	Victoria McCosh
Waddell Shield	Best overall P7 Boy Academic/sports/ neatness / helpfulness / manners etc.	Josh Gilkinson
Blair Shield	Best overall P7 Girl Academic/sports/ neatness / helpfulness / manners etc.	Caitlin Graham

(2) Achievement Awards

Awards for General Achievements in Sports and Academic Effort throughout the year were presented to: Rebekah Brown, Caron Cooke, Joshua Gilkinson, Caitlin Graham, Rebecca Hanly, Isobel Henderson, Emma Kinney, Lloyd Logan, Lydia Logan, Etain McGuckian, Jacob Oliver, Matthew Robinson, Jamie Scullion, Sarah Stirling, Shannon Warwick, Eve Williamson, Kate Wylie, Caitlin Coulter, Daniel Craig, Bobby Foster, Sophie Gormley, Joshua Graham, Leon Graham, Tory Hopkins, Andrew Johnston, Jake Laverty, Jessica Livingstone, Savannah Skye Long, Jamie Maxwell, Mark McClean, Ben McClintock, Victoria McCosh, James Montgomery, Samuel Nicholl, Adam Rainey, Lauren Ramsey, Keira Reid, Olivia Reid, Harry Ross, Katie Stevenson, Beth Tennant.

8. Music

(1) Tuition

The Education Authority's music service provided instrumental tuition in strings (Mr S Heron) and woodwind and brass (Mr G Murray). Mr J McDowell also provided drum tuition.

The following children were successful in Associated Board of the Royal School of Music examinations:-

Pupil	Instrument/Grade
Sophie Hill	Violin Music Tracks Grade 1
Evan Andrews	Violin Music Tracks - Grade 1
Sarah Oliver	Violin Music Tracks - Grade 1
Stewart Paul	Trombone - Grade 1
Lucy McAllister	Flute - Grade 1
Sarah Stirling	Flute - Grade 3
Kate Wylie	Flute - Grade 3
Emma Weir	Flute - Grade 3

The school Orchestra and Choir performed in the school's musical events (Open Day, Spring Concert) and in Kintullagh and Galgorm Nursing Homes.

(2) Music Awards

At the Annual Academic Prize Giving the following children received Choir, Orchestra and Individual Awards:

Junior Choir Badges

Emma Livingstone, Sarah Livingstone, Brandon Kennedy, Scott Watterson, Jude McConnell, Sophia Stephan, Lois Gamble, Hannah Brown, Billy Wylie, Sophie Kerr, Chloe Allenby, Amy McNeilly, Luca Laverty, Katie McCormick, Demi Mather, Emily Reid, Jack McCrickard, Emily Rainey, Adam Paul, Lucy McDonald, Gemma McClelland, Lucy Erwin, Samuel Church, Katherine

Alexander, Thomas Allenby, Hannah Ramsey, Rachel McDowell, Oliver Stephan, Lleyton Mairs.

Senior Choir Badges

Daniel Craig, Steph Dawson White, Sophie Gregg, Sophie Hill, Holly Hill, Emma Kennedy, Lydia Logan, Savanna Sky Long, Lucy McAllister, Leah McKelvey, Alyssa Moore-Jones, Megan Neely, Sarah Oliver, Olivia Reid, Emma Robinson, Zach Shaw, Peter Simpson, Lily-Mae Torrington, Emma Weir, Jack Weir, Emma Tennant, Lauren Calderwood, Katie Stevenson, Rebecca Hanly, Sophie Gormley Beth Tennant, Jessica Livingstone, Grace Fisher, Eve Williamson, Kate Wylie, Eric Gamble, Caleb McCorriston, Tom Wylie, Luke McCorriston, Arlo Sarkar Butler, Adam Burnside

Orchestra Badges

Kate Wylie, Sarah Stirling, Emma Weir, Lucy McAllister, Sophie Hill, Evan Andrews, Craig Robb, Alyssa Moore-Jones, Olivia Reid, Stewart Paul, Tom Wylie, Noah Hought, Craig McQuillan

Individual Awards

Award	Description	Pupil
McMullan Cup	Most Promising Young Musician in P6	Emma Weir
Shevlin Music Cup	Most Promising Instrumental Beginner	Sophie Hill
Logan Shield	Woodwind	Sarah Stirling
Hamill Shield	Strings	Olivia Reid
Baxter Shield	Brass	Stewart Paul
Music Cup	Recorder	Eve Williamson
Sarah Crawford Cup	All Round Musician	Kate Wylie
Orchestra Leaders Shield	Orchestra Leaders	Kate Wylie/Sarah Stirling

9. Sport

(1) Activities

Pupils were offered a wide range of sporting activities both within the normal school day and after school organised by both teaching staff and external coaches. We experienced continued success with the following:-

- The school participated in a wide range of sporting competitions during the year football, hockey, netball, tag rugby, golf and cricket.
- The school had another successful year in Cycling Proficiency. 38 pupils successfully completed the programme.
- The netball team had a very successful year winning both the Local League and Tournament. The team also participated in the Northern Ireland Championships.
- The Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils availed of swimming tuition at Ballymena Leisure Centre during the school year.
- The football team won the local 5 a side Football competition at Antrim Forum.
- The 7 a side football team won the annual football tournament at Cullybackey College
- Two Primary 7 teams participated in the annual Ballymena Primary School Kwik Cricket competition.

- The school sporting year came to a very satisfactory completion in both the P1-3 Fun Sports' Day and the P4-7 Sports' Day.
- Mr A McIlroy taught PE lessons to all classes from P1-7. He was funded by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. From Easter onwards the school was required to give a small donation for his services.

(2) Team Medals

Football

Jamie Maxwell, Leon Graham, Jake Laverty, Mark McClean, Caleb McCorriston, Kai McCormick, Ben McCormick, Tom Wylie, Luke McCorriston, Craig McQuillan, Joel Murray, Matthew Wylie.

Rugby

Matthew Wylie, Mark Gregg, Caleb McCorriston, Harry Ross, Lloyd Logan, Josh Gilkinson, Josh Graham, Jacob Oliver, Leon Graham, Jamie Maxwell, Mark McClean.

Netball

Etain McGuckian(Captain), Kate Wylie, Shannon Warwick, Tory Hopkins, Isobel Henderson, Sarah Stirling, Caitlin Graham, Rebekah Brown and Lauren Ramsey.

(3) Shields, Trophies and Cups

Award	Description	Pupil
P1 Girls Sprint	Best P1 Girl	Emma Wylie
P1 Boys Sprint	Best P1 Boy	Ben McCrickard
P2 Girls Sprint	Best P2 Girl	Lucy Cubitt/Leah Rock
P2 Boys Sprint	Best P2 Boy	Harry Stirling
P3 Girls Sprint	Best P3 Girl	Demi Mather
P3 Boys Sprint	Best P3 Boy	Zac Russell
P4 Girls Sprint	Best P4 Girl	Emma Livingstone/Sarah Livingstone/Gemma McClelland
P4 Boys Sprint	Best P4 Boy	Ryan Stephens/Oliver Stephan
P5 Girls Sprint	Best P5 Girl	Alex Bailes/Annie Greer
P5 Boys Sprint	Best P5 Boy	Robbie Mather/Tom Wylie
P6 Girls Sprint	Best P6 Girl	Molly McDermott/Charlie-Jo Carlin
P6 Boys Sprint	Best P6 Boy	Callum Lutton/Kai McCormick
P4 Girls Trier	Best P4 Girls Trier	Emily Rainey
P4 Boys Trier	Best P4 Boys Trier	Adam Paul

P5 Girls Trier	Best P5 Girls Trier	Emma Tennant
P5 Boys Trier	Best P5 Boys Trier	Adam Stirling
P6 Girls Trier	Best P6 Girls Trier	Emma Robisnon
P6 Boys Trier	Best P6 Boys Trier	Joel O'Neill
P7 Girls Trier	Best P7 Girls Trier	Sophie Gormley
P7 Boys Trier	Best P7 Boys Trier	Mark McClean
Girls Senior Sprint Champion	Best of P7 Girls	Etain McGuckian/Tory Hopkins
Boys Senior Sprint Champion	Best of P7 Boys	Matthew Robinson
Heaton Cups for Girls 100m	Best of P5-7 Girls	Etain McGuckian
Baxter Cup for Boys 100m	Best of P5-7 Boys	Matthew Robinson
Ellis Shield Girls Egg and Spoon Race	Best of P5-7 Girls	Annie Greer/Alex Bailes
Ellis Shield Egg & Spoon Race Boys	Best of P5-7 Boys	Craig McQuillan/Charlie Wilson
Senior Shield Girls Sack Race	Best of P7 Girls	Tory Hopkins
Senior Shield Boys Sack Race	Best of P7 Boys	Tom Wylie
Ballentine Cup 200m Girls	Best of P5-P7 Girls	Tory Hopkins
Stewart Shield Boys 200m Champion	Best of P5-P7 Boys	Joel Murray
Neilly Shield Long Jump	Best of P6-P7 Boys	Matthew Robinson
Stevenson Shield Long Jump	Best of P6-P7 Girls	Tory Hopkins
Green Long Jump	Best of P5 Girls	Alex Bailes
Morrow Long Jump Cup	Best of P5 Boys	Charlie Wilson
Wilson Shield Boys Throwing the Cricket Ball	Longest Throw P5-P7	Leon Graham
Wilson Shield Girls Throwing the Cricket Ball	Longest Throw P5-P7	Emma Weir
McKelvey Cup P5 Girls	Class Champion Most Points	Annie Greer
McKelvey Cup P5 Boys	Class Champion Most Points	Tom Wylie
Mrs J Black Cup P6 Girls	Class Champion Most Points	Steph Dawson White
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Mrs J Black Cup P6 Boys	Class Champion Most Points	Joel Murray
Carlin Cup P7 Girls	Class Champion Most Points	Etain McGuckian
Carlin Cup P7 Boys	Class Champion Most Points	Matthew Robinson
Wilson Athletic Cup	All round sportsmanship for P5-6 Girls	Steph Dawson White
McIlvenna Cup	All round sportsmanship for P5-6 Boys	Joel Murray
Robinson Football Cup	Example & Skill in Football	Jamie Maxwell
Attias Leading Goal Scorer Trophy	Highest goal scorer	Leon Graham
McComb Trophy	Most enthusiastic player	Jake Laverty/Mark McClean
JL Gardner Games Cup Girls	All round sportsmanship Netball, Hockey, PE. Swimming	Tory Hopkins
Boys Sports Shield	All round sportsmanship Football, Rugby, Swimming, PE	Leon Graham
Wilson Shield	Most Promising Young Footballer P5-P6 Classes under 10 years	Tom Wylie
Richard Andrew Sports Award	Most Enthusiastic P5-P6 Footballer	Caleb McCorriston
Netball Shield	Most Improved Netball Player	Shannon Warwick
Wilson Shield	Most Improved Hockey Player	Emma Kinney
Moore Cup	Most Enthusiastic Player Netball (& Hockey)	Caitlin Graham
Foster Junior Sports Cup	Best Trier on Sports Day P5-P7	Craig Robb
Litogy Shield	Mum's Novelty Winner	Jennifer Mather
Litoby Shield	Dad's Novelty Winner	Dean Dunlop
J and M Blakely Swimming Cup	P7 Girls Swimming Champion	Tory Hopkins
Lynn Swimming Cup	P7 Boys Swimming Champion	Josh Gilkinson
Brice Cup	Cycling Proficiency	Rebecca Hanly
Fry Cup	Rugby	Jacob Oliver
Donald Cup	Most Enthusiastic Rugby Player	Harry Ross

10. House System

All children in P4-7 participated in the School's House System. During the year pupils were awarded Boy and Girl of the Month in each House. This year the overall Winning House award was won by Braid.

11. School Premises

Internally, the building is in good decorative order.

The following deficiencies still need to be addressed by the Education Authority:-

- Lack of facilities for pupil withdrawal
- · Windows in assembly hall needing replaced
- Un-level football pitch
- Limited car parking for parents

The Board of Governors continually strive to maximise the potential of the school premises and have submitted an application to the Education Authority for an extension to the school building.

We are very proud of our school grounds. The school's ECO Committee has taken a key role in its ongoing development.

12. Security of Pupils, Staff and School Premises

The following measures have been taken to ensure safety of all at Carniny Primary School:

- The school has a controlled system of entry into the school
- All visitors sign in at the office
- When collecting children from school, parents first report to the office and a member of staff collects children from the classroom
- A perimeter fencing discourages unauthorised entry to the school grounds during out of school hours
- An alarm system in the school informs key holders of unauthorised persons within the school
- The school carries out the fire Evacuation Procedure on a regular basis

13 Child Protection

(1) Child Protection Safeguarding Team

Following Mr Henry's retirement, Mrs Wylie commenced the role of Designated Teacher in January 2016. Mr Calwell was appointed as DDT (Deputy Designated Teacher) in February 2016. The Safeguarding team is comprised of the Principal, Designated Teacher & Deputy Designated Teacher.

(2) Child Protection Policy & Newsletter

The Child Protection Policy was updated (September 2015 and March 2016) and made available to all members of staff and parents (via website or hard copies available at school office). All new parents received a copy of the Child Protection Newsletter.

(3) Child Protection Training - Carniny Primary

Both teaching and non-teaching members of staff were trained in Child Protection Matters (05/10/15) by Mr Henry & Mrs Wylie.

(4) Child Protection Issues

During the reporting period there has been a decrease in the numbers of Child Protection issues.

One child protection concern was referred to Social Services. This case was dealt with appropriately and the case was closed by Social Services (25/04/16).

A Case Conference meeting was attended regarding a family in the school. UNOCINIs were issued and distributed to staff involved (04/10/15).

A LAC review meeting was attended (17/11/15) and the children concerned were reported as "content, happy children". This family continues under review.

14. School and the Community

(1) Educational Visits

During the year all classes participated in a range of educational visits. Primary 7 pupils had a very successful visit to Glasgow/Edinburgh 31 May - 3 June 2016. Primary 6 pupils also greatly enjoyed a 2 day residential in Greenhill YMCA from 26-27 May 2016.

(2) Charities

The school community continued to support the following charities:

Children in Need
Clarity - Employment for Blind People
Christmas Shoebox Appeal
British Legion Poppy Appeal
The Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Scheme
RAF Wings Appeal
Lifeboat Appeal
Sport Relief
Godmodex

(3) Assembly

A rota of local clergy visited twice weekly to lead morning assemblies.

(4) Musical Productions

All children from P1-7 participated in a Carol Service at Wellington Presbyterian Church with the P1-4 children taking a key role in the presentation of the Christmas Story. The P5-P7 musical production "Oliver" received much support from parents and friends. Boys and Girls in the school choir and orchestra entertained parents and friends in the Annual Spring Concert.

(5) Competitions

Pupils were encouraged to enter competitions sponsored by organisations in the local community.

Pupils successfully entered various sections in the Ballymena Show.

(6) European Links

The school was involved in a Comenius Project entitled "Arts Through Europe" with partner schools in Spain, Germany, and Sweden.

(7) After School Activities

A wide range of Extra Curricular activities were offered to the children during the school year. These included: Choir, Orchestra, Golf, Cricket, Cycling Proficiency, Soccer, Netball, Good News Club, Football (Playsport NI), Benchball (Playsport NI), Judo, Tennis, Fun with Drums.

(8) Leavers' Night

The school had a very successful and most memorable Leavers' Night on 28 June. P7 pupils produced and presented many amazing movies for all to watch and enjoy, followed by a meal and the distribution of awards.

(9) Best Kept School Award

The school made an application for the Best Kept School Award and it was very encouraging to achieve "Highly Commended".

15. Use of Premises

The school was very pleased to offer the use of the facilities to a local Judo class during the school year.

16. Wraparound Child Care

Since November 2015 the school has been able to offer a wraparound childcare facility before and after school. This was initially organised by "Sleepy Hollow Group" and more recently by our own "Carniny Carers at Carniny Primary School". We are delighted to be able to offer this service on the school premises and hope it will be supported by parents in the future.

17. Parental Interest and Support

The Governors, Principal and Teaching Staff are most appreciative of the continued support and interest of the parents in the life of the school. A sincere thanks to all parents who have accompanied classes on school visits and assisted in the school library.

During 2015/16 school year the Friends of Carniny Primary School raised £5376.51. This helped finance the rental and running costs of the school photocopier, purchase of 15 iPads and classroom resources. The hard work of the FOCPS continues to be invaluable in providing pupils with additional resources. Events / Fundraising this year included; Christmas Fair, Christmas Cards, Christmas Hooley and Summer Disco. Sincere thanks to all parents for their support during the year.

The FOCPS office bearers for the 2015/16 School Year included:

President Mr D Calwell
Chair Mrs H Weir
Secretary Miss L Doole

Treasurer Mrs C Sarkar, Mrs S Smyth
Teacher Rep Mr S Church, Mrs R McClean

18. Concluding Remarks

All members of the Board of Governors extend their thanks to the Principal and Staff for the high standards achieved both inside and outside the classroom and to the parents for their support in achieving this high level of success.