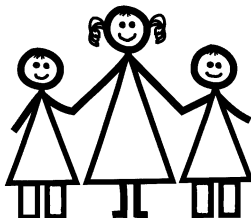


# *Spires Integrated Primary School*



## *Annual Report of the Board of Governors*

*2014 – 2015 School Year*



# **Board of Governors**

## **Year of Retirement**

### **Trust/Foundation Governors:**

Mrs C Keatley (Vice-Chair)	2016
Mr O Monaghan	2016
Mrs L McCulloch	2016
Ms B Niblock	2019
Mrs S Doherty	2015
Mr B Tohill	2015

<b><u>Parent Governors:</u></b>	Mr J Payne (Chair)	2016
	Mr G Greer	2019
	Ms A Sobieraj	2018
	Mr B Doyle	2018

<b><u>DENI Governors:</u></b>	Mr S Burns (Treasurer)	2016
	Ms M McMullan	2017
	Mrs O McKay	2017

**Co-Opted Member:** Mr R Clarke

<b><u>Teachers Reps:</u></b>	Miss K Crawford	2016
	Miss S Henry	2016

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

As Chairman of the Board of Governors, I would like to thank my fellow governors and the staff for their commitment and hard work. They have all given generously to the many needs and opportunities that make Spires so important to all of those in the community, and in particular, to the children.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Clarke on his recent appointment as Principal of Carntall Primary School, and would thank him for his very positive contributions to Spires. In addition, I would like to thank Mrs Caroline Donaghy and Mrs Annette Toner who also left Spires' staff in the last year, and wish them well in the future.

I would also thank the Parents' Community and all of the parents and guardians, for the important role they play in supporting and promoting the school.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of the children for their various achievements throughout the year, and we all look forward to the challenges and successes ahead of us in the next year.

*Jonathan Payne*  
*Chair of the Board of Governors*

### **Mission Statement**

Spires Integrated Primary School strives to promote primary education of the highest quality for all children, in an integrated and caring environment.

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

### **Curriculum**

The focus during this school year was to implement a new planning structure and development of Themes in P1 – P7. This was successfully completed by June.

We received the Right Respecting School award in October 2014. Under the guidance of Mr Clarke, the school implemented the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child articles into all areas of school life, ensuring that pupils are very aware of their rights and the rights of others.

One comment from the formal report stated:

*“It was clear to the assessors during the visit that everyone at Spires Integrated Primary School places a real importance on developing a rights respecting ethos. It was particularly notable that the senior leadership team has recognised how to effectively merge the integrated school philosophy with a rights respect approach ... There are a range of structures in place to support pupil voice. There is an active School Council and Class Council.”*

Mrs Diane McCormack worked on an Art Mural with all pupils to celebrate our RRS Award. Every child created a piece for this art work which is now on display on the entrance wall to the school.

Ms Fiona Doyle of STEM, worked closely with teachers in each Key Stage on the development of practical science within the World Around Us programme.

The school adheres to the Special Needs Code of Practice. Individual Education Plans are drawn up by Mrs Bates (SENCO) and class teachers. Provision for SEN has been developed to support pupils further through both classroom teaching and the withdrawal programme. New IEPs were introduced in September 2014.

Due to the nature of our modern building and the school design, all areas are accessible to pupils who have a physical disability.

The following Literacy programmes continued – Time to Read, Reading Partners, Extended Groups, Spelling Support, Paired Reading and Library visits.

Spanish lessons ceased at the end of Term 2 due to DENI cut backs. Swimming lessons, visits to the Library and sports sessions at Meadowbank continued for pupils in Key Stage 2.

A number of P7 pupils completed the Cycling Proficiency Programme.

## **Staff**

All teachers successfully completed their PRSD.

Staff participated in a Health and Wellbeing session in March, this was completed with staff from Phoenix Integrated Primary School. Staff also received training in ICT, Reading and Active Learning and staff attended a number of professional development courses.

The staff continued to work tirelessly throughout the year to provide a range of experiences for pupils in a welcoming, clean and safe environment. My thanks to all of them for their hard work and support.

### **Parental Involvement**

During 2014 - 2015 parents continued to play an active and supportive role in school through their attendance at teacher meetings, assemblies and concerts. A special thanks to those who accompanied classes on school outings. The Parents' Community held a number of events throughout the year, as well as monthly Coffee Mornings. Thank you for your continued support and fund raising.

### **Links with the Community**

The school has strong links with the local community and plays an active part in local events.

P7 participated in a Junior Entrepreneur programme in conjunction with Genesis Bakery, Magherafelt. They had to plan and execute a business programme and display an awareness of Profit and Loss. P4 pupils engaged in a recycling Halloween Activity as part of the local Council's recycling education programme. They also visited the Travel Agency as part of their 'Out and About' theme.

Students from the Rainey Endowed Grammar School led French lessons for our P6 class; P7 went to St Pius X College to see Joseph's Dreamcoat; P5 went to Knockloughrim Primary School to see Aladdin; P3 participated in a Prince's Trust programme with students from the North Regional College; P7 engaged in activities at Magherafelt High School. Students from Sperrin Integrated College led the Reading Partners programme with some of our pupils.

Spires' pupils joined pupils from Holy Family Primary School, Magherafelt and New Row Primary School, Castledawson for preparation and celebration of the Sacraments. Key Stage 2 pupils participated in several hockey tournaments. They were runners up in the Antrim Sixes tournament. The Soccer team won the tournament run by Woods Primary School in June. P4 received hurling and camogie training for the first time, they also competed in a camogie blitz among local schools. P6 participated in a Basketball competition at St Pius X College and P7 participated in the annual Athletics tournament at Meadowbank. P5 and P6 girls availed of golf sessions in Term

1 and all classes participated in Zumba lessons. P7 pupils successfully participated in a World Around Us competition at St Pius X College winning the trophy for Art.

The school took part in a range of community events. The Mid-Ulster Integrated Education Partnership continued to develop between Sperrin College, Phoenix Integrated Primary School and Spires. As did the cluster group for Integrated Primary Schools in the Mid Ulster and Omagh area and the newly formed Mid-Ulster Principals group.

Spires continued its links with Industry and Business through the Time to Read Programme. An employee of the Northern Ireland Water Service participated in this reading scheme with some P5 pupils. These P5 pupils then visited Magherafelt Water Treatment Plant to find out about one of the roles of the Time to Read Volunteer.

Principals from local post primary schools visited and spoke to P7 regarding their school and Mrs Kearney completed her annual visit to Magherafelt Nursery School. These visits are part of our transition programme to assist pupils who are starting P1 and those who are leaving at the end of Year 7.

## **Governors**

The Board of Governors meet regularly and carry out this voluntary work enthusiastically and without complaint. My thanks to all governors for their support and commitment to the school.

## **Educational Outings & Events**

P1	Spires Manor Building Site Portstewart
P2	Tesco Store Magherafelt Colin Glen Trust
P3	Greenvale Leisure Centre – Princes Trust Programme Oxford Island
P4	Magherafelt Library Travel Agent in Magherafelt Ulster Folk and Transport Museum
P5	Swimming Magherafelt Library Meadowbank Sports Arena – Fit for Life Ulster Folk and Transport Museum Knockloughrin Primary School - Aladdin

- P6  
 Magherafelt Library  
 Swimming  
 Meadowbank Sports Arena – Fit for Life  
 Ballinderry River Trust  
 Belfast Zoo
- P7  
 Bee Safe Event  
 Woodhall Residential  
 St Pius X College  
 Magherafelt High School  
 Meadowbank Sports Arena – Fit for Life  
 Swimming  
 Magherafelt Library  
 Sperrin Integrated College  
 Rainey Endowed – Language Taster  
 Belfast Zoo

### **Sporting Events**

Tag Rugby at Ravenhill, Belfast.

Football matches – with Knockloughrim and Castledawson Primary Schools, and Football tournaments at Woods Primary School and Meadowbank Sports Arena.

Girls' Hockey tournaments at Antrim and Cookstown.

Athletics Competition at Meadowbank.

Key Stage 2 received Gaelic Coaching from the GAA.

Gaelic and Hurling Blitzes.

### **Integrated Schools' Week**

During Integrated Schools' Week we had numerous activities which brought the whole community together. Parents were also invited to attend classes one morning during that week. This provided opportunities for them to join in activities with their children.

### **Assemblies & Celebrations**

Harvest Assembly – guest speaker was Fr A McAnerney

Halloween Disco

KS1 Christmas Performance

KS2 Carol Service

Individual Class Assemblies

Assembly led by Fr A McAnerney

Our Open Night was held on Monday 15 December 2014.  
Assembly led by Rev J Curry  
Confirmation (P7)  
First Communion and First Penance (P4)

### **Visitors**

Mr A Griggs – Bird Talk  
Mrs Pamela O’Kane and Baby Maisie  
Local Councillor participated in a ‘Question Time’ session.  
Mr Jim Campbell – Railways  
Fireman – Fire Safety Talk  
Mr N Gilmour – Postman  
Rev Murray  
Mr D Lyttle – Young Entrepreneur Programme  
Action Cancer Puppet Show  
Healthy Lifestyles – Genevieve the Goat  
NIE – talk to Key Stage 2 pupils.

### **Charitable**

Children’s Heartbeat Trust	£220.00
Action Cancer	£322.00
Poppy Appeal	£73.76

### **Attendance**

The school achieves high levels of attendance and co-operates fully with the Education Welfare Services in ensuring that all children receive their legal educational entitlement. The average rate of attendance for 2014 - 2015 was 95.7%.

### **Security**

All entrances to the main classroom buildings remain closed throughout the day and staff use codes to gain access to these areas. Gates within the school site are closed during the school day except around the beginning and end of the school day.

Mrs Bell and I met with a local MLA and DRD representative to try to reduce the speed limit on the Moneymore Road. We successfully got it reduced to 50 mph but feel this is not low enough and is putting our school community at risk. We will continue to campaign in the next school year.

CCTV was installed around the exterior of the school buildings.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that we have met our financial objective by being able to meet all expenses during the year from our allocated budget. The Board of Governors continue to ensure sufficient funds are available to finance the school's future development and to provide a safety net for unforeseen circumstances. All classrooms are well resourced.

Our Auditors are Baker Tilly Mooney Moore and I would like to thank them for their financial auditing and reports. Our Financial Advisor, Graham Cochrane, has been of invaluable assistance throughout the year.

### Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
DENI Grants	680,497	Teaching Staff Costs	435,764
Other Income	7,117	Non-Teaching Staff Costs	129,597
		Other Operating Costs	115,867
		Surplus	c/d 6,386
	<u>£ 687,614</u>		<u>£687,614</u>
Surplus	b/d	£6,386	

## ASSESSMENT

In addition to regular informal assessment of a child's progress by the teacher, formal standardised assessment in Communication and Using Mathematics continued at the end of Key Stage 1 (Primary 4) and Key Stage 2 (Primary 7).

Standardised Literacy and Numeracy tests are used in P3 – P7 at the end of the year to inform teaching. The results are analysed and if there are concerns parents are notified. Parents receive an Annual Report in June and verbal reports on children's progress in November.

At the end of Primary 7, pupils also receive a Record of Achievement. This is a celebration of the child's time in primary school. It includes academic and non-academic achievements both in and out of school.

### END OF KEY STAGE ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES

The percentage of pupils in school attaining each level in English and Mathematics in 2014 – 2015 is as follows.



Dining Room Assistants	..	Mrs Michelle O'Neill Mrs Brenda McShane
Lunchtime Supervisors	..	Mrs Jillian O'Neill Mrs GERALYN QUINN Mrs Joy Wright Mrs S Austin (Temporary)

### **P7 Leavers 2014 - 2015**

P7 pupils transferred to the following schools:

Rainey Endowed Grammar School	12
St Mary's Grammar School	0
Sperrin Integrated College	16
St Pius X College	2
Magherafelt High School	0
Cookstown High School	0

### **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2014 - 2015**

#### **27 October 2014**

- Development of themes.
- Review of two weekly planning.

#### **5 January 2015**

- Staff Health and Well Being

#### **16 March 2015**

- Assessing Cross Curricular Skills
- Review of Numeracy Scheme

#### **26 May 2015**

- Development of role of Curriculum Leader (CPD)
- Annual Reports

#### **8 June 2015**

- Analysis of Pupil Performance
- Staff/Governor Team Building

# AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

2014 - 2015

After School Clubs led by external agencies included: Golf, Music and Sport.

Led By	Club Name	Duration	Term	Class
Mrs Bell	Numeracy	8 Weeks	1	P7
Mr Clarke	Literacy	8 Weeks	1	P7
Mrs Duffy	Choir	6 Weeks	1	P5 – P7
Mrs Bates	Helping with Choir	6 weeks	1	P5 – P7
Mrs Bates	Choir	4 – 5 Weeks	2	P5 – P7
Mrs Bates	Healthy Eating Club	3 Weeks	2	P5
Miss Crawford	Cycling Proficiency	8 – 10 Weeks	3	P7
Mrs Griggs	Wildlife Club	6 Weeks	3	P5
Miss Henry	Camogie Club	4 Weeks	3	P5 – P7 Girls
	Hockey Club	3 Weeks	3	P5 – P7 Girls
Mrs Murray	Fun Maths Club	4 Weeks	3	P4
Mrs Bell	Numeracy	5 Weeks	3	P6
Mr Clarke	Literacy	5 Weeks	3	P6