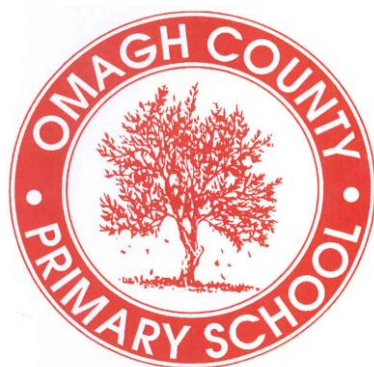


Omagh County Primary School



Governors' Report 2017 - 2018



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October 2018

Dear Parent,

The Governors wish to thank the Principal and staff, both teaching and non-teaching, for their hard work, enthusiasm and willingness in what undoubtedly was a very busy and productive year. Thanks are also due to the officers of the Education Authority Western Region, local clergy, the library service and the numerous outside agencies and coaches who support us as a school.

The Governors, Principal and staff continue to value the support of parents, as Omagh County Primary School strives to provide a high standard of education and care for the children of the local area.

The end of October sees the reconstitution of the Board of Governors. I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Governors, who have given of their time in an effort to provide the best possible opportunities for all our pupils. Their support, advice, willingness, patience and loyalty should not go unmentioned.

A special thanks to parent governors, Mr Michael Winters and Mr Shane Camley who have now completed their four year term. I would also like to thank Mrs Christine Rodgers who is standing down as one of our Education Authority representatives. I too am standing down as Chairman and as a Transferor Representative after sixteen years as a governor,

I would, however, like to convey my best wishes to the newly constituted Board of Governors and know they will continue to nurture Omagh County PS and help it go from strength to strength.

Yours Faithfully,

NEVILLE HAGAN
Chairman, Board of Governors.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
FOR
OMAGH COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017-2018

REPRESENTING BOARD

Mrs C Rodgers
Mr A Rainey



REPRESENTING PARENTS

Mr S Camley
Mr M Winters



REPRESENTING TEACHERS

Mrs A Dempsey

REPRESENTING TRANSFERORS

Miss A Hodge
Mrs E McKeag
Mr N Hagan (Chairman)
Rev E Hayden



THE PRINCIPAL (Non Voting)

Miss J Funston

Responsibilities of the Governors:

Our Board of Governors is responsible for the management of Omagh County Primary School and Nursery. They are required to meet three times each year but in practice meet more often than this. Some of their duties include:-

- The oversight of the curriculum
- The control of the budget (Fully delegated to the Governors since April 1991)
- The provision of information for parents
- The selection of staff
- The Admissions Policy
- The maintenance of the premises (Shared responsibility with EA)
- Fostering links with the local community
- Responding to DENI and EA initiatives on matters which affect the school
- Reporting to parents.

The day-to-day administration and organisation of the curriculum is the Principal's responsibility. Certain Governors have designated responsibilities outlined as follows:

DESIGNATED GOVERNOR FOR CHILD PROTECTION	Mr M Winters
PRSD REVIEWERS	Miss A Hodge Mrs E McKeag
SCHOOLIMPROVEMENT/CURRICULM CO-ORDINATOR	Mrs C Rodgers
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Mrs E McKeag Mr N Hagan Mr S Camley
STAFFING COMMITTEE	Mr M Winters Miss A Hodge Mrs A Dempsey Nine governors trained in selection and recruitment April 2016
APPEALS COMMITTEE	Mr A Rainey Mrs E McKeag Mr S Camley

School Premises:

The conscientious and thorough work of the Building Supervisor and cleaners is appreciated. The appearance of the school and grounds reflect a high standard of cleaning and maintenance. The grounds were maintained by the EAWR's Grounds Maintenance Team.

Governors were informed that the school was being considered for improvement under the School Enhancement Programme. However in absence of a NI Government this scheme is temporarily suspended.

In line with regulations fire drills were practised each term and checks were carried out and recorded each Friday afternoon by the Building Supervisor.

TEACHING STAFF (September 2017)

Principal	Miss J Funston BEd (Hons), Dip Ed, M.Ed, PQH (NI)
Year 4 Teacher Vice Principal	Mrs A Dempsey, BEd (Hons)
Year 7 Teacher	Mr G Morgan, BSc (Hons), PGCE
Year 6/7 Teacher	Mrs J Stronge BSc (Hons) PGCE (4 days) Miss F Dorrian BA (Hons), PGCE (1 day)
Year 6 Teacher	Miss S Hamilton BSc (Hons) PGCE
Year 5 Teacher	Miss S Lockington, BEd (Hons)
Year 4/5 Teacher	Mrs E Alcorn, BEd (Hons) Mrs R Brown, BEd (Hons)
Year 3 Teacher	Mrs G Mathers, BEd (Hons) (3 days) Mrs L. McMullan BA (Hons) PGCE (2 days)
Year 2/3 Teacher	Mrs J Crosbie BA Primary Education (Hons)
Year 2 Teacher	Mrs R McFarland BEd (Hons)
Year 1 Teacher	Mrs B Pollock BEd (Hons)
Year 1 Teacher	Mrs E Daley BEd (Hons)
Learning Support Centre	Miss L Beattie BA (Hons), PGCE
Autism Spectrum Class	Miss A Feeney BSc (Hons), PGCE
Nursery	Mrs J Macrossan, BA, PGCE Miss M Porter BEd (Hons), PGCE (1 day)



ANCILLARY AND AUXILIARY STAFF

School Secretary	Mrs A Humes, Mrs A Logan	
Caretaker	Mr J Anderson	Mr R Magonigle
Classroom Assistants	Miss G Sproule MissD Montgomery	Nursery Special Needs
	Mrs J McGirr	Year 1
	Mrs LStewart-King Miss L Tait Miss Shortt	Year 2-3
	Mrs J Dolan MissD Montgomery Mrs A Brush	Year 4-5
	Mrs P Smyth Miss J Frost	Year 6-7
	Mrs A Rutledge	Special Needs Year 7
	Mrs H Rankin	Special Needs Year 2
	Mrs L Armstrong Mrs S Fair	LSC
	Miss D Bleakley Mrs H Walker	ASC
Supervisory Assistants	Mrs Y Young Senior Supervisor	
	Mrs H Hutchinson	Mrs R Hetherington
	Mr J Anderson	Mrs E McSorley
Cleaning Staff	Mrs D Pauley	Miss L Anderson
	Mrs J McCaskie	Mrs E McAleer
School Crossing Personnel	Ms T Dalton	
	Mr S Arnold	

Enrolment:

	Yr1 - Yr7
2015-2016	281 +52 Nursery
2016-2017	282 +52 Nursery
2017-18	298+50 Nursery



40 children were admitted to Year 1.
50 children were admitted to Nursery

Attendance:

The annual attendance rate for 2017/2018 was 96.12%

The Governors would like to remind all parents of the advice from the Department of education which states that 95% attendance rate is satisfactory, 90% attendance is poor and 85% attendance or lower is unsatisfactory.

100% Attendance Certificates were awarded to 33 children at our prize giving assembly in June.

Staff Development:

Throughout 2017-18 members of staff were involved in five staff development days all of which had a particular focus: **Baker Days**

Baker Days (x5)

1. Wednesday 23rd August 2017	AM-All staff Welcome, Staff Matters, Child Protection/Safeguarding P1/P2/Rm 1 staff - N Heatley (Vision Impairment Team) 11.30 - 12.30 PM - Classroom Preparation
2. Thursday 24 th August 2017	AM-Teachers Staff Meeting Special Needs - BDA Accreditation/Dyslexia Portfolio PM - Classroom Preparation
3. Friday 25 th August 2017	Floating day to be completed either in July or August. <i>Epipen and epilepsy training for some staff - OTC</i> <i>J Crosbie, B Pollock & new P1 teacher Epipen 9.15 - 10.10</i> <i>A Dempsey, R Brown, LMcMullan - Epilepsy</i>
4. Wednesday 30 th August 2017	AM - Growth Mindset/Numeracy School Development Plan - Targets for 2017/2018 Data Analysis
5. Thursday 31 st August 2017	AM Topic planning in year groups PM Classroom preparation

Staff Development Days

1. Monday 25 th September 2017	Action Plans for 2017/2018 Foundation/KS1 - Play KS2 - Literacy; using The Literacy Shed Investigating 'StudyLadder' learning environment
2. Wednesday 1 st November 2017	World Around Us - Developing STEAM
3. Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	Educational Visits JF Numeracy - Numicon RMcF Literacy - AFL/Yellow box marking JS
4. Tuesday 29 th May 2018	Data Analysis - Evaluation of Action Plans Reporting to parents
5. Day Five to be arranged 25 th May 2018	Training from the Behaviour Support Team

The Curriculum

A full range of teaching and learning experiences was provided for all classes in line with the Northern Ireland Curriculum and at levels appropriate to individual children.

Co-ordinators continued to monitor, review and plan for each subject. The development of teaching and learning focused upon Literacy, Numeracy, ICT and PATHS.

Teaching staff attended courses relevant to their Teaching Allowances and areas of interest and expertise. Classroom Assistants were given the opportunity to attend Curriculum Development Sessions and School Development Days (as appropriate) along with the teaching staff. Further opportunities were also provided for staff to attend First Aid, PATHS and Sounds Write courses.

End of Key Stage Assessment:

From September 2012 the Department of Education put new arrangements in place for the statutory assessment of Communication and Using Mathematics in key Stages 1 and 2. Pupils in Year 4 and Year 7 are involved in Statutory assessment as organised by CEA (Curriculum Council for Examinations and Assessment). In Year 4 it is expected that children, of average ability or above, will attain Level 2 or above in Communication and using Mathematics and in Year 7, children of average ability or above, will attain level 4 or above in Communication and Using Mathematics. [Due to a strike action by the main teaching unions, no data was sent this year to the Department regarding levels.

YEAR 4	COMMUNICATION	USING MATHS	USING ICT
Working towards level 1			
Achieving Level 1	5.00%	5.00%	2.4%
Achieving Level 2 or above	95.00%	95.00%	97.6%

YEAR 7	COMMUNICATION	USING MATHS	USING ICT
Achieving Level 3	28.9%	18.00%	6.25%
Achieving Level 4 or above	71.1%	82.00%	93.75%

Post Primary Transfer:

The children leaving the school in June 2017 were presented with a record of their achievements over the seven years. These consisted of a record of their schoolwork, the certificates that they achieved, as well as their participation in sport and other extra-curricular activities. The Board of Governors wishes them all, every success for the future.

Thirty six pupils transferred to the following schools:

SCHOOL	NUMBER
Omagh Academy	15
Omagh High School	26
Drumragh Integrated College	5
Dean Maguirc	1
Devenish College	1
TOTAL	48



Review of 2017/18

2016/17 was another action packed year with a busy calendar and many interesting and exciting events for pupils, staff and the wider community. Our pupils have been provided with a wide variety of opportunities and experiences. Whilst the curriculum is the most important aspect of the children's day to day education, the other activities they are involved in and the expertise they gain help further complement many the areas of study and contribute to their social and personal development. These activities and experiences, which are many and varied, would not be possible without the commitment of the staff and the support of children, their parents and grandparents. A special thank you to staff and parents who continue to support us whenever requested.

September:

- Yr1-7 Parent Information Meetings
- International Day of Languages
- Young Enterprise -Yr 6 - Our World
- Young Enterprise - Yr 4 - Our City
- Rhyme Time

October:

- Shared Education School Council Training
- Yr 5 Shared Education Water Bus Visit



- STEM Awareness - Building Windmills
- Harvest Assembly and Harvest Coffee Morning
- Rhyme Time
- Omagh Area Schools' Rugby Tournament
- Halloween Disco
- Non Uniform Day

November:

- Book Fair
- BDA Accreditation
- School Photographer visit
- Tharpe Family Blue Grass Concert
- Rhyme Time
- Christmas Craft Fair
- Open Morning for prospective parents



December:

- Junior Choir - Harold McCauley Home - Carol Singing
- Senior Choir - Hospital Road Community Centre
- Senior Choir - Hillcrest Nursing Home
- Nursery Christmas Performance
- Year 1-3 Christmas Performance
- Year 4-7 Christmas Performance
- Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- CEF Christmas Assembly
- Rhyme Time

January:

- CRIS Signs and Symbols Workshop - Yr 6
- Yr 5 Young Enterprise - Our Nation
- Yr 7 Young Enterprise - Business Beginnings
- TOM Team Assembly
- NSPCC Assemblies
- Reflexology Presentation for Parents
- Rhyme Time
- Be Fit for Fun

February:

- Action Cancer Workshops
- Baby and Toddler Yoga
- Action Cancer Health Award Presentation



- Yr 7 Parent Interviews
- Pancake Day Breakfast
- Safer Internet Day
- Rhyme Time
- Be Fit for Fun
- Yr 6 and 7 Bee Safe Programme

March:

- Young Enterprise Programme
- Yr 5 St Patrick's Day Schools Ceili
- Inter-Schools Girls' and Boys' Hockey Competition
- Bryson House Energy Workshop

April:

- Girls Football Inter-Schools Competition
- Omagh Feis - School entered Choral Speaking Classes
- IRFU Annual Mini Rugby Festival
- Yr 7 Boys' and Girls' Football Tournament
- M&M Production - Oliver Twist
- Duck Derby

May:

- Spring Concert
- Yr 1 Young Enterprise - Ourselves
- Yr 2 Young Enterprise - Our Families
- Yr 3 Young Enterprise - Our Community
- Yr 5 Shared Education- Mini Olympics with Holy Family
- Yr 6 Environmental Trip to Castlewellan
- Yr 6 and 7 ODC Football Competition
- Year 7 Mc Donalds Sixes Football Competition
- Year 7 Trip to York
- PJ Day and Movie Afternoon
- Nursery Muddy Puddle Walk

June:

- Fun Sports Day
- Yr 6 Maths Trail
- FS Trip to UAFP
- Nursery Fun Day
- Yr4-7 Cross Country Competition
- Holy Family Production - The Little Mermaid
- Netball Inter-Schools Competition- OLC



- Prize Day
- Summer Fair

Music:

The past year saw the school continuing to benefit from our in-house expertise and also from the EAWR's Music service (peripatetic instrumental tuition). All Year 5 pupils accessed a thirty week stringed instrumental tuition programme where they learned to play the violin or cello. This was a great experience for Year 5 pupils and all pupils successfully mastered an instrument.

In addition to this approximately 42 pupils availed of tutoring in Brass, Woodwind, Violin and Cello. During the year the Senior Choir sang for the parents at the Harvest Festival, Christmas Concert, Carol Service and the end of year Musical Extravaganza for parents. Residents of local residential homes were entertained by both the Junior and Senior Choirs when they went carol singing in December!

Our choirs entered Omagh Feis choir and choral competition and had great success in both, with the Senior Choir winning the Unison category.

PDMU/Health Promotion:

Our focus in PDMU was extending the Barnardos PATHS Programme across all curricular areas and ensuring all members of the school community were endorsing and putting into practice PATHS principles. We were delighted to have achieved PATHS MODEL SCHOOL STATUS, in recognition of the high quality lesson delivery and permeation of programme in all areas of school life

The school also continued to promote and instill the benefits of a healthy lifestyle across all key stages.

Throughout the year staff planned and delivered interactive and enjoyable assemblies and lessons promoting healthy living.

As part of our Health Promoting ethos, pupils continued to participate voluntarily in the Healthy Breaks Scheme and were encouraged to think about break time snacks. Omagh County P.S encouraged the Munchbox Challenge to encourage healthy packed lunches within school. School meals are also planned to meet the nutritional standards guidelines. Parents all received a School Meals Menu for the year.

Health related assemblies were delivered throughout the year. These included Healthy Living and Exercise, Sun Safety, Road Safety, Firework Safety and Anti-Bullying. Values were also focused on through class assemblies and Good Citizen Awards. These covered the themes of good manners, honesty, helpfulness, personal organisation and personal presentation.

All classes continued to participate in a variety of health related programmes. Year 1 to Year 4 enjoyed the Physical Literacy Programme run in conjunction with the IFA. Year 6 participated in the Smokebusters' programme and enjoyed Physical Education lessons with students from Omagh High School. Year 7 completed the British Heart Association 'Heartstart' programme.

The school was rewarded the Action Cancer Gold Health Award for the tenth year running.

School Council:

Throughout the year, pupil representatives from Years 3 to 7 regularly attended monthly meetings led by Miss Funston. The School Council is the voice to all the pupils and liaise between the Principal and pupils to raise issues which are relevant to them.

The School Council ably organized a Valentine's Day Secret Compliments and a family Pancake Breakfast.

Eco-Club:

Throughout the year, pupil representatives from Years 4-7 have regularly attended meetings to plan and promote activities to make OCPS more environmentally friendly.

They planted and harvested various vegetables in the school garden. They focused on increasing the number of children who walk to school through Walk to School Week events. The members of the Eco-Club were also involved in promoting ways that Omagh County P.S. could reduce their energy usage, especially the use of electricity.

The school currently holds the Eco Schools Green Flag Award and a SUSTRANS Silver Award

Young Enterprise

This programme is a collaboration between the school, Young Enterprise and local businesses. The programme is delivered to all year groups and focuses on the themes of Ourselves, Our Families, Our Community, Our City, Our World, Our Nation and Business Beginnings.

Community Relations, Equality and Diversity:

The Governors fully recognise and support the efforts made by the staff to maintain a caring, nurturing and sensitive environment within the school. Along with the staff, they acknowledge the diversity that exists within the enrolment and are fully committed to an ethos of inclusion by developing positive relationships within the school at all levels.

The Governors support the efforts of the staff to provide opportunities to extend this policy outside the school, through initiatives, sports, quizzes, links with the Community and other schools, visitors and visits.

Shared Education:

Omagh County PS and Holy Family P.S. received Shared Education funding from the DENI, for a three year period. The focus of this project is Numeracy and STEM throughout Key Stage 2. Staff participated in joint continued professional development and Year 1-7 staff planned and delivered a number of joint activities.

The purchase of Busy Things (Yr 1-4) and Mathletics (Yr3-6) for the school was procured through this funding. This year also saw the formation of a joint Shared Education choir. Both schools are grateful to FODC funding to acquire t-shirts with the joint logo.

Art:

Year 6 and 7 pupils benefited from the input of our resident artist, Mr Trevor Verner, who worked with the classes developing their drawing skills.

The children benefited, as did our staff, from Mr Verner's high level of expertise, skill and commitment to the project. The results in such a short period of time were remarked upon by parents, staff and visitors to the school alike.

The children enjoyed their art classes and as well as developing their drawing skills the programme enhances and promotes self-esteem, concentration, an eye for detail and patience.

Sport:

We have a strong sporting tradition both as part of the curriculum and as after-schools coaching sessions. The school has also maintained and extended its links with local community clubs.

As part of PE lessons during the school day we secured during the 2015-16 school year:

- **Surestart:** Nursery availed of ball skills coaching and yoga activities, as part of the Surestart programme, both of which helped develop children's co-ordination and concentration.
- **IFA Football Coaching in Year 1-4:** For the fifth year pupils have benefited from weekly coaching sessions, from the IFA coach, Mr John Molloy. This has been most worthwhile; teachers have commented that Mr Molloy is an excellent coach and pupils' skills have developed through his coaching programme.
- **Hockey Coaching:** Year 6 and 7 received weekly coaching sessions. This allowed us to develop pupil skills and Boys and Girls Hockey Teams to enter local tournaments.
- **Golf:** Year 7 pupils enjoyed a 6 week golf programme facilitated by Omagh Golf Club
- **Rugby:** Year 5-7 enjoyed rugby coaching. This was organised through the IRFU
- **Dance:** Year 6 and 7 participated in dance workshops. Yr 5 Ceili dancing organised through Omagh District Council and Year 7 at Omagh Leisure Centre
- **Swimming:** All Year 6 and 7 availed of a 15 week Schools Swimming Programme in Omagh Leisure Centre
- **Omagh High School:** A strong link has developed over recent years with Omagh High School Sports Studies students taking P.E. classes alongside their teacher Mrs Susan Pauley. A large number of our classes benefit from this link, which covers all areas of the PE. Curriculum.

After-School Sports:

- **Basketball Coaching:** Coach Daly continues with basketball as an after-school activity. This continues to be very popular with both boys and girls.
- **Hockey**
- **Football**
- **Rugby**
- **Badminton**
- **Aerobics**
- **Fitter Younger**
- **Tennis**
- **Running Club**
- **Ulster Scots Piping**
- **Highland Dancing**



The sporting aspect of the school was highlighted last year when the school participated in Athletics, Cross-Country, Rugby, Football, Netball, Basketball and Hockey Inter-Schools Competitions.

Staff and coaches willingly gave of their own time to nurture pupils' skills and interests and we would wish to acknowledge the high level of expertise, skill and commitment given by everyone concerned in the delivery of the school's sporting programme.

Extra Curricular Activities:

There are a significant number of activities ongoing throughout the school year e.g. cookery, art, computer club, draughts, guitar, Spanish, badminton etc which are taken by our own teaching staff. We are also fortunate to have acquired the support of qualified coaches through Youth Sport and local sports clubs who take after school activities. These include:

- Fitter Younger- Mr K Slane
 - Hockey - Miss S Hamilton
 - Rugby - Mr Clive Porter - IRFU
 - Basketball - Mr Eamon Daly- Omagh Thunder Basketball Club
 - Netball - Miss L McKay
 - Dance - Mrs McFarland
 - Badminton- Mrs Dempsey
 - Running - Mrs McMullan
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- **Drama, Coding, Computer, Gardening, Cookery, Science Club, Guitar, Maths Club , Art, Digital Media, Bible Club and Jumping Clay** continued to be part of our after-schools programme this year.

Mrs McGirr continues to run our After-Schools Club for Year 1 and 2, which remains as popular as ever, as does our Homework Club for Year 3-7 pupils run by Mrs Stewart-King.

As governors we wish to extend our many thanks to all staff, coaches and parents who have given of their time to ensure our pupils gain from a broad range of experiences during their primary education.

Pastoral Care and Child Protection:

At the beginning of the year, the school issues a pastoral care booklet to new families, which comprehensively covers those areas which focus on our children's wellbeing.

The Pastoral Care Pack is available through the school web-site for all other families.

The school continues to participate in initiatives such as Healthy Breaks, Munch Box Challenge, Breakfast Club, Anti-Bullying Week and International Day of Languages.

Children are encouraged to strive for the Good Citizen Award which addresses a range of different personal, social and emotional targets on a weekly basis. The award is presented weekly in assembly.

After School Care (Year 1-3), and a Homework Club (Year 3-7) are available daily, ensuring children are cared for until they are collected by parents.

Staff and Governors continued to implement the Pastoral Care and Child Protection Policies in relation to the Department of Education's 2006 and 2008 Circulars. New employees and volunteers were cleared through Access NI. This is a rigorous process and we would take this opportunity to thank our many volunteers for their valuable input into school life. Parents were also given the school's summary document relating to Child Protection procedures in their September pack.

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs A. Dempsey and the Deputy is Miss J. Funston. Mr M Winter is the Designated Governor for Child Protection. Mrs J. MacCrossan is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection in Nursery. Child Protection Procedures are disseminated to teaching, non-teaching, placement students and PTA and Parent Volunteers during the autumn term each year. Child Protection is itemised on the agenda at each Board of Governors' Meeting. Relevant staff attended Case Conferences and LAC (Looked After Children) reviews and provided reports and information as required to Social Services.

While policies and practices are in place to ensure that all are presented with a safe and secure environment, the school continues to expand and improve upon existing procedures.

Positive Behaviour:

Staff continue to implement our Positive Behaviour Policy. Classroom rules were negotiated at the beginning of the year and staff continued to implement the hierarchy of rewards and sanctions associated with Golden Time.

Reinforcing the Golden Rules and rewarding examples of exemplar behaviour aids to the success of good behaviour throughout the school.

It is worthwhile to note that the good behaviour of our pupils is often commented upon, particularly when we take children outside of school.

School Charities:

The Governors would like to extend thanks to all parents and children for their generous support throughout the year. The following charity donations were made during the year:

British Heart Foundation	£1000.00
NI Children's Hospice	£1000.00
ZEST	£205.00
Omagh Hospital and Primary Care Complex-Children's Unit Surprise Box	£235.00
Special Olympics	£125.00
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 185.00
Cancer Focus NI	£ 100.00
Wings Appeal	£ 255.00
Operation Christmas Child	£ 245.00
Easter Chicks- Alzheimer's Association	£ 80.00
Mountain Lodge	£ 60.00
TOTAL	£3,4940

Food donations from our Harvest Assembly were donated to Omagh Food Bank, Omagh Women's Aid, Ramona House and SL-Eight. The school also participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal and the Care for Cancer Easter Chick Appeal.

Year 6 Castlewellan Trip:

During the last week in May 2016, pupils from Year 6 attended a two night residential in Castlewellan Forest Park. The forest park has various woodland areas and an arboretum where pupils were able to study the biodiversity in the local area. Pupils went on tree and mini-beast hunts, bird watching, murder mystery hunt, night-line and sang around the campfire. The activities were closely related to the topics the pupils were studying in school at the time.

Educational Visit to York:

21st-24th May 2018

A group of Year 7 children made the trip across the water to York, accompanied and well looked after by Miss Funston, Mrs Fair, Mrs Rutledge and Mr Morgan.

The activities were many and varied, including visits to:

- York Railway Museum
- Yorvik Centre
- Tour of York Minster
- Cadbury World
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Flamingo Land
- Ghost Walk
- Eden Camp Project

The weather was perfect and all children and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable (though exhausting!) few days. It is a pleasure to report that we received many positive comments regarding the pupils' manners and behaviour throughout the trip - they were truly great ambassadors for Omagh County.

PTFA:

The PTfA is a voluntary body made up of parents and teachers. It meets on average once every six to eight weeks in the staff room and meetings last between 1-2 hours. The committee has a Chairperson, Secretary and a Treasurer and together they organise events for pupils and families of the school and community to come along.

Over the last year the PTFA organised the following events:

Autumn Term:

September-Night at the Races

October- AGM

October- Halloween Disco

November - Christmas Craft Fair



Spring Term

March- Ding Bats Quiz

March - Easter Disco

March - Non - Uniform Theme Day

Summer Term:

May - Duck Derby

June - Summer Fair

The PTFA is a very worthwhile organisation, working towards raising money for the school, which in turn benefits our children, giving them better equipment and resources. New members are required each year and if you would like to become a member and make a valuable contribution to the PTFA , we would be delighted to hear from you.

In addition to the social benefits PTFA's fundraising activities continue to enhance the school's resources the PTFA also secured £13,000 through Power NI Brighter Futures, Awards for All and FODC grants for our Little Acorns Community Group, a friends and parents Craft Club, a new sound and media system and tops for our Shared Education Choir.

Provision of Information to Parents

The school has provided the opportunities for parents to take active interest in the education of their children this year and has found parents very responsive indeed.

Liaison included:

- Nursery Parents were invited to an Information Meeting in June 2016 and to an Open Day along with their child. The children had an opportunity to meet Mrs MacCrossan, the Nursery teacher. Direct communication with parents takes place at various stages during the school year i.e. settling in meeting, mid-year interview and transition to Primary. Strong links are promoted with the Primary School including School Book Fair, use of Primary School facilities and visits by Primary 1 teachers to the Nursery setting.
- P1 parents were invited in the Term before their children started school to meet the Class Teacher, receive their 'Starting School' Booklets and discuss important aspects of school routine with the Principal
- Each teacher P1-7 held an information meeting at the start of September to give parents an overview of the year ahead.
- In March, all parents received formal invitations to visit the school to discuss their children's progress with the teachers. P7 parents were also invited to discuss the transfer from primary to secondary school at the start of February. Parents could contact the Principal and arrange to see her, or a class teacher, if they had a particular problem. There were also many opportunities to visit events held in the school e.g. Harvest Service, Christmas Concerts, Daffodil Tea and Sport's Day. The PTA had a very successful year and the Governors would like to thank them for all their hard work.
- P7 had opportunities to smooth their passage into secondary school by visiting the secondary schools, or by talking to secondary school teachers when they visited us in June.
- SEN interviews for those parents whose children are on the school's SEN Register.
- Monthly issue of "Omagh County News".
- Weekly updating of the school website www.omaghcounty.org
- The use of a text messaging service for parents.
- All curriculum and non-curriculum policies are made available to parents and are held on file for reference at any time. The School Prospectus and Pastoral Care Pack is circulated to the parents of all new pupils to the school and is always available in school and on the school website, should additional copies be required.
- Our school Child Protection, Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy, Attendance, Uniform and Parental Complaints Policy are all available on the school website.

School Budget and Other Finance:

The school has a Pupils and Profits Account. These accounts are audited by BOG and EA staff. Parents can request a copy of these accounts from the school office,

The delegated budget for the year April 2017 to March 2018 is detailed below:

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditur</u>	
Total delegated budget	£942,743	Staff Costs	£792,753
		Running Costs	£153,346
		Total	£946,009
Carry-over Apr 2018	£232,809		

