**MONEYMORE**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**AND NURSERY**



BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ REPORT

**2017/18**



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Dear Parent

**Governors’ Report 2017/2018**

I am pleased to present to you the 26th Governors’ Report on Moneymore Primary School and Nursery Unit.

It is our intention that you should be kept informed about the running of the School and the Nursery and your child’s progress within each setting. This report is one of a number of ways in which this information will be provided.

This report can only be a short summary of the work completed in the School and Nursery over the past year. All responses or questions regarding this report must be sent by the parent/legal guardian **IN WRITING** to the Secretary of the Board of Governors at the address above by **Friday 27th October**. If no issues are outstanding it may not be necessary to call a public meeting.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Stringer

**Rev A STRINGER**

**Chairman**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Each Governor’s name is followed by the date his or her term of office expires.

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| CHAIRPERSON | Rev Dr A Stringer | 2018 |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON | Mrs I McKeown | 2018 |
| PRINCIPAL & SECRETARY (non-voting member) | Mrs A Cunningham | 2018 |
| SELB REPRESENTATIVES | Mr T Stewart  Mrs J Turkington | 2018  2018 |
| PARENT REPRESENTATIVES | Mrs A Chambers  Mr G Wilkinson | 2018  2018 |
| TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVES | Rev A Stringer  Mrs I McKeown  Rev J Montgomery  Mr K Brown | 2018  2018  2018  2018 |
| TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE | Miss K Kerr | 2018 |

**Responsibilities of Governors**

Our Board of Governors is responsible for the management of Moneymore 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:

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| DESIGNATED GOVERNOR FOR CHILD PROTECTION | Mrs J Turkington |
| PRSD REVIEWERS | Rev Dr A Stringer  Mr T Stewart |
| FINANCE COMMITTEE | Rev Dr A Stringer  Mrs J Turkington  Miss K Kerr  Mr G Wilkinson |
| STAFFING COMMITTEE | Rev Dr A Stringer  Mrs I McKeown  Mrs J Turkington  Rev J Montgomery |
| APPEALS COMMITTEE | Mrs I McKeown  Mrs R McGeagh  Mrs A Nevin  Mr T Stewart |

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION AND STAFFING 2017/18**

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| CLASS | TEACHER | NUMBER IN CLASS |
| Nursery Unit | Mrs L Whiteside | 26 |
| Primary 1 | Mrs A Davidson | 30 |
| Primary 2 | Mrs L Ferguson | 31 |
| Primary 3 | Miss A Leitch | 18 |
| Primary 3 | Mrs R McGeagh | 18 |
| Primary 4 | Mrs L McCabe | 24 |
| Primary 5 | Mrs J McLean | 32 |
| Primary 6 | Miss K Kerr (Vice-Principal) | 28 |
| Primary 7 | Mr D Donaghy | 27 |

Classroom & General Assistants -

Nursery:

Mrs L Glasgow; Mrs C Ferguson

School:

Mrs K Crooks; Mrs D Forsythe; Mrs D Boyce; Mrs S Nesbitt; Mrs E Palmer;

Mrs D Caskey; Mrs C McAllen; Mrs C Workman

Ancillary Staff -

Mrs L Crooks Senior Clerical Officer

Mrs M Jordan Building Supervisor

Mrs A McLean Cleaner (Nursery)

Mr R Deacon School Crossing Patrol

Mrs D Trainor Cook

Mrs A McLean Kitchen Assistant

Mrs C Barnett Kitchen Assistant

Mrs C Jordan Kitchen Assistant

**The Governors would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to the Principal and all the staff for their high level of commitment and the high standards achieved both inside and outside the classroom.**

**MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE/SUBJECT CO-ORDINATION**

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| Mrs Ashley Cunningham | **Principal**  Head of Safeguarding Team  SENCO |
| Miss Kathryn Kerr (P6) | **Vice Principal**  Head of KS2  Literacy co-ordinator  Assessment co-ordinator  Designated Teacher for Child Protection  First Aider |
| Mrs Lesley Whiteside (Nursery) | Implementation of the pre-school curriculum  Organise fundraising events  First Aider  Deputy designated teacher for Child Protection |
| Mrs Amanda Davidson (P1) | R.E. co-ordinator  PDMU co-ordinator Responsibility Point  Eco-school co-ordinator  Oversee new admission induction and baseline assessment |
| Mrs Linda Ferguson (P2) | Play Based Learning co-ordinator  Art and Design co-ordinator |
| Mrs Ruth McGeagh (P3) | Music co-ordinator  Extended Schools co-ordinator  Deputy designated teacher for Child Protection  Deputy First Aider  Organise concerts/musical productions/festivals |
| Mrs Lynsey McCabe (P4) | Oversee and manage KS1 assessment  Assist with Eco-schools |
| Mrs Julie McLean (P5) | Numeracy co-ordinator  PE co-ordinator  Oversee and arrange participation in sporting tournaments  Assist with whole school productions |
| Mr David Donaghy (P7) | ICT co-ordinator  TS&PC co-ordinator  Organise and arrange P7 residential |

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

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

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| **‘BAKER DAYS’:** | |
| 1. August 2017 | Classroom Preparation |
| 2. 24 August 2017 | Whole Staff Meeting & Child Protection Training |
| 3. 25 August 2017 | Science in the classroom training with L Hunter |
| 4. 29 August 2017 | Analysis of data  School Development Planning |
| 5. 30 August 2017 | School Development Planning  Medical Training |
| **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (SDDs):** | |
| 1. 3 November 2017 | Science in the classroom training with L Hunter  Financial capability overviews |
| 2. 3 January 2018 | SDP Action plan reviews  Whole staff training in PSQM |
| 3. 12 February 2018 | Staff training on SEN – IEP writing with M Loughran |
| 4. 28 March 2018 | Staff training on reciprocal reading |
| 5. 29 May 2017 | SDP review of Action Plans & Standardised Tests |

**THE CURRICULUM**

It is the policy of the Board of Governors of Moneymore Primary School that all the pupils will receive their full entitlement under the Northern Ireland Curriculum and that the school will go beyond that entitlement in areas where there are particular abilities among the staff.

Moneymore Primary School will offer a curriculum that is balanced and broadly based and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of the pupils. This curriculum will be delivered in a way which is best suited to the pupils’ age, aptitude and ability in order to help prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. The school will aim to provide a happy and secure atmosphere in which the children can learn effectively. It will also be the aim of the school to maximise the potential of each pupil, to develop self-confidence in the pupils and to promote a spirit of tolerance towards others.

The Curriculum will be so designed that the desire to learn will be encouraged in the pupils and that thinking and reasoning will be stimulated. It will be held to be important that children learn to apply themselves to the work in hand and to work to the best of their ability.

The Curriculum is seen as being a common curriculum for all the pupils of Moneymore Primary School and no pupil will be debarred from any part of it. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable adjustments and maximum access to the curriculum for children who have a physical disability.

The Northern Ireland Curriculum is set out in six Areas of Learning:

1. **Language and Literacy:** including Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing.
2. **Mathematics and Numeracy:** focusing on the development of mathematical concepts and numeracy across the curriculum.
3. **The Arts:** including Art and Design, Music, Drama
4. **The World Around Us:** development of knowledge, skills and understanding in History, Geography, Science and Technology.
5. **Personal Development and Mutual Understanding:** focusing on emotional development, social skills, learning to learn, health, relationships and sexuality education and mutual understanding in the local and global community.
6. **Physical Education:** development of knowledge, skills and understanding through play and a range of physical activities.

At the heart of the curriculum lies an explicit emphasis on the development of skills and capabilities for lifelong learning. Through opportunities to engage in active learning contexts across all areas of the curriculum, children should progressively develop:

**Cross Curricular Skills:**

* Communication
* Using Mathematics
* Using Information and Communications Technology

**Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities:**

* Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision Making
* Self Management
* Working with Others
* Managing Information
* Being Creative

Religious Education is a compulsory subject and is taught to all children in accordance with the core syllabus specified by the Department of Education. P1-3 Assembly takes place every Tuesday morning, P4-7 Assembly takes place every Wednesday morning and a full school Assembly takes place every Friday morning. Each class, local ministers, missionary organisations, local charity representatives and the principal are involved in taking the Assemblies throughout the year.

The school was visited on 1 June for the annual RE inspection.

**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 boycott by the main teaching unions, no data was sent this year to the Department regarding levels.]

Our 2016/17 Key Stage Assessment results are shown below.

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| YEAR 4 | COMMUNICATION | USING MATHS | USING ICT |
| Achieving Level 1 | 15.63% | 15.63% | 15.63% |
| Achieving Level 2 | 81.25% | 84.38% | 81.25% |
| Achieving Level 3 | 3.13% | 0% | 3.13% |

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| YEAR 7 | COMMUNICATION | USING MATHS | USING ICT |
| Achieving Level 3 | 23.08% | 11.54% | 7.69% |
| Achieving Level 4 | 65.38% | 65.38% | 92.31% |
| Achieving Level 5 | 11.54% | 23.08% | 0% |

**POST PRIMARY TRANSFER**

At the end of June 2018, twenty-seven Year 7 pupils transferred to the following schools:

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| Cookstown High School | 15 |
| Magherafelt High School | 7 |
| Rainey Endowed, Magherafelt | 7 |

**ATTENDANCE**

The annual attendance rate for 2017/2087 was 96.9%.

This is an improvement on the previous year’s attendance rate of 96.9%. 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. It is the parents’ responsibility to ensure that their child(ren) are not removed from school unnecessarily i.e. for a family holiday.

100% Attendance Certificates were awarded to the following children at final assembly:

Sarah Anderson, Ben Armstrong, Noah Armstrong, Jake Chambers, Matthew Chambers, Seth Crooks, Lois Cunningham, Matthew Cunningham, Tom Dawson, Elise Dickson, Sophie Forsythe, James Henderson, Ryan Huey, Grace Johnston, Luke Johnston, Hannah Kenny, Andrew Lennox, Gareth Lennox, Kyle Lennox, Dean Lennox-Fields, Neve Lennox-Fields, Emma McAdoo, Sophia McCulloch, Elise McGucken, Anna McKee, Isla McLean, Luke McMenemy, Samuel Montgomery, Luke Pitts and Harry Talbot.

Certificates were awarded to Seth Crooks, Matthew Cunningham, Tom Dawson, Ryan Huey, Luke Johnston, Hannah Kenny, Dean Lennox-Fields, Emma McAdoo, Anna McKee, Isla McLean and Luke Pitts for two years’ unbroken attendance.

A certificate was also awarded to Sarah Anderson for three years’ unbroken attendance and to Lois Cunningham for four years’ unbroken attendance.

**REVIEW OF 2017/18**

2017/18 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 both practically and financially whenever requested.

The following pages detail some of the main activities and achievements of the 2017/18 school year.

**Nursery Year 2017-18**

**Teaching and Learning :**

* Opportunities to extend the pupil’s learning in the outdoor environment were developed through the enhancement of the learning environment and with support from Peter Brown and links/visits with Helen Suiter from the Forest School at The Jungle.
* Through the Get Ready to Learn scheme parental involvement in encourage

**Parental Involvement in Teaching and Learning:**

* Through the Get Ready to Learn scheme parental involvement in reading was developed with ‘The Big Bedtime Read’ workshops
* Use of the Adventure bags was encouraged and the bags were well used.
* See Saw app has been shared with parents to show progress in their play and learning
* Settling in and Mid Term Progress Consultations were held in October and March
* Transition Reports were forwarded to parents and to relevant primary schools
* Individual Education Plans were compiled and reviewed
* Parents attended sports day which was joint with Lissan Playgroup through involvement in the Sharing from the Start scheme
* Joint Parent Child Jo Jingles workshop
* Lending Library available daily
* Story Sack Lending Library was well received by children and parents
* Parents invited to share expertise and experiences with children
* Parents took part in an ‘Autumn Tidy Up’ in the School Grounds

**Curriculum Enriching Experiences:**

In line with the themes, a wide range of visits, trips and experiences were offered to the children.

**Trips and Experiences:**

* Parental visits to talk about their jobs
* Story telling Christmas Special with Liz Weir
* Walk to Manor Park
* An Creagan Woodland School Experience
* Trips to The Forest School at The Jungle

**Fundraising / Charity:**

* The Nursery took part in the whole school Sponsored Walk and raised lots of money for school funds. The nursery children were accompanied by the P7 pupils on their walk.
* Nursery fund money was used to purchase food, perishables and small resources for the nursery and to subsidise the many trips and visits
* In lieu of presents for the nursery staff, parents purchased an additional Christmas gift and this was donated to the ‘Mission’ Christmas’ appeal which distributes toys to children in the local area.

**Transitions:**

* Handover Meetings were organised with Year 1 teachers in Moneymore P.S., St Patrick’s P.S. and Spires Integrated PS
* Nursery children visited the P1 classroom for a short session
* A P1 classroom with the respective school uniforms was set up in the nursery
* The nursery children visited the Year 1 classroom and attended assembly and ate dinner in the main school
* The nursery children played in the KS1 playground with the Yr 1 children
* The relevant Primary schools held an induction session for the children

**EXTENDED SCHOOLS**

Moneymore Primary School and Nursery received Extended Schools funding during the 2017-18 school year. Action plans were drawn up and the funding allocated to a number of initiatives:

* Book Worm Club – this saw the continuation of the Accelerated Reader Programme for P4-7 pupils.
* Friday Clubs
* Springhill Club
* The Great Outdoors
* Jump Kids Juniors
* Mathletics
* Nursery: Jo Jingles and associated music activities

Extended Schools also allocated fund towards Cluster Programmes. Each class, P1-P3, joined with pupils from St Patrick’s Primary School on a couple of occasions to study various topics linking to our shared heritage. Each class also enjoyed a trip to Parkanaur to further develop links, understanding and friendships.

The Cluster activities not only saw pupils get together but there were also opportunities for parents from both schools to join together. In April the PSNI along with Mid Ulster District Council facilitated a parental Internet Safety Awareness evening for parents from both schools which was well received.

SET Project

Shared Education

**CLASS EDUCATIONAL VISITS**

Each of the classes enjoyed educational visits, linked closely to the school’s curriculum as outlined below:

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| Primary 1 | Benone Beach & Complex |
| Primary 2 | Fun Farm |
| Primary 3 | Maths Trail, Parkanaur  Carrickfergus Castle |
| Primary 4 | NI War Memorial & Stormont |
| Primary 5 | Heritage Trail, Moneymore |
| Primary 6 | Armagh Planetarium |
| Primary 7 | Springhill House |

**YEAR 7 RESIDENTIAL**

In June the primary 7 pupils from Moneymore Primary, accompanied by Mr Donaghy, Miss Leitch and Mrs Workman travelled to Ganaway Outdoor Centre. This trip provided an enjoyable experience for all who participated. A packed itinerary included opportunities to participate in canoeing, bouldering, abseiling

The pupils were able to experience the challenges of being away from home, enabling them to practise life skills in an unfamiliar environment. Supported by their peers and teaching staff, the children were given the valuable opportunity to build independence and self-confidence.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

2017/18 saw the continuation of ‘Springhill Club’ – which operated each afternoon from 2-6pm and was open to all pupils in P1-P7. The club was supervised by classroom assistants who provided a wide and varied range of activities for the children each day including outdoor play, art and craft activities, movies, iPads, toys and games, puzzles and quizzes etc. in addition the children were provided with a snack each afternoon and were assisted in completing their written homework.

A wide and varied range of After School Clubs were also on offer during the year and included:

* Scripture Union
* Good News Club
* Problem Solving
* App Development Club
* K’Nex Club
* Gardening
* Choir
* Football
* Hockey
* Netball
* Athletics
* Pop Dance
* Jump Kids Juniors
* Claymation
* Potterty

**SPORT**

Moneymore Primary School offers a wide variety of sporting activities both during and after school. The children had experience of the following sports as they progressed through the school last year - dance (country and creative), gymnastics, hockey, basketball, netball, soccer, indoor and outdoor athletics, rounders, swimming, volleyball, rugby and tennis.

The school’s P.E. policy sets out aims which are designed to:

1. Encourage a positive attitude to sport.
2. Provide opportunities for participation to every child.
3. Improve physical skills.
4. Provide new experiences and set new challenges.

The children attended the usual sports fixtures during the year including:

* Netball Tri-County
* Football Tri-County
* Cross-Country competition
* Football Fun Days and
* Primary 4, 5, 6, and 7 attended swimming lessons at Cookstown Leisure Centre during the year.
* Primary 4 attended Moneymore Recreational Centre for gymnastics training; primary 7 attended boot camp training.
* The hockey teams participated in local tournaments and the Ulster finals.

P7 participated in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme.

**ECO-SCHOOLS**

12 new committee members were selected for the 2017/18 year. Some of the activities include:

Daily recycling of food scraps

Gardening morning

Cash for Clobber class competition

Recycling bin

Big Spring Clean in Manor Park

The hard work of the committee was rewarded when the school was awarded our fourth green Flag in June 2018.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our school council elections were held again in September 2017. The school was alive with election fever as the council members were elected to office. Each pupil from P4-7 wrote a manifesto and then three girls and three boys from each class were put forward to stand as candidates. The whole school elections were held on 17 September and 8 council members were duly elected. The school council had regular meetings with Miss Kerr and made a valuable contribution to school life.

**MUSIC/FESTIVALS**

Music continues to play an important role in the life of the school. The choir participated in the Coleraine Music Festival, displaying both ability and pride in performance. Congratulations is extended to the choir on coming third.

A number of children also successfully participated in the verse-speaking classes at Dungannon Festival.

* Music tuition is also provided within the school:
* Woodwind and Strings tuition from the EA Music Service
* Traditional Music Project tutored by Dr Donald Canavan
* Piano tuition provided by Mrs Walker to P4-P7 pupils throughout the year.
* Guitar lessons facilitated by Ryan McGarrity
* Chanter and drumming from the Ulster Scots society

**CHARITY WORK**

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:

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| Wings Appeal | £ 312.65 |
| NI Kidney Research | £ 350 |
| Save The Children | £ 165 |
| Comic Relief | £ 250 |
| Kids4Schools | £ 200 |
| School Aid Romania | £ 300 |
| NI Autism | £ 233 |
| TOTAL | £1,810.65 |

**COMMUNICATION WITH 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:

* 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.
* Nursery Parents were invited to an Information Meeting in June 2017 and to an Open Day along with their child in August 2017. The children had an opportunity to meet Mrs Whiteside, the Nursery teacher. Nursery reports were provided to parents at various stages during the school year i.e. settling in, mid-year 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.
* Each teacher P2-7 held an information meeting at the start of September to give parents an overview of the year ahead.
* In October and February, 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 if they felt this was necessary. 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 post-primary school by visiting the schools, or by talking to post-primary 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 “Moneymore News”.
* Weekly updating of the school website [www.moneymoreprimary.co.uk](http://www.moneymoreprimary.co.uk)
* The use of a text messaging service for parents.

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**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

The held their AGM in September 2017 with the Chair providing a comprehensive report on the work of the PTA. A financial report was also delivered by the treasurer.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017-2018**

CHAIRPERSON: Mrs Elaine Cameron

TREASURER: Mrs Diana Turkington

SECRETARY: Mrs Rhonda Hutchinson

MEMBERS: Mrs Claire McCrea

Mrs Lynsey Lockett

Mrs Denise Gillis

Mr Marcus Belshaw

Mrs Ashley Cunningham

Miss Kathryn Kerr

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2017/2018**

Main fundraising events:

Christmas parties

Sponsored walk

Fun Night in June

Each of these events was well supported by parents and friends of Moneymore Primary School. The profits from last the events was used to purchase three new classroom rugs, new classroom storage units, outdoor play equipment and the P7 leavers’ hoodie.

The PTA also provided refreshments at the following school events:

* Harvest Service
* Open Night
* Senior Citizens Christmas Concert
* Daffodil Tea
* Sports Day

Members of the Committee also helped to supervise the Annual Book Fair in March.

The Board of Governors would like to thank all members of the PTA Committee who work extremely hard for the benefit of the school. Thanks are also extended to all who supported and attended each venture and to those who donated money.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017/2018:**

AUGUST

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| 23-26  30 | Staff Baker Days  Autumn Term Begins |

SEPTEMBER

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| 15  17 | School Council Elections  Gardening morning |

* Primary 1-4 commenced Football skills with Gareth Porter an IFA coach.
* Primary 6 commenced swimming lessons at Cookstown Leisure Centre.
* Primary 4 attended gymnastics coaching at Moneymore Recreation Centre.

OCTOBER

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| 3  14  17-21  25  26-31 | P7 trip to Springhill ‘Living History’  The football team travelled to Cookstown Leisure Centre to participate in the Tri-County Football Tournament  Parent-Teacher Interviews  Annual School Harvest - Collection: £194.67  Half Term |

NOVEMBER

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| 1  9  18  14-18  24  25 | Staff Development Day  Primary 5 visit Ballinderry Hatchery  The football team travelled again to Cookstown Leisure Centre to participate in the second round of the Tri County Football tournament.  Anti-Bullying Week activities  Cine-magic workshop for P6/7  P7 pupils visit Magherafelt High School |

DECEMBER

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| 1  1  5  5  6  8 | P3 “Old Time Toys” Programme by Time Steps  Craft Fair  P4-7 trip to see Cinderalla at the Grand Opera House, Belfast  Primary School Open Night  Nursery Open Day & evening  Staff and pupils enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner in school |
| 9  14 | Primary 7 pupils participated in the annual ‘Cookstown in Harmony’ event  The school choir entertained residents at Moneymore Nursing Home |
| 13-15  16  19  20 | The annual Christmas Performances took place in school on 13, 14 & 15 December. This year P1-P3 delighted all with their performance of ‘A Miracle in Town’ and pupils from P4-P7 participated in the musical “Hoodwinked”.  The school choir entertained shoppers at Spar, Moneymore  P1-3 trip to Cookstown Cinema  The school choir entertained shoppers at Asda and Tesco, Cookstown.  End of term. |

JANUARY

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| 3  4  20  26 | Staff Development Day  Spring Term Begins  Primary 7 travelled to Meadowbank, Magherafelt to take part in “Fun in Athletics”  Primary 7 visited the Home Accident Prevention Workshop at Cookstown Leisure Centre |

* Primary 7 commenced swimming lessons at Cookstown Leisure Centre.

FEBRUARY

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| 3  6  7  9  10  13-17  22  27  28 | The netball team travelled to Cookstown Leisure Centre to participate in the Tri-County Netball tournament.  Primary 2 EMU Project “Knowing Me, Knowing You”  Internet Safety Talk organised by PSNI  Four children represented the school in a Road Safety Quiz held at Glenavon Hotel  Charity non-uniform day  Half Term  Primary 5 “Egyptian Day”  Primary 2 travelled to St Patricks Primary School for “Respecting Difference” programme  School photographs taken by Opus |

MARCH

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| 2  3-8  6-10  7  10  14  15  15  16  21-24  28  29  30  31  31 | School Closed – Election  Book Fair  Parent Teacher Interviews  Primary 5 Literacy Day at St Patrick’s Primary School  Tri-County Hockey Tournament at Cookstown High School  P3 Numeracy Day with P3 from St Patricks Primary School  Primary 5 from Moneymore and St Patrick’s Primary School participate in Time Steps “Egyptian Day”  Primary 6 Viking Day  Primary 2 visited Parkanaur along with their counterparts from St Patricks PS to study “Comparing Diversity”  Primary 7 Residential at Killowen Outdoor Education Centre  School choir participates at Coleraine Music Festival  Four pupils represent school at the K’Nex Challenge in Armagh  Whole School “Science Day”  Netball Blitz Day in Dungannon Leisure Centre  Hockey Finals at Lisnagarvey |

* A number of pupils travelled to participate in the Dungannon Speech and Drama Festival where the children were all awarded high marks and given very favourable comments.

APRIL

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| 3  4  5  6  7  24  25  27 | Primary 1 trip to Parkanaur with St Patrick’s PS to undertake the Gruffalo trail  Primary 3 Numeracy Day at St Patrick’s PS  Annual Daffodil Tea - £238 – proceeds to NI Autism  Primary 7 attend the F1 Challenge in Schools in Ballymena  End of Term  Term 3 commences  Family Portrait Evening – Opus Photography  Eco-Speak competition in Burnavon |

* Primary 4&5 commenced swimming lessons at Cookstown Leisure Centre.

MAY

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| 2  9  15-19  18  19  23  24  25  31 | Primary 3 Maths Trail at Parkanaur along with their counterparts from St Patrick’s PS  Primary 4 “Knowing Me, Knowing You” programme along with P4 from St Patricks PS  Exam Week  Six pupils take part in the “Stem Young Innovators Day” at Armagh  Tri-County Football at Mid Ulster Sports Arena  Primary 4 join with P4 at St Patricks PS for “Respecting Diversity” programme  P1-7 Health and Safety Farm Talk  P1 trip to “Cheeky Chimps”  P3 trip to “Carrickfergus Castle” |
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JUNE

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| 1  2  5  6  7  8  9 | RE Inspection  Primary 4 from both schools visit Parkanaur for “Comparing Habitats” programme  P5 trip to Tayto  P7 visit to Magherafelt High School  P4 trip to NI War Memorial & Stormont  P7 from Moneymore PS and Churchtown PS participate in the “Amazing Brains” programme  P6 trip to Armagh Planetarium  STEM Evening  Water Bus Visit  P1 Induction Meeting  School Closed - Election  New P1 stay & play sessions  P5-7 travel to the RDS Science Fair in Belfast |
| 12-16  12  13 | Healthy Lifestyles Week  Primary 6 & 7 pupils attend the Science Event @ Jordanstown  STEM Evening |
| 14  16  19-22  20 | Primary 6 enjoyed an Open morning at Cookstown High School  Sports Day  Summer Bible Club organised by Paddy & Jill Crozier (CEF)  Nursery Induction Meeting |
| 21 | ‘Barnabus Award’ winner announced |
| 27  28  29 | P7 Leavers’ Assembly  P7 Leavers’ Trip to “The Jungle”  Annual school football tournament |
| 30 | Term ended |

**We are very grateful to everyone for their support of our school activities and the willingness of parents to allow their children to participate**

**Holidays 2016/2017:**

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| Exceptional Closure/Half Term | 26th October-1st November |
| Christmas/Exceptional Closure | 21st December-3rd January |
| Exceptional Closure/Half Term | 13th-17th February |
| Bank Holiday | 17th March |
| Easter/Exceptional Closure | 10th-21st April |
| Bank Holiday | 1st May |
| Bank Holiday & Exceptional Closure | 29- 30thth May |
| Summer | Term ends Friday 30th June |

**Gifts to the School:**

Thanks must go to all parents, families and members of the community who have supported the school during the 2016/2017 year in so many ways. Without their generous financial support many activities and resources would not be possible to provide.