

Donemana Primary School



Governors' Report
2013 - 2014

Foreword

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2013/2014 Board of Governors' report for Donemana Primary School.

You will be able to clearly see from the Calendar of Events and reports just how busy and varied a school year it has been for all of the pupils in our school. As a teacher myself, I have found it very impressive to note the huge opportunities and examples of good practice that are clearly evident in school.

In the short time that I have been involved with Donemana Primary School, I have been very impressed with the leadership provided by our Principal, Mrs Hay, and the hard work, motivation, commitment and teamwork shown by all members of staff within school. There is a very positive, warm atmosphere and ethos within Donemana Primary, which would be the envy of many schools. We are indebted and very fortunate to have such a gifted and committed teaching and support staff entrusted with the educational and personal development of our young people.

It is well known that the most successful schools work in partnership with the parents of their children. I would encourage all of you to get as involved as you can be with the work of the school because education does work. As parents, we are our child's first teacher and have a vital role to play. With your support, your child can achieve in education and improve their life chances. I would have no doubt that by working in partnership your child can be the best they can be.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to the work of the outgoing Board of Governors, and especially the leadership provided by Rev Dr Stewart Jones who acted so diligently as Chairman. The next few years will continue to be a challenge in the face of continuing budget restraints, curriculum demands and the prospect of an impending Inspection. I have every confidence however that Donemana Primary School will continue to flourish and that the school will actively serve the needs of our local community.

Simon Mowbray – Chair – Board of Governors.

All the Staff, Pupils, Parents and Governors would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Jones' family on the death of Rev Dr Stewart Jones.

We had the wonderful experience of having Rev Jones in our school on a regular basis and enjoyed his stories during assemblies. He was an excellent advocate of our school and always supported us in all the work that we do. He was chairman of our Board of Governors for some time and expertly guided our school through the many changes there have been over the years.

We found Rev Jones always to be a kind, considerate, thoughtful gentleman and we miss him greatly.



The Board of Governors

Chairperson:

Rev Dr S Jones

Vice Chairperson:

Rev J McGaffin

Transferors' Representatives:

Mr D Millar

Mrs S Robinson

Western Education and Library Board Representatives:

Mr T Allen

Parents' Representatives:

Mrs S Gamble

Mrs K Stevenson

Teacher Representative:

Mrs J Crosbie / Mr D Potts

Head Teacher:

Mrs G Hay (Non voting member and Secretary of the Board)

Calendar of Events 2012 / 2013

26th—30th August Staff Development and Preparation for the New School Year

Term 1

2 nd September	New School Year Begins
5 th September	School Assembly
6 th September	Extended School Football Begins
12 th September	Rev Jones Assembly Board of Governors Meeting
16 th September	Homework Club begins
19 th September	Robert Plant assembly Mrs Hay attends Primary Principals meeting
25 th September	Mrs Hay attends C.B.A (Computer Based Assessment) Principal Information seminar Curriculum Evening
26 th September	Mobile library visits school Pupil of the Month assembly and attendance/writing certificate presentation.
30 th September	Paired Reading Scheme Begins
1 st October	Mrs Hay and Mrs McCusker attend A.R (Accelerated Reading) training
2 nd October	Leaving assembly for Julie Anne Reid
3 rd October	Mrs McCusker attends Deputy Designated Teacher training Arts Workshop after School Club begins Mrs Wilson conducts Parent Interviews P1 Parent Literacy talk
4 th October	Mr Potts attends C.B.A Training
7 th October	Karate Taster sessions
9 th October	Mr Potts attends Senior Leadership Pathways Training Mrs Hay and Mrs McCusker complete pupil data analysis
10 th October	Extreme team Assembly Mr Potts attends Acting Principal Training
11 th October	School Choir performs at the Church of Ireland Harvest

Service

14 th October	P6 receive Flu vaccine W.I meeting in school from 8-10pm
16 th October	Mr Potts attends Acting Principal Training
17 th October	C.F.F Assembly Mr Potts attends Teacher Tutor Training.
18 th October	Staff attend Ipad Training
21 st October	Book Fair begins Mrs Hay attends Primary Principals Meeting Halloween Disco Parent Interviews begin
24 th October	Harvest Assembly
28 th October	Mr Potts attends Acting Principal Training
29 th October	Staff Development Day - Ipad Training
30 th October	Staff Development Day - target setting and action planning
31 st October - 1 st November	<u>Holidays</u>
4 th November	Parents Information and Training Evening for educational use of Ipad Mrs Hay attends An Introduction to NIABF (Northern Ireland Anti Bullying Forum) resource for Effective responses to Bullying behaviour Baby Massage begins
5 th November	Interviews for school secretary Fire drill
7 th November	Extreme Team Assembly Mrs Crosbie attends designated Teacher training
8 th November	Mrs Crosbie attends designated teacher training
11 th November	Mr Potts attends Fronter Day 2 Training

	P6/7 children attend Childline safety talk
14 th November	Rev Jones Assembly Mr Potts attends day 2 NIABF resource for Effective responses to Bullying behaviour training
18 th November	Anti-Bullying week begins Mr Potts Attends Senior Leadership Pathways Seminar 19 th November Mr Potts meeting with Mrs Hay
21 st November C	.E.F Assembly Mr Potts attending Managing, Safeguarding and Child Protection Seminar P6/P7 attend Childline safety talk B.O.G Meeting
22 nd November	School Photographer
28 th November	Pupil of the Month Assembly
5 th December	Supper with Santa
11 th December	Mr Potts attends Senior Leadership Pathways Seminar 12 th December Extreme Team Assembly Christmas Dinner Children participate in Christmas Carol service at Church of Ireland Church
17 th December	Mrs Crosbie returns to School Pupils from P4, 5, 6 and 7 attend Christmas show in St Patrick's PS
18 th December	Mr Potts attends Promoting Reconciliation through a shared Curriculum Experience Seminar
19 th December	C.E.F and Pupil of the Month Assembly
20 th December	School Council assembly Christmas Holidays begin

Term 2

8 th January	Library van visits school for all pupils and returns every two weeks
9 th January	Extreme Team Assembly
13 th January	Strabane District Council Coaching Sessions begin for P1, 2 and P3
15 th January	Strabane District Council Coaching Sessions begin for P4/5 Mr Potts Attends Senior Leadership Pathways Seminar 4 P6/P7 girls attend a talk with Mrs Crosbie.
17 th January	Action Cancer Puppet Show for Nursery - P4. Highland Dancing Begins for P1 and P4/5 pupils
23 rd January	Rev Jones and School Council assembly Governor Training in North West Teachers centre-
24 th January	School swimming programme starts begins for P6/7 School Council Meeting takes place
29 th January	Britain's Got Talent star Ashley Elliott visits Miss Nutt begins Signature project Mrs Crosbie attends Governor Training
30 th January	Pupil of the Month and school council assembly Number Busters begins Mrs Crosbie attends Principal Overview
3 rd February	Mrs Crosbie conducts P7 Transfer Interviews
5 th February	Library Van returns to school
6 th February	Extreme Team Assembly Extended School Monitoring Visit Piping Lessons begin for P6/P7 pupils
10 th February	Evening dance class begins Mr Potts attends Senior Leadership Pathways Seminar 5
12 th February	School Council Meeting

13 th February	Rev Jones Assembly
14 th February	P4/5/6/7 pupils attend “Dr James Wacky Science Show” at the University of Ulster P1/P2/P3 wear Pink for Happy Heart Day
17 th & 18 th February	<u>Holiday</u>
20 th February	C.E.F Assembly School Council Meeting
21 st February	Literacy show and Tell Assembly
25 th February	Road Safety NI Road show
26 th February	PSNI Internet Safety Talk
27 th February	Pupil of the Month Assembly Autism Awareness Talk
4 th March	Mighty Movers begins for Primary 2 and 3.
6 th March	Extreme Team Assembly World Book Day International school meals day – Italy Show and Tell Assembly
7 th March	Accelerated Reading Assembly
10 th March	Mr Potts attends Senior Leadership Pathways Seminar 6
13 th March	Rev Jones Assembly
14 th March	Primary 1 Achievements Day
17 th &18 th March	<u>Holiday</u>
20 th March	C.E.F Assembly
21 st March	Mrs Crosbie attends UICT Course
24 th March	Mobile Library van visits school

25 th March	Mr Potts attends Senior Leadership Pathways Course
27 th March	Pupil of the Month Assembly Baron top Fun Farm talk
28 th March	P2 and 3 Achievements Day School swap shop opens
8 th April	Mrs Crosbie attends Signature Project support meeting Internet Safety Talk
9 th April	KS2 Children attend Springfest at the Millennium Forum
10 th April	Mrs Crosbie attends ETI update on Best Practice in the Foundation Stage
11 th April	Autism Awareness Day in School – Sponsored Rainbow Bounce
15 th April	Donemana Primary School Delights Café opens for Business!
16 th April	Half Day
17 th - 25 th April	<u>Easter Holidays</u>
1 st May	Extreme Team Assembly
5 th May	<u>Bank Holiday</u>
6 th May	School Choir sings at Donemana Church of Ireland Service B.O.G Meeting
7 th May	Ulster Scots Project begins in School
8 th May	Rev Jones Assembly
12 th May	P2, 3, 4, and 5 attend Faughen Valley Forest Park for Woodland Discovery Day
15 th May	C.E.F Assembly
16 th May	<u>Holiday</u>

20 th May	School Cricket team attends Quick Cricket Tournament at Strabane Cricket Club
21 st May	Mr Potts Attends Transformation Update
22 nd May	School Closed – Polling Day
26 th May	<u>Holiday</u>
27 th May	Test Week Begins
29 th May	Green Flag assessment takes place with Miss Nutt
30 th May	P4 and 5 Achievements Day
2 nd June	Ulster Scots Drama Production
3 rd June	Maritime workshop/Production in School to talk about WW2, the Famine and History events on the Foyle .
4 th June	P6/7 children attend Hard Ball cricket competition at Bready Cricket Club
5 th June	Extreme Team Assembly
6 th June	P4 and 5 take part in the Young Enterprise workshops based on “Our Community “ P7 attend Induction morning at Strabane Academy
9 th June	Cycling Proficiency begins
10 th June	Mrs McCusker and Mr Potts meet with Strabane Academy staff to discuss Transition
11 th June	School Sports Day
12 th June	Rev Jones Assembly Swimming gala
13 th June	P4/5/6/ school trip to Brunswick Movie Bowl
16 th June	School Nurse visits P1
17 th June	New P1 and Buddies Play Day. P1 parents evening
18 th June	Cricket Team attend Quick Cricket Tournament in Stormont

19 th June	Prize Giving Assembly
20 th June	Staff Development Day - evaluating the year's work
21 st June	Interviews for new teacher
24 th June	Leavers Assembly
	New Computer training for Staff
25 th June	P1/2/3/ school trip to Baron Top Fun Farm
	P7 Residential Trip to Share Centre
	New P1 children in school for lunch
26 th June	School Nurse visits P1
27 th June	Ice Cream Party
	Half Day

Enrolment:

At the end of 2013/2014 school year our enrolment was 89.

Attendance:

We are pleased to report an attendance figure of 97.3% which is an improvement upon last year's figure of 96.5%. This is a very good rate of attendance and is a positive reflection on the efforts of the staff to make school a warm and welcoming environment and also of parents to ensure children attend school on a regular and timely basis.

Staffing:

The teaching complement for the year was 4 teachers and the teaching principal.

Primary 1: Mrs Hay / Miss McCaskie

Primary 2 and Primary 3: Mrs Crosbie / Miss Nutt

Primary 4 and Primary 5: Mrs McCusker

Primary 6 and Primary 7: Mr Potts

Support Teacher (Sunshine Room): Mrs Wilson

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Governors for the many years' service they have dedicated to our school. Thank you Mr Don Millar, Mr Tommy Allen, Mrs Sally Gamble and Mrs Kathleen Stevenson for ensuring our school is the best it can be!

We would also like to thank Mrs Julie-Anne Reid for all the wonderful work she carried out in Donemana Primary School during the four years she was here. She did an outstanding job and we wish her every success in her new job.

We would like to welcome Miss Browne, our new school secretary, to the DPS team.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Hay on the birth of her son and send our best wishes to her and her family.

Ancillary Staff:

The Ancillary Staff complement was as follows:

Part time Secretary: Mrs Reid / Miss Browne

Boiler Man: Mr Cochrane

Foundation Stage Classroom Assistants: Mrs Dougherty and Mrs Robinson

Special Educational Needs Classroom Assistants: Mrs Parkhill

Canteen Staff: Mrs Witherow, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Parkhill

Supervisory Assistants: Mrs McElhatton, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Robinson

Cleaning Staff: Mrs McElhatton and Mrs Dunn

School Improvement Work

Targets achieved during 2013/2014

Learning and Teaching

Continue to improve literacy scores through the implementation of a variety of strategies including 'Delivering Social Change', Accelerated Reader, use of iPads and Extended Schools clubs.

Through the use of the Accelerated Reader programme children will be motivated to read for pleasure and increase time spent reading for pleasure.

Continue to improve numeracy scores through a variety of approaches including Extended Schools clubs.

Assess and level children in line with the new levels of progression for literacy, numeracy and ICT

Leadership and Management

Write and present for ratification by the BoG a policy for pupil attendance.

Conduct a staff audit to assess development needs.

Child-Centred Provision

Develop children's understanding of bullying and strategies to respond to it.

Encourage children to eat fruit on a daily basis and extend their learning with regard to being healthy.

Celebrate Our School

Plan events to mark our 50th birthday!

Eco-Work

Achieve second Green Flag award

Curriculum and Staff Development

Accelerated Reader.

In September 2013 the Accelerated Reader (AR) programme was introduced to Donemana Primary School. It is a reading programme for children in P3-7 which aims to develop a lifelong love of reading. It is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice. With AR, teachers can create a reading programme to meet the individual needs of every pupil. Using information generated by software, teachers can help students select ideal books—those that are difficult enough to challenge, but not too difficult to cause frustration. When pupils have selected and read their book they complete a quiz online which assesses their understanding (comprehension) of what they have read. Children are then rewarded for the number of 100% quizzes they achieve. In addition, the software helps teachers to monitor students' vocabulary growth, literacy skills development and reading skills.

This programme is a wonderful addition to our school, however, it took a lot of preparation! In August & September 2013 all books in the DPS library were checked against a database to see if they were suitable for the AR programme. Suitable books were then labelled and organised ready for AR to begin. We also added 300 new books to our library for use in AR!!

The children participated enthusiastically in the programme and we are very pleased to announce 79.3% of the children on the AR programme increased their reading age from October to April—a fantastic result!

We held 2 AR assemblies where children claimed prizes for achieving 100% quiz scores. As you can see below prizes can be claimed with as little as 1 100% quiz score.

1= AR magnetic bookmark

5=mirror brush or keyring

10=Star Highlighter

15= string bag

20= book light

50= gift voucher for Smyths Toy Store/Barron Top fun Farm/Playstation in Strabane

We have been exceptionally pleased with the enthusiasm & interest shown by the children throughout the AR programme. The data analysis on the next page demonstrates how much of a resounding success it has been and we are delighted to be able to offer it again next year.

AR Results

Reporting period 01/08/2013 to 15/04/2014

Year Group	Number in class	quizzes TAKEN Per child	quizzes PASSED Per child
P2	2	18	16.5
P3	10	13.6	10.9
P4	10	14.1	11.9
P5	15	14.1	12.8
P6	8	30	28.1
P7	15	24.6	23.2

Children on SEN Register	Reading Age increased	Reading Age same	Reading Age reduced
20	70%	15%	15%

Number of chil- dren on Star Reading Test	Reading Age increased	Reading Age same	Reading Age reduced
58	79.3%	6.9%	13.8%
P2	100%	0%	0%
P3	87.5%	12.5%	0%
P4	100%	0%	0%
P5	53.4%	13.3%	33.3%
P6	75%	0%	25%
P7	86.7%	6.6%	6.6%

Children using AR	Quizzes taken	Quizzes passed	% Passed
60	1148	1042	90.8%

School Council

School Council has been active at D.P.S this term and children received a fantastic badge of honour in assembly. Meetings took place every 2 weeks and they were 'THE VOICE' of D.P.S...YES!!!!

School Council made some important changes to the running of D.P.S. They decided that:

- children would be allowed to bring a book outside to read at break and lunch
- football Fridays would return play
- more tasks would be available for Golden Time

Well done School Council for having a wonderful voice!

The children were excellent council members, they took their roles very seriously and gave mature and reasonable contributions to discussions. They showed that they can indeed contribute positively to the decision making process in our school.

Our Council consisted of:

Class Representatives:

Brooke Arbuckle	Sarah Stevenson
Jack Turner	Peter Lowry
Harvey Laird	Rebecca Robinson
Brooke Heywood	Nikita Allen
Cody Wallace	Mark Campbell
Mark Wallace	Sarah Cochrane

Staff Representatives

Joanne Dougherty
Mr Potts / Mrs Crosbie



Eco-Work

Two years ago we achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag for high achievement in our Eco-Schools programme which makes environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of a school. We have been working hard to ensure we minimise our carbon footprint and look after the environment in which we live.

The Green Flag is a recognised and respected eco-label for environmental education and performance which a school holds for a two year period. After this period the school must be reassessed to ensure they are meeting the high level of standards required to be an Eco-School and this year we were again successful in achieving this important award.

Each eco-committee member with help from Miss Nutt and the whole school community ensured we achieved our second Green Flag.

Our Eco-committee is made up of elected representatives from each class. These eco-committee members help to ensure we switch off electrical items when not in use, that we recycle effectively and that we don't waste water. The eco-committee also had a number of trips this year to learn about wind power and planting and growing.

Elected Eco-Committee Members for 2013 - 2014:

Emma Gamble	Jack Gamble
Sarah Cochrane	Raymond Curry
Dylan Allen	Jamie Gamble
Jay Brolly-Thompson	Billy Robinson
Abbey Britton	



Extended Schools

The Department of Education's (DE) Extended Schools programme provides additional financial support to eligible schools to improve the life chances of children and young people particularly from deprived areas. Extended schools services are designed primarily to raise standards of achievement and allow children to realise their full potential in an environment where education is valued.

Our school continues to offer a huge range of extra activities outside of school hours as a result of the funding provided by Extended Schools.

These activities include:

Breakfast Club

Drug and Alcohol Awareness sessions

Football Coaching

Foundation Stage After School Club

DayCare@DPS

Party Snacks Cookery

Number Busters

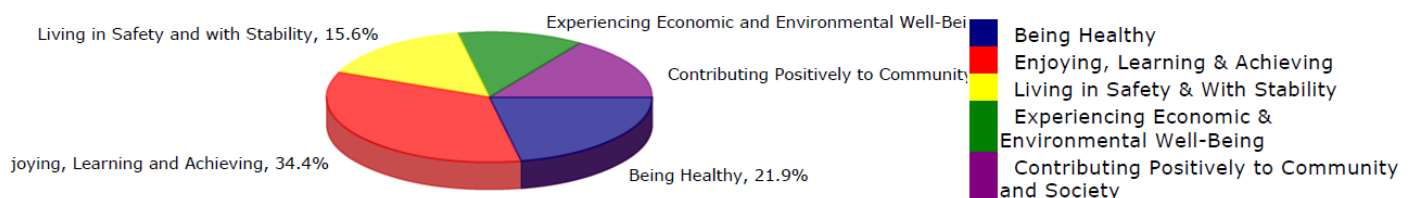
Homework Club

Arts Workshop

Cookery lessons

I-learn

High Level Outcomes



The chart above shows the high level outcomes achieved through our provision. Provision is very well attended and enjoyed by those participating.



Below are some comments about our clubs this year:

Cookery Club

“The soup my child made was delicious!”

Party Snacks Cookery

“It was great. It really encouraged my child to try new foods.”

Breakfast Club

“It is great to have this facility at Donemana Primary School.”

Number Busters

“I loved playing games on I-pads!”- Jamie P7

DayCare@DPS

“Fantastic facility providing my child with opportunities they may not get at home in the afternoons! My child loves it and pleads for me to let him attend even when he doesn’t need to. I also find the day-care very good value and a saving to us as working parents”.

Parent Teacher Association

During the academic year 2013-14 our PTA had the following members:

Mrs Allison Wallace

Mrs Ruth Lowry

Mrs Angela Campbell

Mrs Glenda Wallace

Mrs Caroline Gamble

Miss Lara Nutt (Teacher rep)

Mrs Fiona Gamble

Mrs Sally Gamble

Ms Lisa Magee

Mrs Lindsay Ann Gardiner

Mrs Gillian Hay (Principal)

Mrs Sharon McCusker (Teacher rep)

Throughout the year the Committee met to organise various events. These were:

- Supper with Santa
- Halloween Disco
- Sports' Day tuck shop and tea shop

The PTA also generously funded whole school treats this year. These were:

- Jack & the Beanstalk production by M&M Productions
- Buses for P1-6 summer trips

We would like to thanks Mrs Sally Robinson for many years of service in our PTA and all members for their hard work this year.

Summary of income and expenses for PTA 2013-14

<u>Money In</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Opening Balance	1694.08	Bank Charges	22.45
St Patrick's Primary contribution to M&M Productions	100.00	M&M Productions	594.00
Supper with Santa	243.90	Supper with Santa	94.33
Santa raffle	237.00	Christmas hampers	40.50
Halloween disco & tuck	226.82	Halloween disco expenses	160.36
Sports' Day Tuck	128.80	Sports' Day Tuck	92.24
		Buses for P1-6 summer trips	173.00
Closing Balance	1453.72		

Again, this year our school has held and participated in a huge range of activities and it would not be possible to include them all. The pages that follow contain details of just a few events of note.

Choir

We are proud to report that the choir have had the privilege of performing at several key church services which included singing at the Parish of St.James Donaheady during the harvest service and welcoming the new rector to the parish. Members of the congregation at these church services have praised the choir for their enthusiasm and 100% effort. Each choir performance is enhanced with lively actions and props such as streamers and wrist bells which ensures a colourful and upbeat performance.

In the first term of this academic year there was an after school choir club on Thursdays for members of the choir and other interested children to come along and learn modern songs and later perform them in school assemblies. This was a great chance for children who have an interest in singing to develop stage presence and confidence whilst having fun with their friends! There was a good interest in this club and a lot of children have requested its continuity.



Highland dancing

There was a real Ulster Scott's influence throughout the school this year when the children found themselves learning traditional Highland dances! Every child had 10 Highland dancing lessons, learning dances such as Doe-se-doe and sailor dancing. There was been a wonderful interest in this type of dancing from the children and they have participated with enthusiasm and endless effort.



Autism Awareness Rainbow Bounce Day

On 11th April all our children were 'BOUNCING!' to raise money for Autism Awareness. Each child raised money through sponsorship and completion of a 'Rainbow Bounce' task where they had five minutes of 'bouncing' in the playground. All children wore the colour blue as a symbol of Autism and performed their 'bounce' in various ways. The pupils were bouncing in and out of hoops, bouncing balls, skipping and much more!

This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to raise money for a worthwhile charity.



Mrs Crosbie (Acting Principal) presented Jamie McBride with tickets for The Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, as a prize for raising the most amount of money for the school's Autism Awareness Day.

Jamie presented Alastair Smyth from Autism Awareness with a very BIG cheque for the charity.



Britain's Got Talent- Ashley Elliott!

Our children enjoyed a wonderful treat from Britain's Got Talent competitor, Ashley Elliott, and his famous xylophone! They also had the pleasure of playing the large xylophone and 'hot-seating' Ashley asking him a wide range of questions about his experience on the show and information on Simon Cowell and the other judges! The children really enjoyed his visit - P.5 William said " This was amazing!"



Achievement Days

This year D.P.S. saw the launch of 'Achievement Days'.

Mrs Crosbie explained to all the children that if they had something they were very proud of they could bring it in to an 'Achievement Day Assembly'. Both teachers and pupils grabbed the opportunity to share proud moments in their lives as all sorts of weird and wonderful achievements were on show - ranging from graduation photos, wedding dresses, patch work quilts, stock cars, cakes/ buns, Lego and much more!

Mrs Crosbie said, "It was a wonderful opportunity for children to share a significant moment in their lives in front of the whole school- a real confidence builder!"



Bagpipes

This year children in Primary Six and Seven were given the opportunity to begin to learn how to play bagpipes. The lessons were free and sixteen children decided that they wanted to attend. The children worked in small groups of four, for a half an hour session, which allowed for a very intensive lesson with their instructor Darren. They took great enjoyment from it and looked forward to every lesson.

iPads

As part of a cluster of schools we were able to purchase seven iPads to strengthen and support the teaching and learning capabilities throughout our school. All staff received two days training on the iPads and parents were also invited to a training session. The iPads have been a huge success in school and were also implemented into our after school programmes. They were used during Number Busters, a club designed to strengthen numeracy skills and also iLearn, a club designed to strengthen literacy skills. We are sure these devices will be continually used in our school for many years to come.



Sport

Cricket

Boys' Mini Cricket team: Peter Lowry, Ben Nixon, Raymond Curry, Jamie Donaghey, Jack Gamble, Jason Wallace, D-Jay Dougherty and Dylan Allen



Girls' Mini Cricket team: Rebecca Robinson, Nikita Allen, Sarah Cochrane, Sarah Stevenson, Emma Gamble, Nicole Campbell, Chloe Nixon and Cody Wallace.

Hardball Cricket team: Peter Lowry, Ben Nixon, Raymond Curry, Jamie Donaghey, Jack Gamble, Jason Wallace, D-Jay Dougherty, Dylan Allen, Adam Wallace and James Dougherty.

Donemana Primary School has had an outstanding year in cricket once again, picking up three awards. The boy and girl Mini Cricket teams both won their respective sections in the Strabane District tournament and the Hardball team won another competition as well.

In the Mini Cricket tournament the boys' team beat Artigarvan B and St Mary's A to progress through to a semi final against Artigarvan A. They went on to beat Artigarvan A in the semi final and won the tournament by beating Bready Jubilee in the final.

The girls' team played in a league format where they won all their games and were crowned overall winners.

After their success, both Mini Cricket teams went to Stormont (Cricket Ireland's Northern Home Ground) where they played in the Northern Ireland Finals but alas were not successful at this stage.

The DPS hardball cricket team were invited to a small tournament at Bready Cricket Club. Artigarvan Primary School, Bready Jubilee, Sion Mills Primary School and Donemana Primary School were the four teams involved in the tournament. Donemana PS beat Artigarvan and then played another final against Bready Jubilee. After a tense affair DPS again came out on top again and were crowned champions.

Swimming

Children in Primary Six and Seven once again got the opportunity to attend Swimming lessons. The children went to Riversdale Leisure Centre in Strabane where they had fifteen high quality swimming lessons. It is an activity that all the children thoroughly enjoyed.



Assessment

Towards the end of each school year the children in Primary 4 and Primary 7 are required to undertake formal statutory assessment and the results are gathered nationally. The average child completing Primary 4 (Key Stage 1) is expected to achieve Level 2. The average child completing Primary 7 (Key Stage 2) is expected to achieve Level 4.

The results for our school over the last 2 years are shown below. Unfortunately due to on-going industrial action there is no reliable data for NI averages for 2013/2014.

		<u>2012 / 2013</u>	<u>NI Average</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>
<u>Key Stage 1</u>				
<u>Key Stage 1</u> <u>Communication</u>	% of pupils at:			
	Working towards level 1	0	0.85	0
	Level 1	21.43	9.64	10
	Level 2	78.57	70.91	90
	Level 3	0	18.59	0
<u>Key Stage 1</u> <u>Using Maths</u>	% of pupils at:			
	Working towards level 1	0	0.75	0
	Level 1	21.43	9.03	10
	Level 2	64.29	71.00	90
	Level 3	14.29	19.22	0
<u>Key Stage 1</u> <u>ICT</u>	% of pupils at:			
	Level 1	28.57	6.93	10
	Level 2	71.43	90.84	80
	Level 3	0	2.23	10
<u>Key Stage 2</u>				
<u>Key Stage 2</u> <u>Communication</u>	% of pupils at:			
	Level 2	0	3.93	20
	Level 3	26.32	18.91	33
	Level 4	73.68	60.12	47
	Level 5	0	16.43	0
<u>Key Stage 2</u> <u>Using Maths</u>	% of pupils at:			
	Level 2	0	3.55	20
	Level 3	26.32	17.91	20
	Level 4	73.68	55.03	60
	Level 5	0	22.90	0
<u>Key Stage 2</u> <u>ICT</u>	% of pupils at:			
	Level 1	0	0.33	0
	Level 2	0	1.72	0
	Level 3	26.32	17.73	20
	Level 4	73.68	79.80	80
	Level 5	0	0.42	0

We are pleased to report the following results all show an improvement on last year's results:

- KS1 Communication level 2 and above
- KS1 Using Maths level 2 and above
- KS1 ICT level 2 and above
- KS2 ICT level 4 and above

These results are testament to the hard work of staff and children.

All 15 children of transferring age have gained a place at their first preference secondary school. The Board of Governors wish all the children every success in the future.

School Finance

The Financial Report below refers to the period ending 31st March 2014. It relates to the money allocated to the school through the Western Education and Library Board's L.M.S. formula. Responsibility for the management of this budget lies with the Board of Governors.

Financial Statement			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Formula Allocation	314749	Teaching Staff	213603
Extended Schools	11600	Non-teaching staff	50328
Savings	125929	Fuel Oil	5641
Other Funding	0	Electricity	5697
Total resources available	452278	Gas	308
Letting of Facilities	925	Water	651
Other Income	6836	Toilet Requisites	737
		Waste Disposal	428
		Maintenance of buildings	982
		Maintenance of grounds	2522
		Furniture and Fittings	277
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		Equipment, books and practice materials	8982
		Advertising	292
		DSO Cleaning	11741
		Travel	1574
		Printing and Stationery	552
		Photocopying	1074
		Postage	111
		Telephones	863
		Other costs	2756
		Total Expenditure	309364
		Savings C/F to 14/15	150675

School Finance

The Financial Report below relates to the school fund which is money raised by the school. It relates to the period from 4th July 2013 to 4th July 2014 .

Financial Statement			
Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	1165.81	Treats, Prizes and Rewards	599.30
Uniform sales	768.80	Uniform stock	926.15
Sponsorship from D and R Hay	400.00	Cricket Kits	498.00
Donation from Adria Charitable Foundation	500.00	Misc. items	54.88
Rental of Premises	175.00	Materials for volunteers	224.86
Bookfair	422.05	Bookfair	422.05
Parental contributions towards swimming costs	930.00	Swimming (not including buses or staff costs)	450.00
P7 enterprise work	142.84	Refreshments for meetings	56.75
P7 residential parental contributions	1755.00	P7 residential (not including buses or staff costs)	1890.00
P1—P6 summer trips	429.00	P1—P6 summer trips (not including staff costs)	386.30
Carol Service	131.72	Donation to Church	60.00
Parental contributions for Action Cancer Puppet Show	155.00	Donation to Action Cancer	155.00
Parental contributions for Britain's Got Talent star visit	94.30	Britain's Got Talent star visit	100.00
Bookclub	140.63	Bookclub	139.62
Sponsorship for Autism NI Rainbow Bounce	1824.90	Autism NI	1810.90
Cash for Clobber recycling	129.75	Pre-School Lunch	56.00
Raffle	115.71	New school signage	372.00
Spanish Day	34.50	Information Commissioner	35.00
Electricity and Photocopying Charges (Woodlands)	493.87	Gifts for Governors	177.00
Other Income	34.13	Advertising	337.80
		Speech and language support (woodlands)	165.34
Total available	9843.01	Prize giving engraving	100.00
Total expenditure	9117.47	Prefect hoodies	100.52