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Seventeenth Annual Report

and
Summary of Accounts
of the
Board of Governors of
Oakgrove Integrated Primary School
September 2007 - August 2008

Integrated Education Week March 2008 HIGHLIGHTS

The school was decorated with flags from around the world. Pupils entered an Art competition on diversity and designed posters to advertise Integrated Education Week. After-School dance clubs featured lessons in Irish, Spanish and Scottish dancing. A Free Movie and Popcorn night was held for pupils and their families in the Assembly Hall.

Canteen lunch menus were themed with food from around the world and Fair Trade stalls were set up.

Parents enjoyed an information session on integration, a Service of Unity and a Coffee Morning with parents, guests from local Primary schools and representatives of local religious organisations. They also organised a Family and Friends Night at the Bowling Alley.

A Gaelic-Rugby match was held

Nursery activities included: Media Initiative puppets, Jo Jingles, exploring musical instruments from around the world and using multilingual books, posters, puzzles and posters.

P1 invited their parents in for Structured Play, enjoyed a reading session with P7, did a project on Recycling and visited Roe Valley Integrated Primary School.

P2 visited Waterside Library for storytelling and had an outdoor play session on the theme of "Eyes" and respecting differences. Roe Valley Primary's P2 class came to play and, on Friday, Circle Time was devoted to a drama, again on the theme "Eyes".

P3 enjoyed sessions about Celebratory Art, Multicultural foods, music and dance, a talk from Mr Cheung on Chinese culture and a visit from Ebrington Primary for Art and outdoor activities.

P4 studied Sign Language, Braille and Disability Awareness, and learnt about Age Concern and Help the Aged.

P5 Church visits to StColumb's RC Church, Clooney Methodist Hall, Kingdom Hall (Jehovah's Witness) and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

P6 enjoyed their Disability Awareness Programme, with visits and talks from Mary Delargy, Foyle Down Syndrome Trust, Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Royal National Institute for the Blind

P7 visited old people at Rectory Field, Foyle Fold and Ardclune.

Highlights – Autumn term 2007



Oakgrove's canteen became the first in the City to receive the "Eat Safe" Award.

P3 Citizenship course began with a PSNI presentation. Other topics included Litter, Vandalism, Alcohol and Drugs.

P7 participated in the Peer Mediation course, conference and demonstrated their skills in a Peer Mediation school assembly.

Paired Reading for P4 pupils

P3-P7 explored shared learning between home and school

'Twisters' gymnastic programme for the whole school

Father Peter O'Kane conducted First Communion and Confirmation classes for RC pupils in P4/ P7.

Fire Drills and Fire Safety Risk assessment successfully completed

P5 started trialling 'wifi' laptops for INCAS P5 assessments

Parent Teacher conferences

Scholastic Book Fair made sales of £1800, from which £1100 profit was used for books in the school.

School Council and Junior Council started work on a 'Friendship Zone'.

The school website incorporated links to relevant educational activities. Check it out at: www.oakgroveschool.co.uk

The Harvest Festival in All Saints, Clooney included a presentation to the recently retired Canon Mayes, who has been a good friend to the school.

Visitors

School Photographer

Patricia Lewsley, Children Commissioner for NI, met the Students' Council, enjoyed the European Day of Languages Assembly and opened the Science Garden's new tarmac path.

Special Assemblies included:

Xtreme Team;

Action Cancer's 'Wally Wise' puppet show

Image Musical Theatre, presenting 'Tom's Midnight Gala'

Woodlands Language Unit and Little Oaks Nurture Unit

Academic visitors included:

Stranmillis college students, who came to study the 'Rights Respecting Schools' agenda;

Aitana and Patricia, two Spanish students on temporary placement;

Two Palestinian/Israeli teachers from joint Arab/Jewish schools in the Gallilee area;

Mrs White from St Claire's Primary School, Belfast; and

Integrated Education Fund, with a group of American Principals

School Trips

Ulster American Folk Park (P4)

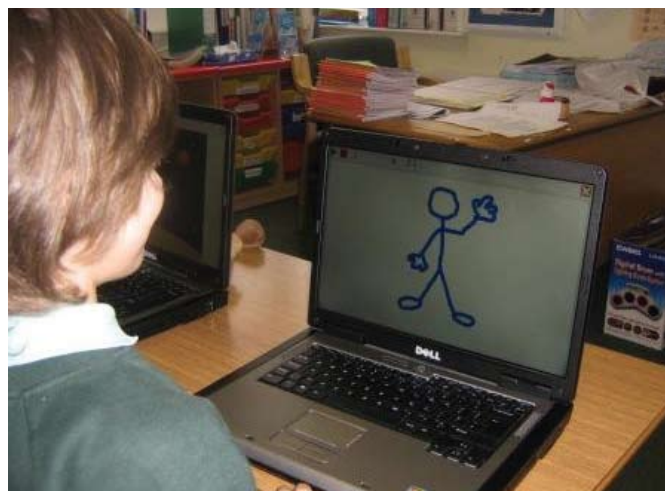
Killavil National School in Sligo (P5A)

Orienteering Competition, Oakgrove College (P6)

Oakgrove College Halloween Fancy Dress Fun Run (P6, P7).

Premises

The Mobile continues to be used for Weight Watchers and Chance for Change, which provides valuable revenue for school funds.



Christmas Activity

The Nursery held two Christmas shows for their parents.

The Christmas craft fair of gifts made by P1 and P2 raised over £300. Anne Murray was so impressed she donated another £300 P1/P2 also enjoyed the pantomime “Sleeping Beauty” at Waterside Theatre. Their own Christmas play “Wriggley Nativity” was performed on 19 December.

P1, P2 P3 and P4 went to Christmas concerts in Ebrington Primary and Roe Valley Integrated Primary schools. P1 pupils from Ebrington came over to share a healthy fruit party;

Pupils from P7 and Groarty Integrated Primary sang carols in Foyleside, Deanfield, Ard Cluan, Guildhall and Foyle Fold to support McMillan Cancer and Save The Children. Term ended with a Carol Service in All Saints Cloney on 21 December 2007;

Pupils fill over 200 boxes for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Children raised £650 by buying decorations for the Christian Aid Charity Tree instead of the traditional Christmas presents for teachers. The Parents’ Council Sponsored Cycle for P1-P3 and the Spellathon for P4-P7 raised another £1500 for charity.

Staff and School Development courses

Anne Murray participated in courses on: Regional Training Unit course on Performance Review and Staff Development: Beyond Implementation; RTU Building Leadership Capacity (Prof David Hopkins); Project Management Board’s Leading Learning conference, Primary Principals Conference on the Revised NI Curriculum and ‘Creative Thinking’ by Edward de Bono. Oakgrove will become Northern Ireland’s first accredited De Bono Thinking School. School development after the ‘Thinking Skills’ programme facilitated by Ann McGonigle and Lorraine Coulter.

Lorraine Coulter attended: New Vice Principal (RTU), Aspire conference on Extended schools, Primary Movement seminar by Martin McPhillips. Democratic Schools, Cyber Bullying, Child Protection and Chief Inspector’s Report seminar; P1 and P5 teachers continued Revised Curriculum training;

Comprehensive review of the Health and Safety manual;

C2K Personnel course on Sims.net: *Irene Cosgrove and Karen Finlay*

Early Childhood Studies MA Stranmillis: *Gertrude Carey*

Autistic Spectrum Disorder course: *Kevin Holly, Alissa Williamson, Tina Cassidy*

Early Professional Development: *Kevin Holly, Lisa McCorkell, Louise Anne Quinn*, mentored by *Ashley Donaghy*.

Foyle Multicultural Forum: *Anne Murray, Lorraine Coulter, Kevin Holly*

Teacher Tutor conference: *Ashley Donaghey*
Year 1 NI Curriculum: *Ashley Donaghey and Gertrude Carey*

Learning NI session: (*Nial Gill*)

INCAS P5 Computerised Assessment and Year 5 Revised NI Curriculum training: *Nial Gill and Ruth Doherty*

MSc Educational Management: *Aisling McMonagle*

Dissolving Boundaries Conference: *Nial Gill*
Developing RE in the Primary School: *Catriona Sargent*

Transforming Societies, at IOSAS centre, and Teachers Pensions seminar: *Anne Murray and Irene Cosgrove*

Nurture Centre course (Leicester University), Educational Psychologist Paul Paul Cooper, Art Therapy and Austin’s Food Safety Training: *Honor Slattery and Liz Jamieson*

Western Education Support Team meetings: *Lorna McSparron*

In Service Training sessions included: School Development Plan; updating the school website; Epipen training by the School Nurse and the use of wifi.

NICIE AGM in Brownlow attended by *Anne Murray, Simone Bartlett and Tim Webster*

Highlights – Spring Term 2008

Creativity Week illuminated January with a spectrum of activities encompassing music, dance, art, animation, technology, science, maths and literacy.

Ulster Orchestra workshops with pupils culminated in their performance at Waterfront Hall on Friday 14 March.

Chinese New Year Card design competition was won by Chi Wei (P5), Dylan O’Kane (P5A) and Jodie Allen (P6).

Pancake Tuesday produced lots of pancakes. Father Peter O’Kane distributed Ashes on Ash Wednesday to RC pupils in P4-P7. Confirmation was conducted in St Oliver Plunkett. Our thanks go to Ms Bartlett, also Mrs McMonagle, Ms Barber and Mrs Carey for the excellent choir.

Mrs Coulter gave Kidscape presentations and training to parents and staff.

P3 completed their Paired Maths programme

The Fire Brigade visited P5.

P7 participated in the Community Safety and Citizenship programme which included a Passive Smoking survey. They also undertook a 15-week swimming programme.



Author Declan Carville facilitated children’s writing workshops throughout the school.

Edward Hannah presented his Ulster-Scots play for P4-P7.

The Nurture Unit extended its services to P4 as well as P2.

A fascinating Chinese New Year workshop was hosted by Sai Pak.

Internal Audit by accountants Moore Stephens, Bradley McDaid reported very favourably. Our thanks to Irene Cosgrove and Anne Murray for exemplary financial management of the school’s budget.

New regulations for the 59 P7 Transfer interviews require each parent or guardian to provide a set of verification documents. This was burdensome, bureaucratic, invasive of parents’ privacy and a data protection nightmare. Anne Murray successfully lobbied both the Department of Education and Western Education and Library Board to change the rules.

Staff and School development

Anne Murray attended the British Educational Technology exhibition, and returned with new ideas for advancing It provision and use in the school.

Lorraine Coulter presented the De Bono Thinking Skills programme Invista training (money matters) and Assessment for Learning: *P6 teachers*

Lorraine also led In Service Training on Child Protection, with a focus on internet danger.

De-escalating and Defusing strategies in Conflict Situation course: *N. Gill and C. Sargent*. *Nial* also led Learning NI training.

Senior Management Team also embarked on a comprehensive re-draft of the Prospectus. Parents, students and staff are all being consulted.



Highlights: Summer Term 2008

Oakgrove achieves the Gold Healthy Promoting Schools Award.

School Trips included:

Portrush (P1);
Bananas and Playtrail (P2);
Cregan Country Park and Playtrail (P3);
Buncrana (P4);
Bundoran (P5);
Stirling (P6);
Delphi (P7) and
Ulster American Folk Park (P7)

Other activities included:

P2A worked on a play with Dominic Bonner from Derry Children's Commission and Niall Moore from Northern Ireland Children's Commission worked with the School Council;
Sport For All worked with P5A and P6A;

Judo sessions in St Columb's Park (P3 and P6);
P7 Empathy workshop in The Junction;
"The Legend of the Golden Dragon" by West Midlands Children's theatre Company

Cycling Proficiency training after school;
Internet Safety talk by Tim Cooke from PSNI;

Visitors

Valerie Little, Botanic Primary School, visited under 'Sharing Good Practice' to see how we manage English as an Additional Language;

Placements

Jennifer Errico from Buckell University.
Teaching practice
Adele Hill

In July and August
Oakgrove hosts
the perennially
successful Civil
Service Summer
Scheme.



School and Staff Development

Leading Learning 3, Principals' Pupil Profile Seminar, Building Leadership Capacity, Taking Self Evaluation to the Next level: *Anne Murray*;

Child Protection conferences; Understanding Needs of Children in N I; Handling Childrens' Behaviour; Extended Schools seminar and Waterside Partnership Principals' Forum: *Lorraine Coulter*

Bluewave Swift self-evaluation tools: *Senior Management team*

Dissolving Boundaries conferences: *Nial Gill*

Two-day Tracheotomy training at Altnagelvin Hospital: *L. Concannon, A. Doney, E. Moran, L. McSparron, A. Murray*,

NICIE Facilitators course: *Ashley Donaghey and Catriona Sargent*;

Nurture Unit conference: *Honor Slattery and Liz Jamieson*

World Around Us Co-ordinators Seminar: *Edel Sweeney*;

Coaching and Mentoring: *Paul McKernan, Lorna McSparron, Anne Murray*;

Autism workshop: *Rhyll Christie, Tina Cassidy*;
Autistic Spectrum Disorder: *Eileen Barber, Aine Hasson*;

St Brigid's Nurture Unit: *Honor Slattery*

Development Comprehension Skills (Speech & Language), Anti Bias Curriculum: *Lorna McSparron*

Appointments for 2008-2009:

Nial Gill: Key Stage 2 Coordinator
Simone Bartlett: ICT Co-ordinator
Catriona Sargent: Integration
Alissa Williamson: PE and Personal Development
Kevin Holly: Extended Schools
Edel Sweeney: World About Us

Ann McGonigle elected to become a part-time teacher from September.

Classroom Assistants *Tina Donnell (Peoples)* and *Ciara Doherty* left after working in Oakgrove for 10 years and 3 years respectively. A dinner was held in their honour at the Bowling Alley, and we wish them well.

Staff

Senior Management

Dr Anne Murray	Principal.
Lorraine Coulter	Vice-Principal. Learning, INSET, Pastoral Care/Discipline,

Primary School

Paul McKernan	Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator, Learning Support
Lorna McSparron	Learning Co-ordinator
Eileen Barber	Creative & Expressive Co-ordinator, Learning Support
Ruth Doherty	Nursery
Honor Slattery	Nurture Unit
Gertrude Carey	(P1A)
Ashley Donaghey	(P1B), Foundation Stage Co-ordinator
Lisa McCorkell	(P2A)
Louise-Anne Quinn	(P2B)
Kevin Holly	(P3A)
Julie Young	(P3B)
Catriona Sargent	(P4A)
Alissa Williamson	(P4B)
Nial Gill:	(P5A), Integration, ICT & Assessment
Rachel Doherty	(P5B)
Ann McGonigle	(P6A), Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator
Edel Sweeney	P6B), Personal Development/PE
Aisling McMonagle	(P7A)
Simone Bartlett	(P7B), World About Us Co-Ordinator

Nursery

Ms Ruth Doherty	Nursery Teacher
Ms Christine Ross	Nursery Assistant:

Peripatetic Support

Brass:	Mr Stuart Hague, succeeded by Mr Lawrence Quigg
Upper Strings:	Ms Clare Cunningham
Cello:	Ms Niamh Doherty
Ms Maria Phillips	Educational Psychologist:
School Nurse:	Ms Roisin McGarrigle

Staff

Classroom Assistants

Martina Cassidy	Aine Hasson	Wilma Robinson
Rhyll Christie	Josephine Heath	Rachel Sherrard
Lorraine Concannon	Liz Jamison	Liz Thomas
Penny Crawford	Alyson McCormick	Mia Whoriskey
Ciara Doherty	Roberta Martin	Maria Wilson
Adrian Doney	Elaine Moran	Michelle Wray
Paula Feathers	Michelle Morrow	Julie Wray
Natalie Finlay	Tina Peoples	

Ancillary Staff

Administrator:	Irene Cosgrove	
Secretary:	Karen Finlay	
School Meals Administrator:	Sonya Barrett	
Caretaker:	Raymond Wray	
Cleaner:	Ruth Parkhill	
	Mary Wray	
Cook:	Linda Henderson	
Cook Supervisor:	Irene Wilson	
Dining Attendants:	Elaine Norris	Ruth Carr
	Meta Hyndman	Patricia Rankin
Senior Supervisor:	Raymond Wray	
Supervisory Assistants:	Mary Wray	Sonya Barrett
	Sharon Maguire	Ruth Parkhill
	Avril Hutchinson	Leanne Hamilton
	Josephine Heath	

After-School Clubs

Athletics (Ruth Doherty, Louise-Anne Quinn)	Netball (Julie Young)
Chess (Alan Turnbull, Roberta Martin)	Orienteering (Simone Bartlett)
Computer (Simone Bartlett)	Rugby (Paul McKernan)
Cycling Proficiency (Louise-Anne Quinn, Julie Young)	Science (Catriona Sargent)
Drama (Lisa McCorkell)	Swimming Club (Mr Laverty)
Football (Nial Gill)	

External clubs

Creative Dance	
Maiden City Soccer	
Yogabugs	

Board of Governors September 2007 - June 2008

The dates in brackets are the terms for which each governor has been elected or appointed to serve

Teachers Council

Aisling McMonagle (2006-2010)
Ashley Donaghey (2008-2012)

Department of Education for Northern Ireland

Ian Bennett (2007-2011)
Irene Lindsay (2005-2009)
Aiobheann Mullan (2005-2009)
Grace Frazer (2007-2011)

Parents' Council

Jonathan Gray (2005-2009)
Siobhan Casey (2005-2008)
Tommy Yeung (2006-2010)

Foyle Trust for Integrated Education

Herbert Montgomery (2005-2009)
Stanley Page (2006-2010)
Tim Webster (2007-2011)
Sandra McCallion (2005-2009)
Marie Cowan (2006-2010)
Celine Ryan (2007-2011)

Dr Anne Murray Principal

New/ Reappointed Governors, 2008-2012:

Teachers Council: A. Donaghey

Committee members

Admissions: S. McCallion • T. Webster • J. Gray.

Appointments: S. McCallion • M. Cowan • C. Ryan
• I. Bennett • A. Donaghey • A. Mullan • J. Gray •
S. Page • A. McMonagle • T. Webster.

Curriculum, Discipline and Prospectus: S.
McCallion • H. Montgomery • T. Webster

Finance & General Purposes: I. Bennett
(Responsible Officer) • H. Montgomery • S. Page •
J. Gray • T. Webster

Premises: I. Bennett • J. Gray • S. Page
H. Montgomery • A. Mullan • T. Webster.

Anne Murray attends all sub-committee meetings

B.O.G. Meetings September 2007-June 2008

September 2007
October 2007
November 2007
December 2007
January 2008
February 2008
April 2008
May 2008
June 2008 Premises Inspection

Our thanks to the outgoing governors for their time, commitment and assistance:

Eileen Barber (Teacher)
Siobhan Casey (Parent), retired in June 2008

Assessment Outcomes

	Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2		
	L2	L3	L3	L4	L5
English	94(93)	36(40)	28(19)	67(78)	25(27)
Maths	85(94)	51(46)	28(17)	69(80)	38(41)

() = Northern Ireland outcomes

School Attendance and Enrolments

Attendance: 93.1%
Enrolment (Sept 2007): 396
Nursery (part time): 52
Primary Admissions: 51

Holidays 2007-2008

Autumn Term: 1 September - 21 December 2007
Mid-term break: 31 October - 1 November 2007
Spring Term: 7 January - 28 March 2008
Mid-term break: 15-18 February, 17 March
Summer Term: 31 March - 27 June 2008
Mid-term breaks: 5 May, 26-30 May

Financial Summary 2007-2008

Income and Expenditure Account, Year ended 31 March 2008

Receipts	2008	2007
Department of Education Grants:	<u>1,466,242</u>	<u>1,434,586</u>
Payments		
Teaching staff costs	826,142	804,051
Non-teaching staff costs	469,927	400,775
Other operating payments		
Rates and Water	42,110	41,363
Insurance	9,327	9,402
Heat, Light and Power	21,791	21,450
Laundry and Cleaning	5,048	2,894
Repairs and Renewals	22,100	25,052
Office costs inc: stationery and printing	2,826	1,081
Telephone and Postage	3,856	3,183
Advertising	410	2,051
Accountancy/Audit Fees	3,143	3,026
Legal Fees	-	-
Teaching materials inc stationery and books	66,722	51,018
Transport, travel & school trips	7,000	5,001
Course Fees	7,603	4,311
Bank Charges	-	27
Miscellaneous	1,700	3,524
Equipment	<u>15,240</u>	<u>62,193</u>
	<u>208,786</u>	<u>235,576</u>
Total Payments	<u>1,504,855</u>	<u>1,440,402</u>
Surplus (deficit) from operations	(38,613)	(5,816)
Other receipts	<u>21,033</u>	<u>19,843</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(17,580)	14,027
Surplus brought forward	90,771	<u>76,744</u>
Surplus carried forward	73,191	90,771
Fundraising surplus	8,419	<u>10,478</u>
	<u>81,610</u>	<u>101,249</u>

Parents Council Account

Balance, 01 September 2007:	£8391.50
Balance, 30 June 2008:	£4692.88

The Parents Council contributed generously towards the building of the path through the Science Garden, Graduation Pens for P7 pupils and a wonderfully successful Multicultural Evening. The main fundraising endeavours were the Easter Draw and the sponsored Non Uniform Day. Our thanks to the many parents who helped out during the year.