



Twenty-Third Annual Report

and
Summary of Accounts
of the
Board of Governors of
Oakgrove Integrated Primary School and Nursery
September 2013 - August 2014



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Dr Anne Murray Retires

Dr Murray's Retirement

It was with great sadness that the whole Oakgrove community learned of Dr Murray's retirement in June 2014.

As founding principal of Oakgrove Integrated Primary School and Nursery, Dr Anne Murray has devoted 25 years to successfully promoting and developing Integrated Education in the North West. She set up the primary school and inspired the Foyle Trust to open Oakgrove Integrated College a year later, shortly followed by Oakgrove Integrated Nursery.

Dr Murray has shown inspirational leadership and successfully developed high self-esteem and skills throughout her staff for the benefit of all the children who have passed through the school. Oakgrove is a successful and popular school which is a model of excellence, as recognised in its recent award for Excellence in Integrated Education.

She masterminded the development of the school through its early days, appointing staff, building capacity of staff and parents and creating an inclusive child centred ethos. Today Oakgrove Integrated Primary School and Nursery has over 450 pupils and a staff of 45 teachers and classroom assistants. The whole staff take part in regular conflict resolution and integration training. This has prepared them to support pupils across the communities. It is a testament to her leadership that past pupils return both to work in the school and to enrol their own children.

Under her leadership, Oakgrove Integrated Primary School achieved the European Foundation for Quality Model excellence Award, Mark of Excellence, 2010 and was the first school in Northern Ireland to achieve level 2 of the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award, the International Schools Award and Investors in People. The recently received Excellence in Integrated Education Award, 2014, is a fitting tribute for Dr Murray who has pursued excellence in all areas for the school.

Staff worked together to organise a wonderful retirement Midsummer Ball in the school hall.

The end of year performance (I Remember) was an outstanding tribute to Dr Murray and had the audience laughing and crying. The P7 staff and pupils put on an amazing and emotional night to remember.

Lorraine Coulter

Principal

Autumn Term 2013 Highlights

NEW ARRIVALS

63 children for P1 and 52 infants in the Nursery. Total enrolment now 453.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

P2 worked on the **Arctic and Antarctic**.

Karla Lalama gave **Spanish lessons** to Key Stage 1

P5/6/7: **CultureTech** event

P7 **Peer Mediation** training programme. Four P7 pupils made a film for Community Restorative Justice (CRJ) to promote Peer Mediation – the DVD is now being used by the YES project at schools across the city. *L Coulter* met with CRJ representatives to discuss ways of developing the Peer Mediation programme.

Chinese Club and **Kumon Maths** hold workshops in the mobile

Relaxkids Yoga Sessions for P2-P4 in the mobile in the afternoons

Ms Barber's **Film Club** after school

Alan Turnbull's **Chess Club** on Friday lunchtimes

Gareth Austin's **Gardening** programme included working with P6 to harvest potatoes they have grown

World Around Us bulb planting by each class

Kirsten Cuning Maclean designed and made a ceramic tile illustrating Oakgrove's Peace Pledge. This has now been installed on the **Pathway to Peace** in the new park beside the Guildhall. Three of our P7 pupils attended the launch of the Pathway in December.

The **Book Fair** in school hall facilitated by *H Slattery* and *E Sweeney* raised over £2000.

P4 graduated from the **Paired Reading** programme, with great results, and *Billy Reid* from the **WELB Reading Centre** completed an intense programme of support with P5 pupils.

Aoife (P4B) won a trophy and medals at in **Irish Dancing** at the Dublin feis and *Pól* (also P4B) achieved red belt in **Ju-Jitsu**;

P4 and P7 Roman Catholic pupils attended the **Service of Light**;

Pupils were interviewed as part of **European Week of Waste Reduction** in November;

As part of **Anti Bullying Week** in November, KS2 watched 'Ruby Bridges', a film about the first black girl to attend an all-white elementary school in New Orleans. The whole school engaged in a range of anti bullying activities.

Musical Pathways to Learning (MPL) using songs, games and rhymes, has proved to be popular and very successful introduction to the values of music.

External tutors for musical instruments include:

Karla McIntyre (**Strings**, provided by WELB);

Niamh Simpson (**Cello**);

Neil Guy (**Brass**).

SPORT

Maiden City Soccer increased their involvement by facilitating sessions with Key Stage 1 as well as Key Stage 2.

P6 attended a **Football Blitz**

P5B attended a **Tag Rugby Blitz**

Rugbytots for P1&2 pupils

The girls' **Cross Country** team performed really well within the NW league and at the N.I finals. Well done to them all for hard work and commitment. Sincere thanks to *Mr McGurk* for his dedication to both teams and *Mrs Wray* for valuable support.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Pupils from across both Key Stages are elected to represent the interests and concerns of their peers at meetings held with senior management regularly throughout the year. The minutes of these encounters are presented to the Board of Governors. They are invariably a highlight of Board discussions, raising awareness of valid and sometimes unexpected issues. The school community is greatly enriched by having pupils involved in identifying both problems and solutions.

P5, P6 & P7 attended workshops for Pupil Parliament to study democratic involvement with the Education Officer from Westminster.

ASSEMBLIES

Mrs Coulter launched the Friendship Wall for the Autumn Term. In the Spring Term it became the Kindness Wall and in Summer Term it was the Achievement Wall.

Xtreme Team

"Little Red Hen" Harvest Service at Ebrington Presbyterian Church

P5A parents enjoyed a celebration of their children's talents

VISITORS

P7 met visitors from **Cyprus** and **Croatia** to learn about their countries, languages, customs and food;

Book Reading session with New Zealand author *Erin Devlin*;

Jennifer O'Brien, **dental health teacher**, visited P1&2;

A local **optician** held a useful workshop for P3;

Jollyes Pet Foods visited P6 to support their **animal project** work; and

Tim Cooke PSNI delivered **e-safety training** to all pupils in KS2.

SCHOOL TRIPS

P2, P4 & P6 visited the **Turner Prize** exhibition of the four shortlisted artists: Laure Prouvost (the winner), Tino Sehgal, David Shrigley and Lynette Yiadom-Boakye,

P3A had Bollywood dance lessons and performed in the Diwali celebrations at the Guildhall

P4 visited the Ulster American Folk Park

P5,P6&P7 attended a drama session at the Forum;



P5 also visited the Ulster Museum to learn about Ancient Egypt and the Nerve Centre to learn animation;

Eco council were very active throughout the school, raising awareness for Green Flag Award

P6 began the YES project

Roisin Crawford started her programme of STEM support for this year

Roy Warke delivered the **Alcohol and Drugs Awareness Programme** to P6 & P7

PARENTS' ACTIVITIES

The part-time VP assumed responsibility for supporting the Parents' Group, ie: *Ashley Donaghey* in Autumn, *Nial Gill* in Spring and *Lorna McSparron* in Summer Term.

P1 parents are welcomed with coffee after leaving their children, and are invited to an 'end of month' informal get together in the P1 classrooms;

P1 and P2 Parents' workshops on Literacy and Numeracy well attended.

P4 Parents engaged with the Paired Reading workshops;

Nurture Centre parents enjoyed an Autumn/Hallowe'en parent breakfast;

Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £950;

Alissa Williamson and *Ashley Donaghey* launched Oakgrove's **Facebook** page. This rapidly gained popularity, and our thanks go to the volunteers who oversee and update it;

P1 pupils enjoyed play sessions supported by grandfather volunteer *Charlie Hasson*;

Mrs Coulter and SMT liaised regularly with Parents' Council and parents of new children.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Waterside Credit Union School Savings Scheme organised by *Alissa Williamson*., collected savings every Thursday.

Community Summer Scheme in July funded by Extended Schools (Leaders *K Holly* and *L Quinn*)

Looked After Children (LAC) funded scheme during the first week in August.

School photographer visited for two days

We raised £726.86 for **Children in Need** by holding a Pyjama/Silly Sock day. A **Save the Children** coin collection for the Philippines was also very successful. 'look after the pennies...'

Volunteer supporters: *Michelle Donaghey* (Nurture & Nursery), *Louise Skinner* (Nurture), *Charlie Hasson* (P1)

The **Green Flag Award** for excellence in the field of environmental activity is public acknowledgement that Oakgrove is an eco-friendly school, full of eco-friendly people. The crossborder '**Walk to School Week Challenge**' Certificate was also awarded by Travelwise NI and Green Schools Travel An Taisce

EXTERNAL LINKS

The school fosters, employs the services of and maintains close links with several external agencies, notably:

Education Welfare Office

Action For Children

CAW/Nelson Drive Community

NW Counselling

Educational Psychologists *M Phillips* and *Clare Kempton* undertook Transfer Reviews for P7 children with



Statements of Educational Need. Maria also conducted observations and assessments throughout the year; Rosemary McKee of the Inclusion and Diversity Service discussed electronic audits and resources with L Coulter and Sarah Rutherford; and

Lorraine Coulter liaised with Social Services, Western Education Support Team and other agencies, working with Lorna McSparron to help our most vulnerable families. Lorraine was also appointed Vice Chair of Foyle Nursery and Primary Learning Community

A Williamson attended Extended Schools Cluster Meetings including Video conferencing;

A Murray attended meetings with the Education minister about supporting the Nurture Network;

L Coulter attended the forum on 'Taking Boys Seriously' Nurture Steering group meeting in Toome

A Donaghey gave an excellent presentation to Principals about Transition from Nursery to Primary One.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

In Service Training (INSET) sessions:

Target Setting

Nurture Conference in Antrim for teachers and classroom assistants;

Vision/values, Literacy and Numeracy;

Integration;

Mathletics;

Child Protection Review (Facilitator L Coulter);

Fire Safety (Facilitator Raymond Wray);

Diabetic Nurse Training;

ICT seminar and review. (Facilitator Simone Bartlett);

First Aid refresher for Classroom Assistants

C2k (Northern Ireland computer network) refresh planning session (S Bartlett, R Wray, A Murray);

World Around Us planning

Staff Council meetings take place daily. and Senior Management Team meet on Tuesdays

Wellbeing Session with Sarah Rutherford for Classroom assistants and teachers

'Team VP' meet on Wednesdays. Ashley Donaghey served as part-time VP in the autumn term, Nial Gill in the spring term and Lorna McSparron in the summer term.

STEPS to Excellence training with teachers.

Soccer meeting at St John's (J McGurk)

Kevin Holly attended CRED training, also 'Beyond Funding' at the City Hotel;

Ashley Donaghey and Nial Gill completed Child Protection training;

Nerve Centre 'Using iPads creatively' (S Bartlett and A Donaghey)

PQH seminars (Nial Gill and Lorna McSparron)

"Newcomer training: Support for pupils for whom English is an Additional Language" by Inclusion and Diversity Service (R Wilson and L Quinn)

Makaton training for P1/2 staff to support a child with Downs Syndrome and a child with language difficulties. (Ursula Sheerin).

MPL training for P1, P2 & P3 staff

WELB Census Return Overview (A Donaghey)

WELB Primary & Nursery Principals' meeting (L Coulter)

A Murray attended NICIE AGM and ETI training

Staff workshop on the refreshed computer system

NICIE Governance seminar on charitable status and BoG responsibilities (Lorraine Coulter)

Classroom Assistant training in Autism Spectrum Disorder (Rachel Ratcliffe)

Nurture training day to share good practice (Julie Young and Sarah Rutherford)

Ruth Parkhill resigned as Mid Day Supervisory Assistant after long term ill health

IT Transformation training (N Gill and K Finlay)



The Movember Foundation challenges men to grow moustaches during Movember (formerly known as November), to spark conversation and raise vital funds for its men's health programs. Several of our staff took up the challenge.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Temporary Cleaner: *Ilinca Nedelcu* (1 term), *Louise Rutherford*

Temporary Mid day Supervisory Assistant: *Lynne Stewart*

Ex pupil *Natalie Reid* was temporarily appointed to support staff to help deliver a language programme in Nursery

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS:

Kerry Mc Crossan (teaching diploma student) in P1;

Maeve Hinds and *Peter McGurk* from Lumen Christi;

NWRC students on early years placements

Two Stranmillis students completed initial observations

Blufton College student in P5 (four weeks)

Two-week work placements for four German student teachers through Foyle Language Centre

Past pupils *Dylan Kyle* and *Oran Harkin* completed work placements in Foundation Stage and *Jill McCallion* worked in P2;

PREMISES/GROUNDS

The computer refreshment and replacement programme began and was completed by 4 January.

Refurbishment over the summer months included: carpet on the ground floor corridor and in the P3 classroom;

Repainting of P3/4 classrooms, the medical room and some of the corridors;

School sign completed.

Christmas at Oakgrove

Oakgrove loves a festival, and among the many activities which kept the school community busy were:

P1 pupils made Christmas decorations and gifts

Eco Club members made table decorations

The Santa Family Breakfast was popular and once again we thank Santa for bringing presents and Parents' Council for helping throughout

FS children enjoyed the Hansel & Gretel performance at the Waterside Theatre

P4 worked hard to deliver the Carol Service at All Saints Clooney

P2 and P7 performed a set of carols for 'Drive 105' radio and the residents of Rectory Field Nursing Home

The Nativity Play, performed by Key stage 1, was enjoyed by everyone.



While out learning about the different types of homes in our local area, Primary 4 came across a very strange looking house - the Grass House at Ebrington Square. One of the artists explained that they had stuck mud to the walls with their hands, before planting millions of grass seeds and watering it everyday with a hose. Primary 4 really found it fun to actually run their hands through the walls of the house.

Kumon maths school and Weightwatchers rent the mobile

Fire drill successfully completed in two minutes

Valve repair to heating system

Leak repaired (twice) in P5&6 resource area

Lead removed from roof and replaced

P4 pupils cycled from St Columb's Park House to Foyle Bridge alongside Environment Minister Mark H Durkan, the Mayor and Santa Claus at the official opening of the Greenway Cycle Path. *L Coulter* and *T Webster* liaised with Ebrington PS and other agencies about extending the Greenway cycle path through our sports field and science garden. An alternative route was agreed to be necessary.

Special thanks to *Adrian Doney* who did an amazing job covering R Wray during his absence

FINANCE

Second Revised Teaching Budget and 3 year financial plan returned to DENI

Large carryover mainly consists of contingency fund for computer refresh which was supposed to happen during the last Financial year.

L Coulter prepared for and facilitated the Internal Audit.

Spring Term 2014 Highlights

PUPILS/CURRICULUM

Pupils and staff enjoyed an assembly to celebrate Chinese New Year and the Chinese Saturday club invited everyone to their New Year celebrations in January

Annual Reviews were completed for all pupils P1-P6 who have a statement of Special Needs

Goblin Green Car Project started with forty enthusiastic pupils from P5,6 & 7 and culminated in a racing event at Nutts Corner;

18 Oakgrove Integrated College students worked with P5 and P6 at our **Robotics** event;



P7 celebrated their **Faiths and Talents Assembly**.

The children talked about their faiths and the recent **Confirmation Service** for the Roman Catholic pupils in St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Strathfoyle. They also demonstrated their many talents, including:

Singing

Playing Musical Instruments- Cornet, Violin, Trombone, Guitar & Piano

Drawing, Painting & Origami

Circus & Magic Skills

Joke Telling

Gymnastics

Achievements in Accelerated Reading

Building Lego Models

Dancing

Making Films, Animations and Presentations

Rugby, Netball & Football

Poetry Writing

The Assembly ended with the Lord's Prayer and a wonderful version of Bruno Mars' 'Count On Me'.

P7 pupils went to Waterside Theatre to celebrate their **Intergenerational Project**. Collaborating with the ladies of Rectory Field Residential Home, pupils exhibited art work made with the ladies and performed a play, written by *Gemma Walker* using the ladies' stories, in front of a large audience. A Tea Dance afterwards featured dancing and eating cake!

P7 visited the Tower Museum to see the performance of **'Planters, Paupers and Rebels'**. The play looked at 400 years of the history of the North West from the Plantation of Ulster to the present day. It was Horrible Histories gone Ulster! The children even heard a 17th century Settler Rap

Silvana McCaul **Spanish lessons** for Key Stage 2

'Our Community' arranged a history tour of the city for the P7 children, including visits to the Workhouse Museum and the Guildhall. The children heard about life here in Victorian times and during the famine.

Sustran's Giro School's Challenge was set to coincide with the Giro d'Italia international cycle race and encourage children, parents and staff to walk or cycle to school. Well done to all who took part.

David McGarrigle took over as Brass tutor.

P2 visited **Tesco's Farm to Fork Trail**, to learn about where our fresh fruit and vegetables come from. The children got to see the bakers in the bakery and made their own gravy rings. They sampled different ham and cheeses. We learned the names of different fish products. Thank you to Audrey, Selina, Wendy, Corey and Pam.

P6 (*Mr McKernan*) learned how to debate controversial topics including;

Should transfer tests be scrapped?

Should screen time be limited for children?

Should homework be banned?

At the **Shooting Stars Gymnastics**

Competition *Anna* (P7) won three medals, a bronze for the beam, a silver for the bars and a gold for the vault. Well done!

Dr. Orakzai came in to Oakgrove and gave a fascinating talk about **Islamic weddings and culture**.

In the **'Good Vibrations' D.J. workshop** P7 pupils thought about their differences and their wonderful uniqueness, composed their own lyrics, sang melodic lines and produced their own track. A fantastic experience and loved by all. Thank you *Eamon* and *Ciaran*.

At the **Mini Chef Challenge** in the University of Ulster in Coleraine *Travis, Jamie, Alexander* and *Aaron*

from P7 won 2nd place with their delicious Chicken Noodle Surprise.

Our pupils are now learning how to make websites using html coding. P5's *Erin* and *Jacob* represented the school at the **'Creating Smart Skills for the NW Economy'** STEM and ICT conference in St Mary's College. They demonstrated their coding skills to keynote speakers and representatives from the US Consulate general, ILEX, the US Council on Competitiveness, the New Schools Venture Fund, Engagement Games, Microsoft, Allstate, Seagate and our own *Mrs. Crawford* from STEM AWARE. *Mr McKernan* linked Oakgrove to a number of future projects in STEM and ICT. The children actually created their own web page during the course of the speeches. At aged 8 and 9 this is quite remarkable.

Our thanks to *Roisin Crawford* for providing STEM support to Oakgrove throughout the year. Her enthusiasm hard work and commitment have unleashed a passion for Science and put our children in the forefront of scientific endeavour.

P7 children entered an art competition following a series of workshops as part of the **Disability Awareness Programme**. All entries were commended by the judges, and four 'highly commended' artists were given £20 Foyleside vouchers. Congratulations to Cara, Eava, Daire and Corey, and well done to all!

Easter Show 'Happy Day' performed by P6;



P5 and P6 went to the Guildhall to listen to the inspirational words of **President Bill Clinton**.

Anya won a medal and certificate for brilliant Kumon Maths work.

INTEGRATED EDUCATION WEEK

Each class worked on bridge building projects. All 16 were judged by guest engineers at an assembly. Congratulations to P2KH for the winning entry.

Parents from various faiths led whole school assemblies focused on different faith traditions within the school community.



To celebrate achieving the Excellence in Integrated Education Award (EIEA), parents, governors, staff and pupils joined hands with local councillors, Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education, the Integrated Education Fund and other education agencies to form a human chain across the Peace Bridge.

SPORT

All P6 children took part in the Inter-Schools Rugby Blitz at the City of Derry Rugby Club on Wednesday 26th February;

The girls **Netball** team came first in a tournament at Oakgrove Integrated College;

The Primary 6/7 **Netball** teams also achieved 1st and 2nd place in a Primary School Tournament at Templemore Sports Complex.

P6 **Judo** classes started

P7 started a **cricket** programme during P.E.

PARENTS

A number of parents supported the school during a gruelling two day assessment by Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) for the **Excellence in Integrated Education Award (EIEA)**. Oakgrove received an outstanding report, and parents joined staff and pupils on a trip to Enniskillen IPS for a lively award ceremony. Our thanks to everyone in the school community for your hard work and enterprise.

The newly formed **Parent & Toddlers Group** started up in the mobile on Friday mornings

Family fitness **Zumba** sessions were held on Monday evenings during term time. A sponsored **Zumbathon** raised £1900 for Parents Group funds and will be used for sports team outfits and equipment.

Parents group organised the **Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) Family Night** with Ulster University, at which the Nerve Centre, Loughs Agency and others facilitated sessions. The

evening was very well attended, and both parents and children were enthused and impressed by all the workshops.

The 10-week **Incredible Years Parenting Programme** for Nursery parents started at Half-term;

Parents Group **'Word in a word'** competition winners included:

Nursery, *Charlotte Walsh*; Foundation Stage, *Keelan Doherty*; Key Stage 1, *Corey McGuinness*; Key Stage 2, *Scott Thompson*. Many thanks to Eason, Foyleside for the generous prizes they donated.

Dr Murray and *Mr McKernan* led a very informative session for all P5 parents on **Transfer to Post Primary School 2016**. P7 parent transfer interviews were also completed.

COMMUNITY/AGENCIES

Mark Durkan, Minister for the Environment and *Dr Ian Humphreys*, Chief Executive for Eco Schools came to school to talk to our Eco Council and congratulate the school on receiving the **Green Flag Award**

Educational Psychologist *Maria Phillips* supported a significant number of pupils with additional needs with the help of the Multi Agency Support Team;

A tutor from Edge Hill University visited as part of school's partnership with the university's Education Department.

Oakgrove hosted twenty students from Seattle and they were very impressed by our pupils

L Coulter liaised regularly with the Educational Welfare Officer, NW Counselling and our link worker from Action for Children;

L Coulter represented Primary Principals to meet with the Foyle Post Primary Principal Learning Group and discuss working together on transition

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

In Service Training (INSET) sessions:

Internal Moderation, after which staff prepared a moderation portfolio for Communication and Numeracy;

Mid year monitoring;

Religion;

Excellence in Integrated Education Award;

Key Stage meetings,

Developing Thinking Skills;

Well Being session;

Introductory discussion on Religious Education

ICT, Inclusion and Diversity; and

STEPS to Excellence.

Heartstart refresher training (for *Eileen Barber* and *Paul McKernan*.)

Nurture staff shared best practice at a conference in Antrim

Two day Special Needs Leadership training (*Lorna McSparron*)

PLACEMENTS

Student teacher *Kate Lyndsay* in P4B for teaching practice for January and February;

Kerry Mc Crossan (teaching diploma student) in P2;

Stranmillis student teachers *Cherith Colhoun* and *Clare McMurray* in P2, P4 and Key Stage 2;

Rosemary Burton returned to support the children and teachers in P6

Two German students for a three day placement

PREMISES/GROUNDS

CAPITA staff conducted the ICT transformation over the Christmas holidays. Teething problems with the new C2K system were eventually resolved.

One of our Fire Drills achieved a record breaking 60 seconds evacuation of the school building;

60 long awaited iPads were delivered

FINANCE

Teaching budget set provisionally for 2014-2015

After-School Clubs 2013-2014

Baking (*Lisa McCorkell*)

Calligraphy (*Honor Slattery*)

Chess (*Alan Turnbull, M. Morrow*)

Chinese (*Extended Schools*)

Cross-Country (*James McGurk*)

Eco-Schools Club (*Honor Slattery*)

Film (*Eileen Barber*)

Football (*James McGurk*)

Gaelic (*James McGurk*)

Homework (*Louisanne Quinn*)

Netball (*Gertrude Carey*)

Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (*Roisin Crawford and Elaine Moran*)

Swimming

Maiden City Soccer (*Privately-run club*) Separate sessions for Foundation Stage, KS1, KS2

Summer Term 2014 Highlights

PUPILS/CURRICULUM

Annual assessments and screening of results completed

This year's P7 show, '**I remember**' was a remarkable tribute to Dr Murray as she prepares for retirement. The script told the story of Oakgrove from the first idea to the present day in words, music, archive photos and dance. The performance was absolutely brilliant, moving the audience to laughter, tears and a standing ovation. Thank you to the everyone in the school community who participated in creating this masterpiece. The cast included two actors playing Dr Murray, an allusion to Anne's mystifying ability to be in several places simultaneously during the school day, P2 walked to the Science Garden at the beginning of term to release their **butterflies** into the wild. The butterflies were hesitant at first but after a few minutes they opened up their wings and flew away. The children were transfixed watching the butterflies and waving them goodbye.

Pupils from the **STEM Green Car Club** took our Goblin Car to the competition at Nutt's Corner and received two second prizes in some hard-fought races;

P7 presented their **Scratch Project** at Magee Scratch is a programming language which enables pupils to create their own interactive stories, games and animations. Our thanks for the support received from Dr C Ryan and her team from the University of Ulster, The work was entered for CultureTech's '**The Big Video Challenge**' and was one of five projects submitted to the **Sci Fest** at St Mary's College by our pupils. P6's **Bridges** project was overall winner in the Primary section and Oakgrove won the Best Primary School Award. Our children were articulate and confident in presenting their portfolio. Special thanks to Ms R Crawford and all the pupils who participated.

All pupils enjoyed brilliant whole school class **Assemblies** by P3A, P1A and P1B

P7 pupils had their Achievement ceremony and were wished well when they left on Friday 20th June

Pupils and staff enjoyed **Bike It Week** events organised by Sustrans, a charity encouraging people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day. The Bike Doctor visited to road test our bikes, and over 140 people enjoyed our 'Bike It Breakfast'.

Creative Arts week was buzzing and busy with 'I Belong' themed activities. The new iPads proved invaluable to the work. **Paddy Nash and Diane Greer** brought music and P4 visited **Centre for Contemporary Arts** to learn photo weaving in the style of Dublin artist Sarah Browne. Our thanks to Ms Eileen Barber for co-ordinating a wonderful week; P5 ran a very successful **Healthy Tuck Shop**

business, making a profit of over £900. Half of this has been donated to school funds.

Thank you to the parents, families and businesses who sponsored this enterprise, including NuPrint, Tesco, Jennings Fruit & Veg, Waterside Credit Union, Steve Reid Roofing Ltd, STEM Aware, Sarge's Fitness Bootcamp, Green Cat Bakery, Nail Studio, Darron Mark Photography, Kelly's Convenience Stores, SK Surfacing Ltd, Roisin's Bakes, RMC Joinery, Kiera's Chippy, Margaret Herron, Elle & Mark Lazarte, Moira & Andrew Reynolds, Margaret & Alan Giff, Calum Williamson, Matilda Sweeney McGee and Cameron McFarland.

WAINS project was completed for children who are suffering from loss

P3 completed the '**Seeing Project**' which was based around art in the environment

'The Light Fantastic' by 'The Kinetic Theatre', a show funded by the Parents' Council, explored the properties of light and the sources of light through the story of 'Roy G, Big in Las Vegas'. The children had to spot which one of the human cast was actually an alien.

Key Stage 2 enjoyed their **Sports Day** in St Columb's Park, with running events in the morning and fun sports in the afternoon.

Alexander Weston came 8th out of 32 in the finals of the **Lumen Christi Chess Championships**.

Amy from P6 won two 1st places, two 2nd places, one 3rd place and one 4th place in the **Ulster Scots Dancing Competition**.

P7 participated in an **Intergenerational Project**, working each week on an art project with the ladies from Rectory Field Residential Home. The children enjoyed visiting the ladies, getting to know them and learning new art skills. The theme for the art project was 'Birds of a feather' led by Mrs Hilary Doherty.

The children and the ladies worked together, learned how to make their own felt and developed a range of printing techniques. The final products were fantastic!

We thank Mrs Hilary Doherty for her effort and support and we look forward to working with Rectory Field in the Intergenerational Project again next year!

P4's **Irish Dancers** did well: Aoife, at the World Irish Dance Feis in Sligo, came 1st in her Light Jig, 4th in her Reel and 5th in her Slip Jig; and Amy won 4 trophies at another Irish Dancing feis.

For several years now, Oakgrove has embraced the **Accelerated Reading Programme** to promote children's reading skills and enjoyment. Children are assessed to determine their reading ability, and can then choose from a range of recommended titles at their reading level. Once they have finished a book, they complete a simple quiz to check that they have read and understood it, and then are given a further list of recommended titles to choose from.



Three old codgers and their doppelgangers: can you tell which ones are the originals? Top to bottom: Colm Cavanagh, Sandra McDermott and Tim Webster

Scenes from Primary 7's 'I Remember' show

In this way, children build their reading skills and are not put off by books that are too basic or too demanding for them. They also have fun completing quizzes and earning points along the way towards individual or class targets. Struggling readers are well supported, and high achievers are encouraged to read books that really engage and challenge them. Teachers can track children's progress book by book, and tailor recommendations to a child's individual needs. Above all, children are highly motivated and inspired by successful reading.

This year a record 12 pupils have read (and understood) a million words (4 have completed 2 million words), and are now enrolled into the exclusive Millionaires Club.

P6 & P7 pupils went to **Delphi Activity Centre** in Leenane Co Mayo, escorted by *Mr McKernan, Ms Quinn* and *Ms Whoriskey*. Other end-of term events included **W5** in Belfast (P2), **Water World** (P7) and a **Leavers' Lunch** in the sunshine.

The Boys Football Team won the **Sammy Sheppard Memorial Shield**.

STAFF

INSET sessions included:

Data analysis;

Management reports, report writing;

'Steps to Excellence' facilitated by *Dr Murray*;

Nurture conference (*S Rutherford* and *H Slattery*)

NICIE conference 'Shaping the Future' (*Dr Murray*)

Different Faiths seminar (*Kevin Holly*);

Three staff members leave us this term:

We say goodbye, thank you and good luck to classroom assistant *Agnieszka Cozas* who has accepted a full time teaching post at QUB.



Gertrude Carey was a staunch supporter of integrated education for many years before she came to teach in Oakgrove. For the past eleven years, Gertrude has brought music, dance and colour to her classrooms. She will be sorely missed.

Dr Anne Murray, is that rare phenomenon: a visionary with financial acumen, a teacher who is also a manager, a brilliant strategist, a master tactician, and a kind-hearted soul who embodies all the principles she espouses. Her intellect and energy have made Oakgrove into the vibrant community and beacon of excellence that we see today. The best way we can honour Anne will be to cherish and nurture the fantastic legacy she bequeaths to her successors.

APPOINTMENTS

Cara Green : temporary teacher for 2014-2015;

Rachael Ratcliffe: Permanent Mid-Day Supervisory Assistant; (MDSA); *Louise Rutherford*: Temporary MDSA;

Nial Gill: Interim Vice-Principal (1 year);

Eileen Barber: Key Stage 1 Co-Ordinator.

Lorraine Coulter has been appointed Interim Principal for the school year 2013-2014. Lorraine has valuable previous experience as both Vice-Principal and part-time Principal, and we are delighted that she has agreed to navigate us through the next year.

PARENTS

Parents group organised a successful **Family Fun Night** and a **Family Bingo Night**; events both sociable and a useful raiser of funds.

Christine Graham resigned after ten years sterling work as Treasurer for the parents group;

Hilary Doherty produced a beautiful framed picture of the Oakgrove tree for each of the P7 leavers

Helen Cassidy led a Musical Pathways concert for parents of pupils who had taken part in the programme this year

Learning surveys completed with parents.

COMMUNITY/ OUTSIDE AGENCIES

Youthlife undertook a six week programme for children in the Waterside who have experienced loss;

STEM AWARE continues to be heavily involved with the school, to the benefit of pupils;

Summer scheme is bigger than ever this year , reaching many of our children, thanks to Extended Schools funding;

Oakgrove continued to work closely with the charity **Action for Children**, which supports our most vulnerable and neglected children and young people.

PREMISES/GROUNDS

Annual premises Inspection took place with minor action needed

Paint and carpet schedule has been organised for the summer

Floor tiles outside the Nursery are to be replaced with wet pour over the holiday.

FINANCE

Budget set for next year

P5 donated £450 to school funds from their Healthy Tuck Shop enterprise



The Midsummer Ball was our opportunity for staff, parents, governors, ex-pupils and friends to say a big “thank you” to Anne Murray. It was a magical, celebratory evening, bathed in the unquenchable warmth of the Oakgrove family.

The Midsummer Ball / Retirement Party for Anne Murray

Staff

Dr Anne Murray	Principal SMT <i>(Part-time 0.5)</i>
Lorraine Coulter	Principal (0.5) Vice-Principal (0.5)
Lorna McSparron	Learning & Assessment Co-ordinator SMT, Acting VP (<i>1 term</i>)
Honor Slattery	P3A (0.4), Learning Support (0.2), WAU Co-ordinator
Gertrude Carey	P1A
Rachael McLaughlin	P1B
Ashley Donaghey	P2A, Foundation Stage Co-ordinator SMT, Acting VP (<i>1 term</i>)
Kevin Holly	P2B, Integration Co-ordinator
Edel Sweeney	P3A, Learning Support Team (<i>Part-time 0.6</i>)
Julie Young	Nurture, (<i>Part-time 0.8</i>)
Eileen Barber	P3B, Creative & Expressive Co-ordinator
Nial Gill	P4A, Key Stage 1 Co-ordinator SMT, Acting VP (<i>1 term</i>)
Lisa McCorkell	P4B
Louise-Anne Quinn	P5A
Alissa Williamson	P5B, Extended Schools Co-ordinator SMT
Paul McKernan	P6A, Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator SMT (<i>Part-time 0.8</i>)
Catriona Sargent	P6A, Learning Support Team (<i>Part-time 0.6</i>)
James McGurk	P6B, PE/PD Co-ordinator
Aisling McMonagle	P7A
Simone Bartlett	P7B, ICT Co-ordinator

Nursery

Ruth Doherty	Nursery Manager SMT
Christine Ross	Nursery Assistant

Peripatetic Support

David McGarrigle	Brass
Karla McIntyre	Upper Strings
Niamh Simpson	Cello
Maria Phillips	Educational Psychologist
Michelle Doyle	School Nurse
Billy Reid	Reading Centre
Kathleen Burns	Little Oaks Support
Roisin Crawford	STEM Support

21 teachers are employed by the school comprising 15 full-time and 6 part-time

Classroom Assistants

Martina Cassidy	Michelle Morrow
Rhyll Christie	Rachael Ratcliffe
Lorraine Concannon	Sarah Rutherford (<i>Temporary</i>)
Agneiska Cozas	Rachael Sherrard
Adrian Doney	Liz Thomas
Natalie Finlay	Debbie Thompson (<i>Temporary</i>)
Aine Hasson	Mia Whoriskey
Josephine Heath	Michelle Wray
Maria Long	Julie Wray
Alyson McCormick	Kerry McCrossan (<i>Temporary</i>)
Roberta Martin	Natalie Reid (<i>Temporary</i>)
Elaine Moran	

Nurture Voluntary Support

Louise Skinner

Ancillary Staff

Karen Finlay	Administrator
Sonya Barrett	School Meals administrator
Raymond Wray	Caretaker/Senior Supervisor
Martina Bradley	Cleaner
Avril Hutchinson	Cleaner/Supervisory Assistant
Sharon Maguire	Cleaner/Supervisory Assistant
Mary Wray	Cleaner/Supervisory Assistant
Adrian Doney	Groundsman/Cleaner
Helen McArthur	Cook (WELB)
Ruth Carr	Dining Attendant
Jean Hogg	Dining Attendant
Elaine Norris	Dining Attendant
Patricia Rankin	Dining Attendant
Josephine Heath	Supervisory Assistant
Debbie Thompson	Supervisory Assistant
Lynne Stewart	Supervisory Assistant

Additional Educational Needs

Oakgrove continued in its commitment to supporting every child towards achieving his/her potential. This was evident in the school's investment in:

- Human resources i.e. learning support teachers, classroom assistants and specialist Speech and Language teachers and staff training
- Effective support programmes for literacy and numeracy
- Nurture provision, including pupil counselling services

The school's annual screening process ensures individual needs are identified and addressed

Board of Governors September 2013 - June 2014

Teachers Council

Rachael McLaughlin (Dec 2010-Dec 2014)
Alissa Williamson (Dec 2012-Dec 2016)

Department of Education

Kathy Laverty (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)
Irene Lindsay (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)
Grace Fraser (Dec 2011-Dec 2015)
Hugh Hegarty (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)

Parents Council

Roisin Crawford (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)
Claire McNabb (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)
Jonathan Gray (Dec 2009-Dec 2013)
Andrew Reynolds (Dec 2011-Dec 2015)

Governor Appointments

Bert Montgomery, a Foundation Governor since the school opened in 1991, and a tireless supporter of the Oakgrove project since its conception, has retired from the Board. Committed, combative and generous to a fault, Bert will be sorely missed. We wish him well.

Jonathan Gray has withdrawn temporarily from the Board and we look forward to his return when circumstances permit.

The Board also thank Ian Bennett, who has provided many valuable services to the school as both a DENI governor and, since 2011, a co-opted Board member. His expertise in matters of governance and finance is greatly appreciated, and we are delighted that he has agreed to remain with us.

Anne Murray's retirement means that she has also finished sitting on the Bog. Her legacy envelopes us every time we walk into Oakgrove and we will always think of her with gratitude and affection.

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Ian Bennett, Stanley Page, Andrew Reynolds, Marie Cowan, Tim Webster, Anne Murray, Lorraine Coulter

Foyle Trust for Integrated Education

Sandra McDermott (*Secretary*) (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)
Aaron McIlhenny (Dec 2013-Dec 2017)
Marie Cowan (Dec 2010-Dec 2014)
Stanley Page (Dec 2010-Dec 2014)
Celine Ryan (Dec 2011-Dec 2015)
Tim Webster (*Chair*) (Dec 2011-Dec 2015)

Co-opted Governor

Ian Bennett (Dec 2011, ongoing)

Dr Anne Murray and Lorraine Coulter attend all meetings

Appointments Committee

Marie Cowan, Kathy Laverty, Irene Lindsay, Sandra McDermott, Andrew Reynolds, Tim Webster, Anne Murray, Lorraine Coulter

Board of Governor meetings September 2012-June 2013

Autumn Term

23 September 2013
18 November 2013
17 December AGM

Spring Term

20 January 2014
24 March 2014

Summer Term

19 May 2014
16 June 2014 Premises Inspection

Holidays 2013-2014

2013

Autumn Term	2 September-20 December
Mid-Term Break	28 October-1 November

2014

Spring Term	7 January-16 April
Mid-Term Breaks	17-19 February, 17 March
Summer Term	28 April-27 June
Mid-Term Breaks	11 May, 23-26 May

School Attendance and Enrolments

Attendance: 95.4
Enrolment 401
Nursery (part-time): 52
Primary Admissions: 400

Financial Summary

1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014

Incoming Resources	2014	2013
Department of Education Grants	1,570,114	1,596,239
Income form other sources	10,571	2,564
Total Incoming Resources	1,580,685	1,598,803
Payments		
Teaching staff costs	938,556	949,380
Non-teaching staff costs	403,262	389,545
Other operating payments		
Rates and Water	52,451	50,677
Insurance	12,857	12,601
Heat, Light and Power	26,846	15,940
Laundry and Cleaning	686	7,917
Repairs and Renewals	73,697	41,175
Office costs inc. stationery and printing	480	548
Telephone and Postage	3,160	2,853
Advertising	942	708
Accountancy/Audit Fees	5,200	6,060
Legal fees	847	839
Teaching materials inc stationery and books	78,404	85,276
Transport, travel & school trips	3,359	5,071
Equipment	73,401	11,069
Course Fees	3,060	144
Bank Charges	-	-
Comenius Project	32	-
BNCPPR Project	759	901
Miscellaneous	-	1,171
Total Other Operating Costs	337,244	242,950
Total Resources Expended	1,316,162	1,581,861
Reserves 2012/2013	168,790	151,861
(Loss)/profit before Taxation	(98,378)	16,928
Net Assets	70,412	168,789