

Annual Report of the Board of Govenors

2010-2011

1. School Organisation

Holy Trinity Primary School is managed by the Board of Governors who are as follows:

Chairperson	Mrs. E. Ward
Deputy Chairperson	V. Rev. M. Wallace P.P.
Secretary	Mrs. N. Hawkins
Trustee	Mrs. M. Crilly
BELB Representative	Mr. W. Harte
BELB Representative	Mrs. C. Doran
DENI Representative	Mr. F Doyle
Teachers' Representative	Mrs F. Boyd
Parents' Representative	Mr. H Green
Principal	Mrs C. Armstrong

The current Board was formed in May 2009 and its term of office will expire in May 2013.

The Principal is responsible for the day to day management of the school.

She is assisted by the Senior Management Team, the membership of which is as follows:

Mrs Boyd, Vice Principal, Mrs Sloan, SENCO, Mr White, Head of KS2 and Mrs O'Shea, Head of Foundation Stage and KS1.

In the year 2010 – 2011 the teaching assignments were as follows:

P1	Mrs Devlin (YL)	Mrs Donnelly	Mrs McCool	Miss Murphy
P2	Mrs Harte (YL)	Mrs Graham	Mrs Farrelly	Miss Owens
P3	Mrs O'Shea (YL)	Mrs Marken	Mrs MacManus	Miss Adams
P4	Miss Sheehy (YL)	Miss O'Loughlin	Miss Armstrong	
P5	Miss Scott (YL)	Mrs McCooe	Miss McLaughlin	
P6	Mr White (YL)	Mr Hackett	Miss Sheehy	
P7	Mr McCrory (YL)	Mr Armstrong	Miss Murphy	

Special Units	HIU	Mrs McGreevy	Mrs Mullan / Mrs Fyfe	
	MLD Senior	Mr Kelly (YL)	Mrs McKinney	
	MLD Junior	Mrs Heffernan	Mrs Sheehan / Mrs Norris	
Special Needs Support	Mrs Sloan (YL)	Miss Donnelly	Mrs McKavanagh	Miss Bradley
Music	Miss Donnelly			
ICT	Mrs Rooney			

YL = Year Leader



Several members of staff had responsibility for areas of the curriculum. They were as follows:

Religious Education	Miss Sheehy & Mrs McGreevy
Language and Literacy	Mrs O' Shea & Mr Armstrong
Mathematics and Numeracy	Mr White & Mrs Devlin
The World Around Us	Mr Hackett & Mrs Fyfe
PE	Mr Mc Crory
The Arts / Art and Design	Mrs Mc Cooe
The Arts / Music and Drama	Mrs Mc Kinney
PDMU	Mrs Graham
Assessment and Record Keeping	Miss Murphy

Library	Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Sheehan, Miss Harte & Miss Owens
PR/Fundraising	Mr Armstrong
Special Needs	Mrs Sloan, Miss Donnelly, Miss Bradley & Mrs McKavanagh
EMU	Mr Mc Crory
ICT	Mrs Rooney & Miss Harte

Child Protection

The Designated Teacher for child protection was Mrs Boyd, Vice-Principal. Assistant Designated Teachers were Mr White Head of KS2 and Mrs O’ Shea Head of KS1 and Foundation Stage. There were no referrals made to the Social Services for the year 2010 – 2011.

2. The Curriculum

The Revised Curriculum was in place for all year groups covering The Arts, Language and Literacy, Mathematics and Numeracy, Personal Development and Mutual Understanding, Physical Education, The World Around Us and Religious Education.

Assessment

Our end of Key Stage results for Key Stage 1 in 2010 – 2011 show that we achieved above the Northern Ireland levels in both English and Maths.

Our end of Key Stage results for Key Stage 2 in 2010 – 2011 show that we achieved slightly below the Northern Ireland levels in both English and Maths.

We met the targets set for both English and Maths.

Our whole school results showed the average IQ to be 97.84, while the average Reading Quotient was 97.88 and the average Maths Quotient was 100.

Special Needs

The school provided additional support to pupils who found difficulty with reading and maths. Three members of staff within the school engaged in withdrawal groups to assist pupils in need. This support was augmented by the BELB peripatetic service and St Gerard’s outreach programme. Pupils with emotional difficulties were supported by a counselling service from Barnardos. Pupils with behavioural difficulties were assisted by staff from Harberton and Clarawood Schools. Children identified as being on the autistic spectrum were supported by the Autistic Spectrum Disorder support service from Oakwood and we had additional speech and occupational therapy support from the Child Development Clinic.

Parental Involvement

The school offered many opportunities for parents to become more involved in their children’s education. In addition to organised meetings, individual interviews,

parents at P3 and P6 participated in the 8 week paired reading programme in the Spring Term. Parents were often called on to offer assistance on school trips and outings. We provided a wide range of courses for our parents to enable them to help their children and to further their own development. The school wishes to thank parents for giving generously of their time for the benefit of the school.



External Relations

The school appreciates greatly the support of our feeder nursery schools, St Martins, Holy Trinity Preschool Playgroup, Ardmonagh, Matt Talbot and Newhill Nurseries. We extend a co-operative hand to all secondary and grammar schools to which our pupils enrol at second level. The school is proud of its links to the National Deaf Children's Society and for the assistance it provides for our pupils with hearing impairment. We owe a debt of thanks to the traders at Park Centre for their generosity in continuing to sponsor our Prize giving ceremony and for allowing our pupils to display their work at the centre.

Additional Programmes

Mr Briscoe from the City of Belfast School of Music ably assisted by Mrs McKinney, Miss Donnelly and Miss O'Loughlin provided tuition in Music for recorder and a range of brass instruments.

In the Summer Term we teach the Diocesan programme on Relationships and Sexuality Education.

The after schools clubs for the year 2010– 2011 were as follows:

Art	Hurling	Music (Brass)	Camogie
Computers	French	Italian	Football (GAA)
Homework	Irish	Primary Movement	Cookery
Speech & Drama	Basketball	Tin Whistle	Guitar
Hiphop	Games	Sewing	

The Board of Governors deeply appreciates the generous role of the staff who gave their time for the benefit of pupils in the after school clubs.



3. Special Events

The school prides itself in holding the following activities annually.

- Sponsors of the NI Children's Cancer Fund
- The Annual Prize Giving Ceremony
- The Annual School Concert
- The Christmas Carol Service
- P7 Choices Course
- Paired Reading for P3 and P6
- The Trócaire Lenten Campaign
- Preparation for the Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation
- Special Assemblies for the Rosary, The Sacred Heart and Lent
- The Poetry Festival
- The P7 Annual Retreat
- Sports Day
- Cumann na mBunscoil GAA Competitions
- Music Mornings of The Primary School Music Association



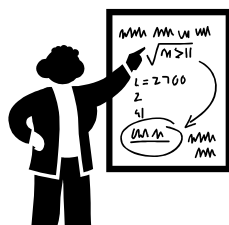
Holy Trinity Primary School celebrated success in other ways:

Our girls won the indoor five a side gaelic football tournament and reached the final of the championship. Our boys became the Antrim 5 a side indoor football champions.

Seven of our pupils entered the Belfast Inter-Schools' Feis where they won three certificates, two gold, two silver and one bronze medals. Our girls and boys cross country teams came first and third respectively in the West Belfast heat of the annual Belfast Schools Cross Country Event.

4. The School Estate

We entered the Amenity Council's Best Kept competition and won a highly commended award. for the Best Kept Large School in Belfast. We completed installation of security fencing and gates within the school grounds. We put in place secure access to the administration block of the school. Phase One of the storm drain difficulty was implemented. Our new parents' car park was completed thereby reducing traffic congestion considerably at peak times. We had our heating system for the whole school upgraded. The mains electrical circuit board for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 was replaced. The flooring in all the stairwells and landings was replaced. We had three stud walls erected in middle rooms and had three interactive whiteboards installed. We refurbished two classrooms to accommodate the increasing numbers of children in Key Stage 1. The Parents' Room and the male staff toilets were refurbished.



5. School Charities

During the school year 2010 – 2011 the following amounts were sent to the following charities:

Trócaire	£6,000
Uganda	£1,000
Action Cancer	£500
The N I Children's Cancer Fund	£1,540
Disability Action	£1,000

Total £10,040

Special thanks are due to pupils, parents and staff for their sterling efforts on behalf of those in need.

6. Statistics

Number on Roll 2010 - 2011	614
Admissions	84
Attendance %	94.4%

7. Finance

The school fund is audited annually by Thompson & Co. Chartered Accountants. At the end of the financial year (i.e. 31 March 2011) the school fund had a balance in hand of £6,890.54



9. School budget 2010 - 2011

Budget Allocation	£2,132,445.00
Expenditure	£1,886,686.20
Variance Surplus	£245,758.80

SOURCE: BELB Budget and Expenditure Report - Period 13
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