



Moyallon Primary School



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Dear parent,

As Chairman of the Board of Governors of Moyallon Primary School, I am pleased to present to you this report.

The education of our pupils is a partnership between parents, teachers, Boards of Governors and the Southern Education and Library Board and this report provides information as to the progress made during the 2010/2011 school year. This report, due to its nature, can only be a snapshot of school life and further information or clarification can be obtained directly from the school.

For a number of years this report was formally presented at the Annual Parents' Meetings. However, schools questioned the need for this statutory meeting particularly because of the low attendance by parents, and the Government has now recognised this. Accordingly, Article 41 of the Education (NI) Order 2006 repeals the requirement on Boards of Governors in Northern Ireland to hold Annual Parents' Meetings.

The report is posted on the school web-site or a hard copy can be obtained on request from the school office.

As you will discover in this report, Moyallon Primary School continues to be a busy and thriving school community. We as a Board of Governors hope you find this report informative.

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Mullan - Chairman



Board Of Governor Members 2010 - 2014

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Mr H. Richardson
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Mr A Sleator
Dr S. J. McCammick

Parent Representatives:

Mr P. Neill
Mr. G. Mullan

Teacher Representative:

Mrs E Belch

Chairman: Mr G Mullan

Secretary: Mr J. Priestley

Main Responsibilities of the Governors.

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school.
Some of their duties include:

- The oversight of the curriculum
- Appointment of teachers and other staff
- The control of the budget
- The presentation of the Annual Report
- The maintenance of the premises (Shared responsibility with the SELB)
- The Admissions Policy and admission of pupils into the school
- School Inspections
- The determination of all policies relating to the education and welfare of the children
- Fostering links with the local community
- Fostering the objectives of E.M.U.

During the 2010/2011 school year there were six full meetings of the Board of Governors and various sub-committee meetings.



Calendar of Events

Autumn Term:

Baker Days	25-31 Aug.
Term Begins	1 Sept
Swimming Lessons Begin	7 Sept.
Evo's Soccer Course	13 Sept.
School Photographer	29 Sept.
Spanish Assistant Begins	30 Sept.
P6 Music and Culture Visit	5 Oct.
Teddy Tennis for P1 – 3	7 Oct.
P7 Trip to Stormont	8 Oct.
KS1 and 2 French Club	11 Oct.
PTA Meeting	14 Oct.
VP Child Protection Course	15 Oct.
Firework Safety Talk	19 Oct.
P6/7 EMU Project	21 Oct.
Parental Interviews	27 Oct.
Half –Term	28/29 Oct. 1 Nov.
Cash for Clobber Collection	4 Nov
PTA Meeting	4 Nov
Book Fair	8 Nov
P7 Experience Day TJHS	12 Nov
Count Down To Christmas	
18 Nov	
P5 Fire and Rescue Talk	18 Nov
School closed due to snow	7/8 Dec
Christmas Dinner	9 Dec
SELB Chief Executive Visit	
10 Dec	
Christmas Play P1 – 3	14 Dec
Christmas Concert P4 – 7	15 Dec
End of Term	17 Dec

Summer Term

First Day of Term	3
May	
Cash for Clobber	6 May
NI badminton Finals Lisburn	6 May
Swimming Gala	17 May
P5/6 Visit to W5 Belfast	20 May
PTA Car Boot Sale	20 May
P 5/6 Visit to W5, Belfast	22 May
5-a-side Football Tournament	25 May
P2 Trip to Loughgall Park	26 May
Bank Holiday	30 May
P1 trip to Argory	1 June
P7 Leavers photos	3 June
P6/7 Manchester Trip	6 - 9 June
P2 Ugly Bug Ball	10 June
P1 Induction Afternoon	15 June
P7 Tennis Tournament	17 June
Cycling Proficiency (P7)	13 – 15 June
Sports Day	20 June
Football Tournament, Loughgall	22 June
Final "Moyallon's Got Talent"	27 June
Final Day of Term	30 June

Spring Term:

Term Begins	4 Jan.
Visit from Killicomaine Staff	12 Jan
P 7 Transfer Interviews	24/25 Jan
Child Protection Course (Mrs Bleakney)	24/25 Jan
Monkeynastics P 1-3	27 Jan
P6/7 Tennis begins	31 Jan
P7 Victorian Day, Armagh	11 Feb
Half-term Holiday	
14/15 Feb	
Mullahead District Event in School	18Feb
P 1 Trip to Armagh Museum	21 Feb
Badminton Course for P7 begins	23 Feb
P6/7 Trip to T'gee JHS for play	23 Feb
Travelling Book Fair	24 Feb
P6 Viking Experience Day	24 Feb
P4 WW2 Experience Day	25 Feb
Literacy Week	28 Feb
P3 Trip to Tayto	3 Mar
Book Character Day (Dress Up)	4 Mar
KS1 puppet show, Action Cancer	11 Mar
P2 Home Safety Event	14 Mar
St Patrick's Day Holiday	17 Mar
Exceptional Closure	16 Mar
P7 "Bee Safe" Event	21 Mar
Child Protection Course (Mrs Best)	22/23 Mar
P5 Trip to Navan Centre Armagh	23 Mar
P 4 Visit to Armagh Museum	20 Mar
KS2 Eco Talk from W5	24 Mar
Road Safety Theatre	28 Mar
P4/5 Trip to Grand Opera House	8 April
Last Day of Term	15 April

This has again been a busy year for school and this calendar of events is not designed as an exhaustive list but it rather gives a flavour of some of the activities which have gone on around school.



The Curriculum

Under the Education Order the Board of Governors have responsibility for the curriculum but in effect the day to day organisation of the curriculum remains the responsibility of the Principal. The Governors' control of the curriculum is more apparent than real as most of what is taught has now been determined by law.

The school has the responsibility to provide a stimulating environment within which all children are valued and enabled to explore and fulfil their potential. The school continues to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of its pupils and, whilst recognising the importance of childhood, accepts its responsibility to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. The school will also aim to provide a happy and secure atmosphere in which the children can learn effectively. It will also be the aim of the school to maximise the potential of each pupil, to develop self-confidence in the pupils and to promote a spirit of tolerance towards others. The curriculum will also be so designed that the desire to learn will be encouraged in the pupils and that thinking and reasoning will be stimulated. It will be held to be important that children should learn to apply themselves to the work in hand and to work to the best of their ability.



The acquisition of knowledge and skills will be regarded as important. This acquisition will, however, be placed in the context of the growth of positive attitudes to learning and the development of sound moral values.

The curriculum is seen as being a common curriculum for all pupils of Moyallon Primary School and no pupil will be debarred from any part of it. The school will consider the needs of all children when allocating resources. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable adjustments and maximum access to the curriculum for children who may have physical or educational difficulties and the school accepts its responsibility to attempt to develop the full potential of those children.

The Northern Ireland Curriculum has defined five key stages in a pupil's education, the first three of which are spent in Primary School.

Foundation Stage - Years 1- 2 (P1 - 2)

Key Stage 1 - Years 3 - 4 (P3 - P4)

Key Stage 2 - Years 5 - 7 (P5 - P7)

The curriculum for the three stages is set out in six Areas of Learning:

Language and Literacy (including Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing)

Mathematics and Numeracy (focusing on the development of mathematical concepts and Numeracy across the curriculum)

The Arts (including Art and Design, Music, Drama)

The World Around Us (focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding in History, Geography, Science and Technology)

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (focusing on emotional development, social skills, learning to learn, health, relationships and sexuality education and mutual understanding in the local and global community)

Physical Education (focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding through play and a range of physical activities)

Religious Education (additional area of learning)

At the heart of the curriculum lies an explicit emphasis on the development of skills and capabilities for lifelong learning and for operating effectively in society. Through



opportunities to engage in active learning contexts across all areas of the curriculum, children should progressively develop:

Cross – Curricular Skills:

- √ Communication
- √ Using Mathematics
- √ Using Information and Communications Technology

Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities:

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

The enrolment during 2010/2011 was 176 spread over seven classes. Pupils with statements of Special Need were integrated into the school while pupils in need of additional help were supported by the provision of two days learning support teaching. Children were given support within their class or were withdrawn on a regular basis and received support in both Literacy and Numeracy.

The school receives music tuition from the SELB Tutors in both recorder and violin.



The standards are very high with pupils achieving Grade 1 in Recorder and Grade 2 in Violin. The Governors continue to press for additional Board Music Tuition and it is hoped to extend this scheme over the next few years.

Staff attended courses during the school year in the following areas: Literacy, Numeracy, Creative Studies, Education for Mutual Understanding, Information Technology, Music, Processes in Mathematics, World Around Us (Science, Geography, History), First Aid, Pastoral Care, Baseline Assessment, Discipline and End of Key Stage Assessment.





Teaching Compliment 2010/2011

1.	Miss A. Hunter	Primary 1
2.	Mrs E. Belch	Vice-Principal/Primary 2
3.	Mrs P. Best	Primary 3 (Job Share)
4.	Mrs Andrews	Primary 3 (Job Share)
5.	Mrs E Bleakney	Primary 4 (Job Share)
6.	Mrs K. Weir	Primary 4 (Job Share)
7.	Mr G. Arnold	Primary 5
8.	Mrs Hanlon	Primary 6
9.	Mr J. Priestley	Principal/Primary 7
10.	Mrs E. Dowey	Learning Support (2 days)
11.	Mrs S. Priestley	Principal Release (2 days)

Auxiliary Staff

Mrs G. Shepherd	Secretary
Mrs S. Dowey	Primary 1 Classroom Assistant
Mrs A Murdock	Primary 2 Classroom Assistant
Mrs R. Megaw	Classroom Assistant (Special Needs*)
Mrs R. Calvert	Classroom Assistant
Mrs S. Hume	Classroom Assistant (Special Needs*)

Ancillary Staff

Ms S. Dunne	Caretaker
Mrs A Wiesner	Cleaner
Mrs E. McNabb	Senior Supervisory Assistant
Mrs A Murdock	Supervisory Assistant
Mrs R Megaw	Supervisory Assistant
Mrs R Calvert	Supervisory Assistant
Mrs S Hume	Supervisory Assistant

* Non-delegated costs.

School Meals

Mrs Clayton and her team proved an excellent service to our school and are continually searching for ways to improve their provision. They continue to work closely with the S.E.L.B. to increase the nutritional value of our meals, which continue to be amongst the best provided in all local schools. When inspected by Banbridge District Council in conjunction with the Foods Standards Agency the kitchen was awarded a rating of 5 – the highest available.

The Governors wish to place on record their appreciation for all of the work carried out in the school kitchen and for the co-operation shown by Mrs Clayton and her staff when working with the Principal and the Teachers.



Healthy Break Scheme

Each day the pupils are provided with a healthy break this varies from crackers and cheese to fruit to toast. During 2010/2011 there was a daily uptake of 90% for the whole school. It would be our aim that all pupils are involved in our healthy Break Scheme. Mrs Belch who manages the Healthy Break Scheme sources produce from our local businesses.

Pupil Enrolment.

The average daily enrolment for the school year was 176 spread over 7 classes. The daily attendance rate was 97.7%. This rate is in the top band of the SELB schools and is a credit to both our pupils and parents. The importance of full attendance cannot be overstressed in relation to children achieving their full potential.

Key Stage Assessment.

End of Key Stage Assessments are carried out before the first week in May and the results provided to CCEA for moderation. Below are the results obtained by Moyallon pupils (in bold type) and the Northern Ireland Averages so you can compare how our pupils are performing compared with other schools.

Key Stage 1 (Primary 4)	English Level 2 or above 100.00% (Northern Ireland Average – 93.62%)
	English level 3 89% (Northern Ireland Average – 42.8%)
	Maths Level 2 or above 100.00% (Northern Ireland Average – 94.42%)
	Maths Level 3 100% (Northern Ireland Average – 47.78%)
Key Stage 2 (Primary 7)	English Level 4 or above 100% (Northern Ireland Average – 81.42%)
	English Level 5 33% (Northern Ireland Average – 32.28%)
	Maths Level 4 or above 100% (Northern Ireland Average – 82.01%)
	Maths level 5 58% (Northern Ireland Average – 43.28%)

In both Key Stages Moyallon pupils are outperforming the Northern Ireland averages. Even with these very good results it remains our primary objective to continue to raise standards, with the main focus on high quality teaching and learning throughout the school.



School Liaison.

Parents of newly admitted Primary 1 children were invited to an induction day in June. During this event they met Miss Hunter, saw around the Primary 1 classroom and were able to discuss any queries they might have at this important stage in their child's life. An induction booklet was provided for each family. Each family had previously received a copy of the School Prospectus.

As in previous years, links between parents and the school were actively encouraged with parents meeting teachers when necessary to discuss their child's progress/problems. The teacher or a parent can initiate these meetings if either feels a meeting would be beneficial to the continued development of the child. Formal teacher/parent interviews were held in October and were attended by 98% of parents. Work folders are sent out at the end of each month to allow parents see what their children are doing in their classwork books. Additionally, written reports were sent home in June. During the year, the staff again placed a major emphasis on continuous assessment, which took into account end of topic tests, spelling/tables tests and class work.

Parents are welcome to attend the Book Fair, Carol Service, Sports Day, PTA evenings and other school events.

Staff continue to attend liaison meetings with the local Secondary Schools and P6 and P 7 pupils are encouraged to attend induction evenings/days/dramatic performances. The girls participated in hockey and netball while the boys competed in football. The school continues to support the Cross Community programme presented by the All Set Group and we were again paired with St. Anthony's Primary School, Craigavon. This year our pupils were involved in a series of cultural events which involved music and dance. At the end of the programme pupils from both schools put on a most enjoyable performance for their parents and friends.

Organisational Development.

In line with their statutory requirements the Board of Governors has produced a three year Development Plan for Moyallon Primary School. This plan will be amended during 2010/2011 school year to take into account the changing needs of the school.

The Board of Governors continue to work within the Budget provided by the Department of Education but are very much aware that Moyallon loses out when the allowances for Social Deprivation are awarded and would encourage all parents who are eligible to receive Free School Meals to apply to the SELB.

The main budgetary focus for the Governors this year was the appointment of an additional member to the teaching staff. The Governors were delighted to welcome Miss Clare Stevenson to the staff of the school following her appointment on 21st June 2011. The Governors were pleased to be able to progress this scheme especially in the current economic climate where many schools face major cuts to their budgets. The rising enrolment at Moyallon has ensured a healthy budget which allows for this very positive development to be made. Miss Stevenson takes up the teaching duties for Primary 7 to allow Mr Priestley to become a non-teaching Principal so that the management issues can be dealt with on a daily basis rather than just on his non-teaching days. The services of Mrs Priestley, who had carried out principal release duties on two days per week, were retained to work with groups of our more able children to stretch them to their full potential.



Cross Phase Liaison

The school were involved with the relevant staff of Tandragee JHS and Killicomaine JHS to help ease the transfer of Primary 7 pupils to the next stage of their education. Teachers from Tandragee JHS and Killicomaine visited Primary 7 pupils in June to talk to them about their new school and give them an information booklet for Year 8.

School Visits

As you can see from our list of events on page 4 of this report we believe here at Moyallon that pupils benefit greatly from work outside the classroom and sharing with visitors to school. All classes were involved with trips to locations such as Parliament Buildings Stormont, Palace Stables Armagh, Armagh Museum, Navan Centre Armagh, Tayto Castle, Grand Opera House Belfast, W5 Belfast, Loughgall Park and The Argory.

Manchester Residential Trip.

Members of Primary 6 and 7 had the opportunity of being part of a residential trip to Manchester. 27 pupils were accompanied by Mr Arnold, Mrs Hanlon and Mr and Mrs Priestley and left Moyallon on Monday 6th and returned on Thursday 9th June. The group travelled by coach and ferry and during the four days visited Chester Zoo, Chester Roman Experience, Alton Towers, Trafford Shopping Centre and Old Trafford Stadium.

Premises.

The Governors continue to press for work to be carried out to ensure that we provide an attractive and safe environment for our children, parents, staff and visitors. The exterior of the school received a much needed repaint while the Governors still press the SELB for the provision of external lighting which was removed at the time of the car park extension. The school has put resources into its provision of outdoor play equipment and safety measures in the Foundation Stage playground to the rear of the school.

Parent Teachers Association

The committee is made up of representatives from the parents of pupils throughout the school. The committee is led by Mrs Lara Nelson (Chair), Mrs Dawn Nattress (Secretary) and Mrs Patricia Mullan (Treasurer). The teaching staff are represented by Mrs Belch and Mrs Bleakney. The committee organise fundraising and social events throughout the year. These events and what funds they raised included: Cash for Clobber (£825.30), Christmas Fair (£790), Tea towels designed by the pupils (£756), Car Boot Sale (£827.76). The committee also provided Sports Day catering.

PTA Income/Expenditure	
Opening Balance 01/09/10	£1 440.88
Income for year	£3 199.06
Expenditure	£1847.72
Closing Balance 30/06/11	£2792.22

From the proceeds of their events the committee were able to provide the school with a carpet cleaner for the caretaking staff, reading books for Primary 4 and 5, selection boxes at Christmas for Primary 1 – 7, costumes for our Christmas productions, recycling paper bins throughout the school, a womery as part of our recycling programme, medals for our Sports Day and funding for the redecoration of a room for our Learning Support and Booster Groupings.



The Governors would wish to put on record their thanks to the PTA for all the hard work which has gone into their activities and express their appreciation for the funding raised which has proved extra resources for the school.

Moyallon Primary School Common Funding Formula Allocations for 2010/11.

The following table shows a summary of the budget arrangements for the financial year 2010/2011.

Moyallon Primary School Common Funding Formula Allocations for 2010/11.	
Income:	
Carry-over from 2009/2010	- £ 6 494
2010/2011 Budget Allocation	£496 242
Total Funding available	£489 748
Expenditure	
Teaching Staff Costs	£382 516
Non-Teaching Staff Costs	£55 145
Non Staff (Running) Costs	£40 000
Total Expenditure	£477 661
Balance at end of Financial year	£12 087

Our budget allocation is based on many factors one of which is our school enrolment. At Moyallon we are in the fortunate position of being able to predict an increasing enrolment over the next three school years (see table below). This allows us to make our budgetary decisions with confidence even in the current unstable economic climate. It should also be stated that the strength of our situation is also due to prudent and good financial management of our budget over the last number of years.

Projected Enrolment to 2013			
Year	P 7 Class Size Previous June	Primary 1 Enrolment	Projected Enrolment
September 2011	19	31 Actual	189 Actual
September 2012	21	29 Projected	198
September 2013	20	29 Projected	207

Moyallon Primary School maximum enrolment number as set by the Department of Education is 204. The Governors will be monitoring the increasing enrolment over the next few years so that we continue to deliver the appropriate provision for all of our pupils.