

Portavogie Primary School

Annual Board of Governors Report



2023 / 2024

The Governors are delighted to present the Annual Report for 2023/2024. We, along with the staff, are committed to continuously monitoring, evaluating, and reviewing both the achievements and experiences of our pupils. This dedication ensures that we provide the highest quality education for our children. We greatly value the excellent partnership we have established with parents over the years and encourage its continuation.

We hope you find this report both engaging and informative, offering you a comprehensive and current overview of the dynamic and thriving life at Portavogie Primary School.

Mr J Miskimmin

(Chairman)

Mrs V Murray

(Hon. Secretary)

Our Vision

At Portavogie Primary School, we strive to create a nurturing educational environment where every child thrives. Guided by respect, resilience, and a commitment to excellence, we foster a supportive community that celebrates diversity and inspires lifelong learning.

Our Values

Community: We cherish unity and cooperation, valuing each individual's unique contribution.

Respect: We promote kindness, empathy, and inclusivity, honouring the dignity of all.

Resilience: We cultivate perseverance and adaptability, empowering students to overcome challenges with courage.

Environmental Awareness: We instil a sense of responsibility for our planet, fostering environmental stewardship.

Excellence: We set high standards for academic achievement and personal growth, nurturing curiosity, and critical thinking.

Digital Skills: We equip students with essential digital literacy and technological proficiency, preparing them for the demands of the digital age.

Together, guided by our shared vision and values, we empower students to become confident individuals, preparing them for success in an ever-changing world.

The Board of Governors

2023 / 2024

The present Board of Governors was constituted in 2018 for the period 2018 to 2022. Given the pressures and disruption placed on schools and managing authorities due to the Covid-19 pandemic plus the lack of devolved Government in NI, EANI has informed schools the next reconstitution for controlled and maintained schools will be Winter Term 2024. The next election of Parent Governors will therefore be held during the 2024/2025 school year when the present Board will be reconstituted.

Board of Governors

Elected by the parents of the school: Mr J Bailie & Mrs N Brown

Elected by the teaching staff of the school: Mrs K Hughes

Appointed by the Education Authority: Mr S Mawhinney & Mrs L Grant.

Transferor's Representatives: Mr J Miskimmin & Mr P Johnston

(Transferors' representatives reflect the local churches and community.)

The Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mr J Miskimmin.

Vice Chairperson of the Board of Governors: Mr S Mawhinney

The Secretary to the Board of Governors: Mrs V Murray (Principal)

The Principal is an ex officio member of, and secretary to, the Board of Governors. As such the Principal is a non-voting member of the Board of the Governors.

Responsibilities of the Governors

Governors participate in regular meetings of the Governing Body. They are expected to engage with all school activities and stay informed about general educational developments. Additionally, Governors are invited to attend training sessions provided by the Education Authority.

Key responsibilities of the Governors include:

- Supervising the School Development Plan
- Managing staff appointments
- Overseeing pupil admissions
- Compiling the Annual Report
- Handling the school's financial management
- Ensuring efficient use of resources
- Maintaining pupil discipline
- Monitoring the curriculum, policies, and procedures
- Addressing initiatives from the Education Authority and Department of Education

We are deeply grateful to the Governors for their generous commitment of time, ensuring the smooth and effective administration of Portavogie Primary School.

Further details about the school's development can be found in the one year 2024/2025 interim School Development Plan and the corresponding annual Action Plans, available upon request. The Board of Governors reviews this document annually.

The Governors would like to formally express their appreciation for the efforts of the teaching and non-teaching staff. They recognise the dedication and expertise of the staff, each of whom contributes to making Portavogie Primary School a thriving and happy educational environment.

Portavogie Primary School Staff

Teaching Staff 2023/24

Principal – Mrs V Murray

Nursery – Mrs C Johnston

Primary 1 – Mrs L Hughes (Sep–Feb) & Mrs T Vickers (Feb–June)

Primary 2 – Mrs K Spence

Primary 3 – Miss J Johnston

Primary 4 – Mrs L Bourne/Mrs L Coulter (Sep–Dec) & Miss S Wilson (Jan–June)

Primary 5 – Mrs K Hughes

Primary 6 – Mrs C Mawhinney

Primary 7 – Mrs J McFadden

Learning Support Teacher & SENCO (Jan–June) - Mrs L Bourne

Classroom Assistants (General & SEN)

Nursery – Mrs P Moore & Mrs N Mahood

Primary 1 – Mrs P Thompson, Mrs S Thompson (SEN), Miss R Kelly (SEN) & Miss R Watterson (SEN)

Primary 2 – Mrs C McBride

Primary 3 – Mrs L-J Reid (SEN)

Primary 4 - Mrs K Palmer

Primary 5 – Mrs K Hughes (SEN)

Primary 6 – Mrs J Magee (SEN), Mrs M Donnan (SEN) & Mrs E McClurg (SEN)

Primary 7 – Mrs K McKeown (SEN)

Executive Officer – Mrs A Adair

Building Supervisor – Mr W Bailie

Domestic Supervisors – Mrs D McCully & Miss L Ledlie

Meals Supervisor – Mrs B Lyons

Crossing Patrol – Mr S Young

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs V Murray, Mrs K Hughes, Mrs J McFadden & Mrs K Spence.

The effective functioning of our school depends on the dedication of all our staff. Each member plays a significant role in ensuring the best possible experience for our pupils and their families. The Governors greatly appreciate their continued contributions.

Staff Responsibilities

Mrs C Johnston – Nursery

Mrs K Spence – Head of FS & KS-1, Designated teacher for Safeguarding, Music co-ordinator and R.E co-ordinator.

Miss J Johnston – ICT co-ordinator, World Around Us co-ordinator and Eco Schools co-ordinator.

Mrs L Hughes – Literacy co-ordinator and school council

Mrs K Hughes – Head of KS-2, responsibility for the school in Mrs Murray's absence & Numeracy co-ordinator.

Mrs C Mawhinney – Extended schools co-ordinator, P.E. co-ordinator and Art co-ordinator.

Mrs J McFadden – Assessment co-ordinator and Residential co-ordinator

Mrs L Bourne – SENCO and PDMU co-ordinator

Attendance for 2023 / 2024

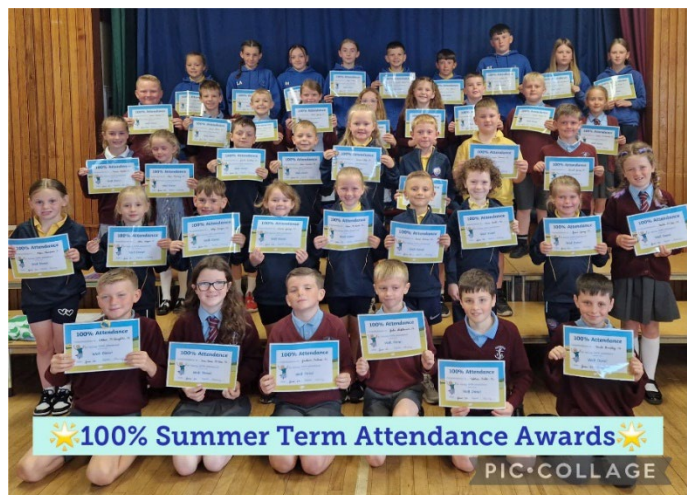
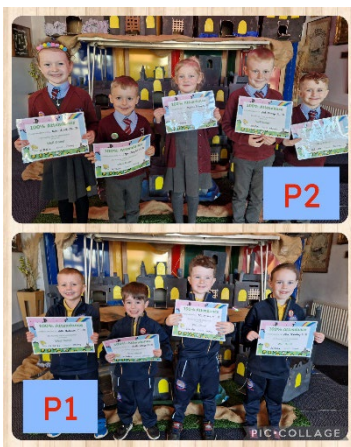
Overall attendance – 94.5%

This year we introduced termly attendance prizes for those children with 100% attendance.

Autumn – 42 pupils

Spring – 38 pupils

Summer – 41 pupils



Any child whose attendance falls below 85% is monitored closely, parents are contacted, and Joanna Irvine (EWO) begins involvement with the child and family if necessary.

Standardised Tests & Assessment

Assessment is a crucial element of the teaching and learning process at Portavogie Primary School. Pupil attainment is consistently monitored and evaluated. We maintain detailed records of pupil progress and achievement, using this data to set future targets for the entire school, specific groups, and individual students. We use the GL Assessment online package to support our assessment practices.

Primary 1

- Teacher's individual baseline assessment

Primary 2

- British Picture Vocabulary Scale test

Primary 3 to Primary 7

- CAT4 (P4 & P6 pupils only)
- Progress Test in English (PTE)
- Progress Test in Maths (PTM)
- Single Word Spelling Test (SWST)
- New Group Reading Test (NGRT)

Reading Partnership

This year, we were delighted to offer the Reading Partnership program again, thanks to the generous time given by parents and grandparents who came into school to work with our P3 and P4 children. Thanks to their dedication, all the children made remarkable progress in their reading age. In recognition of their achievements, the children were proudly presented with certificates at the end of June.



Curriculum – Priority Areas for 2023/2024

Numeracy

- Improve the children's ability to recall number facts and apply mathematical procedures.
- Continue to use and encourage the use of the Mathematics program in all classes from P1 to P7.
- New Numeracy co-ordinator appointed.

Communication

- Demonstrate understanding of reading and ability to retrieve information from a narrative text.
- Continue to promote and encourage the Accelerated Reading program in P4, P5 & P6.

ICT

- New ICT co-ordinator appointed.
- Look at purchasing new equipment and resources.
- Start a Facebook page for the school.

Assessment

- Using GL dyslexia and dyscalculia screeners to identify children and implement strategies.
- Use individual Targeted Progress Plans for children underachieving in numeracy / literacy.

SEN

- SENCO to implement the use of the new PLP's on SIMS in one class.
- Start to train some members of staff on new PLP's on SIMS.

SEN Support

Portavogie Primary School is an inclusive school and seeks to ensure all pupils fulfil their potential.

Staff are skilled at early identification of needs and strive to identify underachievement and low achievement, drawing on their professional judgement and the data available from classroom observations and from standardised scores. There continues to be a close liaison between the SENCo, Mrs L Bourne, and staff preparing and reviewing Individual Education Plans (IEPs) in consultation with pupils and their families.

There continues to be close liaison with the Educational Psychologist from whom advice is sought and referrals made. The team from RISE provided support this year for individuals and the school continues to work closely with speech therapists.

Children who are underachieving in literacy and numeracy (identified through assessment data) are also monitored with Targeted Progress Plans (TPP) put in place to assist teachers to focus on areas for development to help pupils reach their full potential.

During the Spring and Summer Terms, Mrs L Bourne returned to her role as Learning Support teacher (In the Autumn Term she was teaching in the P4 class). Mrs Bourne withdraws children from class and works with them on their IEP targets. These sessions are invaluable and enable the children to receive additional support in literacy and or numeracy.

This year the teachers and classroom assistants in Portavogie Primary achieved the 'TinyLearners Award.' The TinyLearners Award raises awareness of the impact of prematurity on development and learning. Supporting pupils who have been born prematurely or who start life in a neonatal unit, to reach their full educational potential.

We chose Tiny Life as our Charity this year and were able to present them with a cheque for £685



Eco-Schools

In January the members of the Eco Team were selected. After carrying out an Environmental Review, our Eco-Team met to discuss what they felt we needed to focus on as our eco targets for this year. This year we focused on: Litter/waste, Healthy Living and Marine. The Eco Team met once a week with Miss Johnston to work on these areas. They carried out surveys, led an assembly for the whole school, made posters, carried out litter picks and monitored healthy eating and recycling in the school.



The P5 class took part in a coastal workshop and beach clean in April with Zara Hamilton (NI Eco Schools). The P7 class carried out two beach cleans with the Portavogie Regeneration Forum (January and May).

We were delighted to be awarded our first green flag and to be named as Eco-School of the year for the Ards and North Down Borough Council in June.



Forest Schools

In January we applied to NIFSA to begin our Forest School journey. In March, Portavogie Primary was selected to take part in the Forest School Awards programme funded by the Ards and North Down Borough Council. Mrs K Spence (P2) and Miss J Johnston (P3) will be working towards their Level 3 Forest Leader qualification. Both the P2 and P3 classes enjoyed two training sessions with Danielle Morrow, the Forest School Development Manager, in April.

One on site, behind the Nursery Unit.



One at the beach.



Mrs Spence and Miss Johnston will be attending their first workshop at the Clandeboye Estate in October 2024.

Safeguarding

Child Protection procedures continue to be fully implemented and criminal background checks are carried out on all newly appointed staff and volunteers. Mrs Spence is now the Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Mrs K Hughes is the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection. All staff have updated child protection training biannually. This year both Mrs Murray and Mrs Hughes updated their training with 1 day courses ran by EA.

The School's Safeguarding Team is made known to children through information posters and termly assemblies with pupils reminded they may approach any teacher and in particular the Designated Teachers if they wish to discuss any concerns. Child Protection notices are displayed in prominent places around school.

Families are kept informed of the team and have immediate access to important documents through the school website.

The schools Safeguarding Team' consists of Mrs V Murray (Principal), Mrs K Spence (Designated Teacher), Mrs K Hughes (Deputy Designated Teacher), Mrs C Johnston (Deputy Designated Teacher in the Nursery) and Mr J Bailie (Designated Governor for Child Protection).

The pastoral care of our pupils remains central to the ethos of the school and all staff members are committed to it. We aim to reassure our children their worries and concerns will be listened to sensitively and sympathetically.

12 members of staff including teachers and permanent classroom assistants took part in a full day of first aid training on 27th October 2023. They achieved their Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid at Work & Emergency Paediatric First Aid.



All teachers and CA's completed the PEP online training for Looked After Children in March.

Preventative Curriculum

Preventative Curriculum work as follows:

- PDMU lessons being planned and delivered in each of the classes.
- Weekly celebration assemblies are ongoing. They help to promote self-esteem and confidence in the children.
- Children are reminded in Assembly who is part of the Safeguarding Team in School and who they can go to/ what they can do if they are worried about something.
- P7 Buddies - children from P7 can apply for the post and two children are chosen to be Head Buddies. They are responsible for the timetable and liaising with CA's. This year the head buddies were, Judah Sloan and Sophie Breadon. The buddies eat their lunch with the younger classes and then play with them during their lunch and break in the playground. Children benefit greatly from this experience.
- School 'House System' continuing to be used effectively throughout School, encouraging children from P4-P7 to work together. A house captain and vice house captain are chosen from P7 in September for each of the houses (Harbour, Princetoon, Seahaven & Strangford).
- Anti-Bullying Week was held in the week beginning 13th November this year.
- Heart, Chest and Stroke programme with the P5 class in November.
- Fire Safety Awareness P5 class - Local Fire Officer attended school, 30th November and explore different ways, with the children, to Stay Safe.
- Love for Life visited P7 on 25th January 2024 to talk about the physical and emotional changes they can expect during puberty, offering support as they explore and develop an understanding about the choices and changes in their lives.
- Each class took part in the NSPCC 'Speak out stay safe' online lessons. P3, P6 and P7 took part in workshops delivered by NSPCC volunteers on 7th February.

- P7 class took part in the 'Bee Safe' workshop organised by ANBC, it was an interactive learning experience providing essential knowledge on staying safe and making smart decisions.
- P4, P5, P6 and P7 took part in online HIP N' HEALTHY lessons in the Spring term. Topics included, emotional detectives, enhancing resilience and transitions for P7.
- Safer Internet Day was held in school in February 2024. Each class participated in relevant class lessons.
- The RLNI came to school on 1st May to deliver their 'Meet the Lifeguard' programme. They taught all the children about flags, rescue procedures, and how to stay safe in the water.
- On the 29th May Alex from the Health and Safety Executive visited. She delivered an insightful farm safety presentation, ensuring the children all stay safe whilst on a farm.
- Locally based Ministers and Youth workers deliver a message each week in assemblies. Children are encouraged to consider how special and unique they are. They are reminded about the importance of making good choices.

Counsellor

- Through our extended schools funding we were able to provide 6-week block counselling sessions.
- 4 pupils were able to benefit from the counselling service and found it very beneficial.

Security Arrangements

Outside signs direct visitors to the front door. Vehicular gates are closed when all children have arrived in school. The front door of the school is fitted with a buzzer and a camera which links to the Principal's and Secretary's offices.

Visitors are asked to identify themselves before being admitted. The door can then be automatically opened, or a member of staff will open the door.

Children know that they are not permitted to open the door. The system is the same as used in the Nursery Unit. Nursery is also linked to the main school by in house telephone. Each classroom and the Learning Support room now has a telephone.

Portavogie Primary has in place CCTV surveillance (RJ Alarms). We use CCTV cameras to view and record individuals on and around our premises to maintain a safe environment for our pupils, staff and visitors. However, we recognise that the images of individuals recorded by CCTV cameras are personal data which must be processed in accordance with Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR.

Home – School Links

The Board of Governors would like to acknowledge the vital contribution made by parents in supporting their child's education.

- Each teacher conducts a class talk at the end of August. The purpose is to inform parents about the plans for the upcoming year. Discussions include curriculum content, homework policies, and planned visits. Parents gain insights into what their children will be learning and experiencing.
- In response to parents' requests, we introduced ParentPay in October, allowing school meals and other payments to be made online, making the process easier for both parents and teachers.
- Parents of pupils from P1 – P7 met with teachers in the Autumn and Spring Terms to discuss individual pupil progress.

- Parents received the Annual Pupil Report in June.
- This year the school continued to use 'Seesaw', an educational platform which allowed teachers and parents the opportunity to communicate with each other.
- Parents are invited to class assemblies and other special events.
- Our school website is where parents can find policies, stay informed about closures and events, and view class pages where photos are shared.
- The school launched its Facebook page in January. It provides timely updates for parents and the community, showcases events and achievements, attracts prospective parents, encourages parental involvement in activities, advertises events and fundraisers, and enables interaction and feedback.

Community Links

During the 2023/24 school year, Portavogie Primary School benefitted from important links with the following groups:

- Portavogie Regeneration Forum
- Tide and Turf festival
- Local Foodbank, Newtownards – Harvest
- Piano Tutor: Mrs Lorna Steele
- Mosaic project
- Ards and North Borough Council
- Regent House – 'A Christmas Carol' and Tag Rugby
- Community Carol Service
- NIFSA (Northern Ireland Forest School Association)
- Students from Stranmillis College, SERC, Regent House, Glastry College, Glenlola & Strangford College.
- Eco-Schools Northern Ireland
- Glastry Tournament, Portaferry Tournament, Killyleagh Tournament, ANBC girls football tournament & Peninsula Tournament.
- Portavogie PS Rounders and Football Tournament – 16 visiting schools
- Green Isle Residential Home



The School Year 2023 / 2024

During the year many events took place in Portavogie Primary School.

These included:

- Cycle / scooter to school week
 - P5 Stone Age Day
 - PTA Non-Uniform Day
 - ParentPay – online payments start
 - 90th Anniversary Celebrations
 - P1 Dedication & Harvest Service
 - PTA Pumpkin Pick
 - Digital Exhibition for 90th Anniversary
 - PTA Halloween Disco
 - Anti-Bullying week
 - Community mosaic project began
 - Samaritans Purse Shoe box appeal
 - Dairy Council workshop for P5 & P6
 - Girls Football Tournament, Blair Mayne
 - P7's A Christmas Carol, Regent House
 - Fireman in P5
 - PTA Christmas Fair
 - Community Carol Service
 - Open Day
 - Nativity & KS-2 Christmas Play
 - Nursery Nativity
 - Tinylife cheque presentation
 - Autumn Term attendance awards
 - Christmas Fun day
 - Whole school cinema trip
 - P6 Viking Day
 - Love for Life Talk (P7)
 - PTA Crazy Hair Day
 - Road Safety Quiz (4 P7's), Ards Arena
 - P7 Beach clean with PRF
- 25th September
- 4th October
- 6th October
- 9th October
- 13th October
- 20th October
- 21st October
- 23rd-25th October
- 26th October
- 13th November
- 17th November
- 20th November
- 27th November
- 28th November
- 29th November
- 30th November
- 1st December
- 1st December
- 6th December
- 13th & 14th December
- 15th December
- 19th December
- 19th December
- 20th December
- 21st December
- 15th January
- 25th January
- 26th January
- 31st January
- 1st February



- P5 Egyptian Day
- Children's Mental health week
- 100th Day of School activities
- Safer internet Day
- NSPCC workshops (P3, P6 & P7)
- P5 class assembly
- PTA Valentine Discos
- P6 class assembly
- Eco-council litter pick (Muga)
- World Book Day activities
- Debutots P1 & P2
- Walk / cycle / scoot to school weeks
- P3 Medieval event
- P7 boys football tournament (St. Columbas)
- Tinylife Award presentation
- P7 Show
- Planting with PRF in polytunnel (P2 & P6)
- Down Syndrome Odd Socks Day
- Spring Term Attendance awards
- P5 Coastal workshop & beach clean
- Traveling Books, book fair
- Forest School training session P2 & P3
- P4 World War 2 Day
- P6 Young Enterprise workshop
- P5 Aunt Sandra's chocolate session
- Forest School training session P2 & P3
- P1 assembly
- USPCA visit
- RLNI Meet the lifeguard
- PTA Non-uniform Day
- House Quiz
- P4 Young Enterprise (4 sessions)
- PTA Bike Night
- Glastry Tournament

2nd February

5th February

6th February

6th February

7th February

9th February

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1st March

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7th March

8th March

11th & 18th March

11th & 12th March

11th March

15th March

20th & 21st March

20th March

21st March

22nd March

9th April

10th – 15th April

12th April

15th April

17th April

17th April

19th April

19th April

26th April

1st May

2nd May

2nd May

9th May

10th May

13th May



- Portavogie PS Tournament
- Farm Safety talk
- P7 Beach clean with PRF
- ANBC Village Plans workshop
- P7 Apprentice Task
- Sports Day & Nursery Fun Day
- Choir visit Green Isle Residential Home
- Peninsula Tournament Finals
- Tag Rugby P6 & P7 (Regent House)
- Buddy's Got Talent
- P3 African Drumming
- P3 & P4 Wee Bugs and Beasties
- P7 Science Show
- P4 Class assembly
- P7 Buddy's treat – Coastal Kitchen
- P3 assembly
- Killyleagh Football Tournament
- P6 Tag Rugby at Regent House
- Prize Day
- Green Flag presentation, Stranmillis
- Johnny Pankhurst 100km challenge
- Nursery Graduation
- Sports Awards assembly
- PTA Slush Friday
- P3 Beach visit
- Summer Term Attendance awards
- Reading Partnership presentation
- Primary Engineer Awards, Ulster University
- Village Plans Awards, City Hall Bangor
- Eco-council treat – Rendezvous café
- P7 Leavers Service
- Magellan aerospace, cheque presentation

15th May

29th May

29th May

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30th May

31st May

4th June

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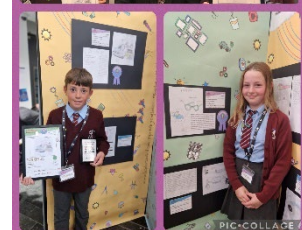
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Educational Trips

- P5 Ulster Museum 17th January
- P7 Somme Heritage Centre 2nd February
- P7 Bee Safe, Ards Arena 20th February
- P7 Residential to Greenhill 28th Feb-1st March
- P3 Carrickfergus Castle 5th March
- P6 Residential to Ganaway 18th & 19th April
- P4 W5 29th May
- P1 & P2 Ark Farm 6th June

School Sports

- ANBC Girls Football Tournament – Runners Up
- St Columbas 5 a side football tournament – A Team Winners of the Cup
- Glastry Tournament Girls Rounders team – Runners Up
- Portavogie Tournament Girls Rounders Team – Winners of the Cup
B team - Runners up in the Plate
- Peninsula Tournament A Team – Winners of the Cup
B Team – 3rd Place in the Cup
- Killyleagh Tournament – A Team Winners of the Cup

After School activities

- Rounders
- Football
- Gymnastics

Friday Clubs 2pm – 3pm (Summer Term)

- ICT
- Stop Motion
- Board Games & Chess
- Hockey
- Badminton & Table Tennis
- Basketball



P7 Class of 2024

Post Primary School Placements	
Regent House	6
Glenlola	3
Strangford Grammar Stream	5
Strangford	2
Glastry College	13



Staff from these post-primary schools visited the transferring pupils in June.

The P7s have had an incredibly busy and exciting year! They enjoyed a three-day residential trip to Greenhill, where they participated in various team activities and created memories to last a lifetime. In March, they dazzled us with their performance in the P7 show, 'Reach for the Stars.'



In May, they took on the Apprentice Task as part of their money topic. Each team got creative in deciding what products to sell, sourcing or making them, and aiming to make the most profit.

On the 7th of June, the P7s organized the Buddy's Got Talent show, featuring an amazing array of acts.



Then on the 12th of June, the P7 students planned and conducted their own experiments for the annual Science Fair, showcasing and demonstrating them to the rest of the school.

On the 27th of June, we said goodbye to our amazing P7s! They had a fantastic day filled with memorable moments. From their outstanding performance at the Leavers Service to signing shirts, water balloon fun, and games, it was a day to remember.

We're so proud of everything the P7s have achieved over the past seven years and can't wait to see what the future holds for them.



Nursery

Our Nursery Unit operates with two daily sessions: a morning session from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and an afternoon session from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Each session can accommodate up to 26 children, and the staff consists of one teacher and two classroom assistants.

At our Nursery Unit, we strive to create a stimulating and nurturing environment where every child feels secure and happy. Our primary goal is to encourage the all-round development of each child through engaging and playful activities. Each child is positively encouraged through play to develop in several key areas. These areas include physical skills, with activities that promote both gross and fine motor skills; creative and aesthetic skills, offering opportunities for art, music, and imaginative play; social and emotional skills, through interactions that build confidence, cooperation, and emotional regulation; mathematical skills, introducing basic mathematical concepts through games and activities; language skills, enhancing communication abilities through storytelling, songs, and conversations; and curiosity about the world, encouraging exploration and discovery of the environment.

The curriculum is delivered through monthly themes that integrate these six areas of learning, ensuring that the educational experience is both engaging and cohesive. Special events and activities further enrich the children's experiences. Throughout the year, we invite various visitors, such as Jo Jingles for music and movement sessions and Debbie Doolittle for animal encounters and educational sessions.

In addition to these regular activities, the children also perform a Christmas nativity play in December. For our pre-school children, we hold a graduation service on June 21st to celebrate their achievements and their transition to the next stage of their education.

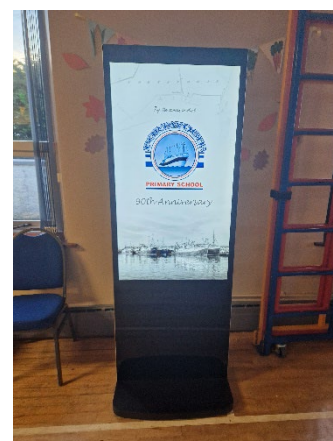


Portavogie Primary School's 90th Anniversary Celebrations

This year, we celebrated the school's 90th anniversary with a series of special events. On 13th October, staff and children came to school dressed as they would have in years gone by, providing the children with a taste of what school was like 90 years ago. The children took part in lessons from that period and enjoyed playing games that were popular at the time, enhancing their understanding and appreciation of the school's history.

The festivities continued from October 23rd to 26th with a digital exhibition held in the assembly hall. This exhibition featured photographs taken over the past 90 years and included some old photographs on display. The event was open to pupils, past and present, as well as parents, grandparents, and members of the community. We held three afternoon sessions and one evening session for the exhibition, and it was well attended. It was heartwarming to see many past pupils of all ages enjoying a trip down memory lane. Several past teachers also attended, adding to the nostalgic atmosphere, and sharing their memories with attendees.

A highlight of the celebrations was the return of the school's original clock by Mr. Ashley Moore. The clock now proudly occupies a place of honour in the entrance hall of the school.



PTA Funds raised September 2023 – June 2024

We have a dynamic and incredibly supportive PTA group that has successfully raised essential funds for the school.

Credits to account 2023/24:

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| • Non-Uniform Day (06/10/23) | £193.00 |
| • Pumpkin Patch (21/10/23) | £1050.00 |
| • Christmas Fair (01/12/23) | £1737.64 |
| • Non-Uniform Day (15/12/23) | £184.00 |
| • Crazy Hair Day (26/01/24) | £163.00 |
| • Valentines Disco (10/02/24) | £360.00 |
| • Penny Wars (March 24) | £923.02 |
| • Non-Uniform Day (02/05/24) | £162.00 |
| • Bike Night (10/05/24) | £1312.41 |
| • PPS Tournament (15/05/24) | £698.60 |
| • Ice Lolly Friday (2 weeks in June 24) | £60.80 |
| • Slushy Friday (21/06/24) | £130.50 |

Total Profit

£6974.97.97

Contributed towards:

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| • Insurance (September 23) | £153.00 |
| • ParentPay Initial set up fee (October 23) | £300.00 |
| • Cinema trip (December 23) | £300.00 |
| • Athletics annual subscription (March 24) | £1354.08 |
| • P7 Leavers books (June 24) | £47.99 |

Total Contribution

£2155.07

In addition to the PTA's fundraising efforts this year, which will be used towards purchasing new iPads, we are very grateful to Johnny Pankhurst, a parent who completed a 100km 'iPlod for iPads' challenge. His efforts raised **£6050** to help pay for the class set of iPads.

