

# Drumachose PTA

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101744

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-03-13
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** 'The purpose of the Association (the Purposes) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: 2.1 Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school 2.2 Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.'

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education

**How the charity works:** Education/training

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£16,546	£23,005	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Kim Ohara		
Mr Karl Odoherty		
Mr Marshall Kilgore		
Mrs Jackie Trotter		

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# Accounts

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<b>DRUMACHOSE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION</b>		
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR END 30TH JULY 2024		
Balance carried forward as at 30th July 2023		£36,878.26
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Sponsored Walk 2023	£30.00	
Sponsored Walk 2024	£7,243.35	
Halloween Disco	£1,247.29	
Supper with Santa	£3,685.27	
Easter Disco	£719.06	
Break the Rules Day	£1,438.00	
Drumachose has got talent	£708.40	
Donation - DA Forgie	£200.00	
Donation - PFS & Partners	£250.00	
Donation - Tesco	£50.00	
M&M Theatre	£344.40	
P1 Book Order	£84.00	
Jo Jingles	£546.90	
	<b>£16,546.67</b>	<b>£16,546.67</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Jo Jingles - P1	£1,155.00	
M M Theatre	£1,499.60	
Painting Assembly Hall & P2 classrooms	£2,100.00	
EA LMS Budget - Curtains in Assembly Hall & Foamex Boards	£3,395.00	
Rogers Fencing & Messy Play Balance (Remainder covered by No 1 A/c Grant)	£5,016.07	
Teachers Expenses - reimbursed to No 1 A/c	£2,435.00	
P7 Hoodies	£1,324.00	
Kingsbury Packaging	£237.54	
Halloween Disco - Musgraave	£395.93	
Open Night - Spar & Tesco	£81.84	
Supper with Santa -various expenses	£713.67	
Fun Night - Musgrave	£336.45	
Bus/Coach Hire and Fuel purchased - various	£831.40	
Food Around the World - P6 Topic	£72.10	
Paint for sensory room	£114.00	
Picnic Benches	£240.00	
Reading books	£461.67	
Twinkle Accounts	£115.18	
Hope North West - P7 programme	£274.70	
Just Giving subscription	£216.00	
Baker Ross	£471.93	
Parent Kind	£153.00	
Flower gifts	£75.00	
Reading partnership - helpers gifts	£121.00	
Sports Day Medals	£839.01	
Swimming Gala Medals	£80.00	
Bank Charges	£208.08	
Miscellaneous stationery	£41.97	
	<b>£23,005.14</b>	<b>£23,005.14</b>
Total in PTA Bank Account as at 30th July 2024		<b>£30,419.79</b>

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NFU Donation	£6,379.00	
Sponsored Walk 2022	£40.00	
Sponsored Walk 2023	£8,031.47	
Halloween Disco	£1,229.24	
Supper with Santa	£3,835.07	
Valentines Disco	£1,214.75	
Break the Rules Day	£1,320.50	
Fun Night	£3,616.91	
Other donation	£100.00	
Just Giving	£24.17	
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P7 Fun Day - Coleraine Castles	£260.00	
Just Giving subscription	£216.00	
Baker Ross	£1,426.86	
Parent Kind	£140.00	
Loud Speaker	£139.99	
Sports Day Medals	£590.34	
Bank Charges	£202.38	
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# Annual report

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**DRUMACHOSE**



**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT**



**2020/2021**

The Board of Governors is responsible for the overall management of the school and among its responsibilities is the oversight of the curriculum, selection of staff, personnel issues, admissions policy, school maintenance, implementation of new legislation, fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of mutual understanding. With a fully delegated budget the Board of Governors is responsible for the financial management of the school based on the budget allocation provided by the Education Authority.

Governors for the period September 2018 to August 2022 are as follows:

Principal:	Mr Kilgore
Nominated by Board:	Mrs S Hill Mr P Kingston
Nominated by Transferors:	Rev S. McCracken Canon S. McVeigh Mrs P. McLean Mrs E Mullan
Parents' Representatives:	Mr J Butcher Mr D Mornin
Teachers' Representatives:	Mr M Kelly

Unfortunately, the pandemic is still with us and again affected school life. We had class bubbles, social distancing, staggered arrivals and departures and class closures throughout the year. I would again thank parents, children and staff for their patience, flexibility and hard work during this most challenging of school years. A special word of thanks must go to the staff for the planning and delivery of the remote learning experiences, the support they gave to Key Worker and Vulnerable children during lockdowns and how they supported all our families emotionally during and after their return from lockdowns. The time and effort of the Principal and school leadership team ensured that our children were supported in these strange times and made all the more difficult with the ever changing guidelines from the Department of Education and Government.

The school delayed the launch of the 'Legacy Project' to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school but thankfully the project is now in full flow. The project team are putting together a number of events that we can hopefully enjoy when the restrictions are lifted.

The school despite all the challenges continues to flourish and it was amazing to see that the enrolment increased again, with 406 pupils attending the school in September 2021.

I would like to thank all stakeholders for the ongoing dedication, support, flexibility and commitment in what has been another very challenging year. I assure you that the Governors will continue to ensure that all children at Drumachose Primary School receive a quality education, that meets each individual child's needs to ensure they achieve their full potential.

I commend this report to you for consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pamela McLean  
(Chairperson of Board of Governors)

The Principal, teaching and ancillary staff wish to express their sincere thanks to the Board of Governors for the support given to them and the school in this most challenging year. Under the Chairmanship of Mrs Pamela McLean, they have worked tirelessly to promote the school in the community and provide resources and a safe environment for our staff and pupils during these very uncertain times. The Governors have overseen the return to school for all pupils, managing a very fluid situation, overseeing risk assessments and making changes to respective school policies and guidelines. The aim has always been for all pupils to return full time to school as soon as possible or when it is safe to do so. We thank them for the support and guidance to ensure that our pupils wellbeing has not been greatly impacted as a result of the two lockdowns and all that went with it.

The Governors have continued to lobby DE and EA to ensure that the funding formula meets the needs of a school like Drumachose. Unfortunately to date the formula used by DE is still not "fit for purpose" and although a review is on-going the school still has to run with a deficit even with 30 pupils in each class and an ever increasing enrolment.

### **Enrolment**

During the school year 2020/21 the enrolment was 392.

### **Staffing**

The teaching compliment was 14 teachers plus the Principal. Thanks goes to Mrs Lynch who covered Mrs Cullington's maternity in P3.

Mrs Lorna Pudney retired from her post of Dinner Supervisor. We thank her for her years of service and wish her a long and healthy retirement.

### **Ancillary Staff**

The ancillary staff complement was as follows:

- Full time secretary
- Full time caretaker
- Four learning support assistants
- Eight special needs learning support assistants
- Four part- time cleaners
- Six supervisory assistants

The Board of Governors would like to thank all the ancillary staff for their contribution in ensuring the needs of the children in their care were met.

## **Curriculum & Staff Development**

The Covid19 Pandemic continued to be a real challenge throughout this school year, from class bubbles to eating dinners in class. The ever changing guidelines made curriculum and staff development very difficult due to the various restrictions re. social distancing and numbers who could meet face to face.

The main focus for staff this academic year was the Health and Wellbeing of pupils, parents and themselves. The two lockdowns again required staff to support pupils remotely, create and deliver online learning experiences and support in school, pupils of key workers and vulnerable children. Much time and effort was given to planning, developing and implementing a more coherent blended learning approach that met everyone's needs.

All staff continued to develop Accelerated Reading strategies and the use of Mathletics to support numeracy. The Foundation Stage Staff finalised the activity based learning experiences for P1 and P2 using the Developing Outdoor Play document and Play Audit.

Further work in ICT focused on remote and blended learning. Staff ensured that all pupils who required digital support had the necessary hardware and upskilled both child and parent on its use.

Mrs Kelly continued to support pupils through the Engaged programme and our Learning Support Teacher attended SEN training and disseminated the new SEN Framework to staff. Co-ordinators reviewed their policies to ensure that they met the latest guidelines and included the blended learning approach during lockdown.

Staff continued to monitor and evaluate the learning and teaching whilst target setting and action planning using the CAT, PTE and PTM outcomes. The SENCO and Staff met regularly to review education plans and shared these with the appropriate stakeholders.

The Governors most sincerely thank all the staff for their continued dedication in providing quality learning and teaching experience to all the pupils in these most challenging times.

## **Building and Repair**

No major work took place throughout the year, although an application was made to the EA for support in regard to our Legacy Project.

The Governors wish to pay tribute to Mr McElwee and the cleaning staff for all the outstanding work during the year. A special word of thanks to Mr D Loughery and his staff from the Grounds Maintenance Team.

## **Shared Education**

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions no face to face work took place.

## **Special Education Need Provision**

Mrs Cullington, our SENCO ensured that appropriate education plans were in place and reviewed regularly. The SENCO met on a regular basis with pupils and parents to review targets and inform them of progress. Guidance and practical support was given by, ASD Team, RISE (NI), Reading Centre and Dry Arch. There was a focus both whole school and on an individual basis to support pupil Health and Wellbeing.

Physiotherapists, diabetic nurses and occupational therapists offered support and advice throughout the year.

The Governors would like to acknowledge the advice and support given by Mrs P Haughey, EA Western Region and Mr M Given (Educational Psychologist) as the school endeavours to meet the needs of all its pupils.

## **Music & Drama**

Music and Drama was totally curtailed due to the pandemic. We hope that we will be able to recommence in the near future.

## **Club & Societies**

Most clubs did not take place due to the Department of Education's guidelines but football club did recommence in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term with large numbers availing of this popular club.

## **Charities**

### Charity Donations 2020/2021

- Hampers
- Food Donations to Limavady Food Bank
- Vouchers to Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul
- Royal British Legion
- Harvest Donations distributed to Limavady Food Bank

## **P.T.A**

Like many events in school, coronavirus had a big impact on fundraising this year. All the planned events had to be cancelled due to lockdown.

## **Events**

### **September**

The school year commenced with staggered arrival and departure times, class bubbles, different enhances, dinners in classrooms, hand sanitisers and parents permitted in school by invitation only. By the start of the month over 50 messages had been sent to parents as the guidelines and procedures changed on a daily basis.

The Year 7 pupils found out that the AQE test would now take place in the new year, there was a weekly 'padlet' for each class and already staff and parents required patience and flexibility.

### **October**

Our first 'bubble' was closed with P6 going to online learning. Books and homeworks were quarantined and there was an early half term, with a circuit breaker Mid October.

### **November**

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold face to face Parental Interviews so a report went home with a follow up telephone call if requested.

The pandemic did not stop the Gruffalo visiting P3 or P4 having their Matilda Day.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations were delayed but the whole school community showed their generosity by providing food for the foodbank, hampers and vouchers for our Christmas Charity Appeal. An absolute amazing effort.

### December

Another 2 classes had to self-isolate for 14 days as the month commenced. Due to the continuing restrictions we were unable to hold our annual Carol Service or Infant Show. However, we used our Virtual Platform with all year groups involved in the '12 days of Christmas.' Thanks must go to Mr Kelly and all the staff for the time and effort given to this project to bring Christmas Joy to all our families.

Continuing on the 'Virtual' theme, we had to use our social media platforms for our Open Day. This was a great success with over 60 applications for Year 1.

We had a Christmas Jumper Day, created food hampers and supported both the Salvation Army and St Vincent De Paul. A huge thanks must be extended to our whole school community for their generosity at this time. School again closed early due to infection rates at this time in the community.

### January

The new year commenced with another lockdown. Staff again stood up to the plate by teaching remotely and overseeing face to face teaching for key worker and vulnerable children. Sincere appreciation must go to the staff, parents and pupils for their hard work, patience and flexibility. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown the AQE tests were cancelled after much debate.

### February

February like January continued as remote learning. Managing the increased number of key worker and vulnerable children was challenging, while continuing to support children at home.

## March

March commenced with a phased return of our P1-3 pupils and then P4-7 pupils Mid-March.

Staff continued to plan, create and deliver remote learning experiences and support families throughout. Parents continued to support children at home but thankfully everyone was back in school for face to face teaching by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

## April

April brought a little bit of normality back to school with Break the Rules Day, Breakfast Club and Skill School all back up and going. The children did remain in their class bubbles, staggered arrival/departure times and separate play and lunch times.

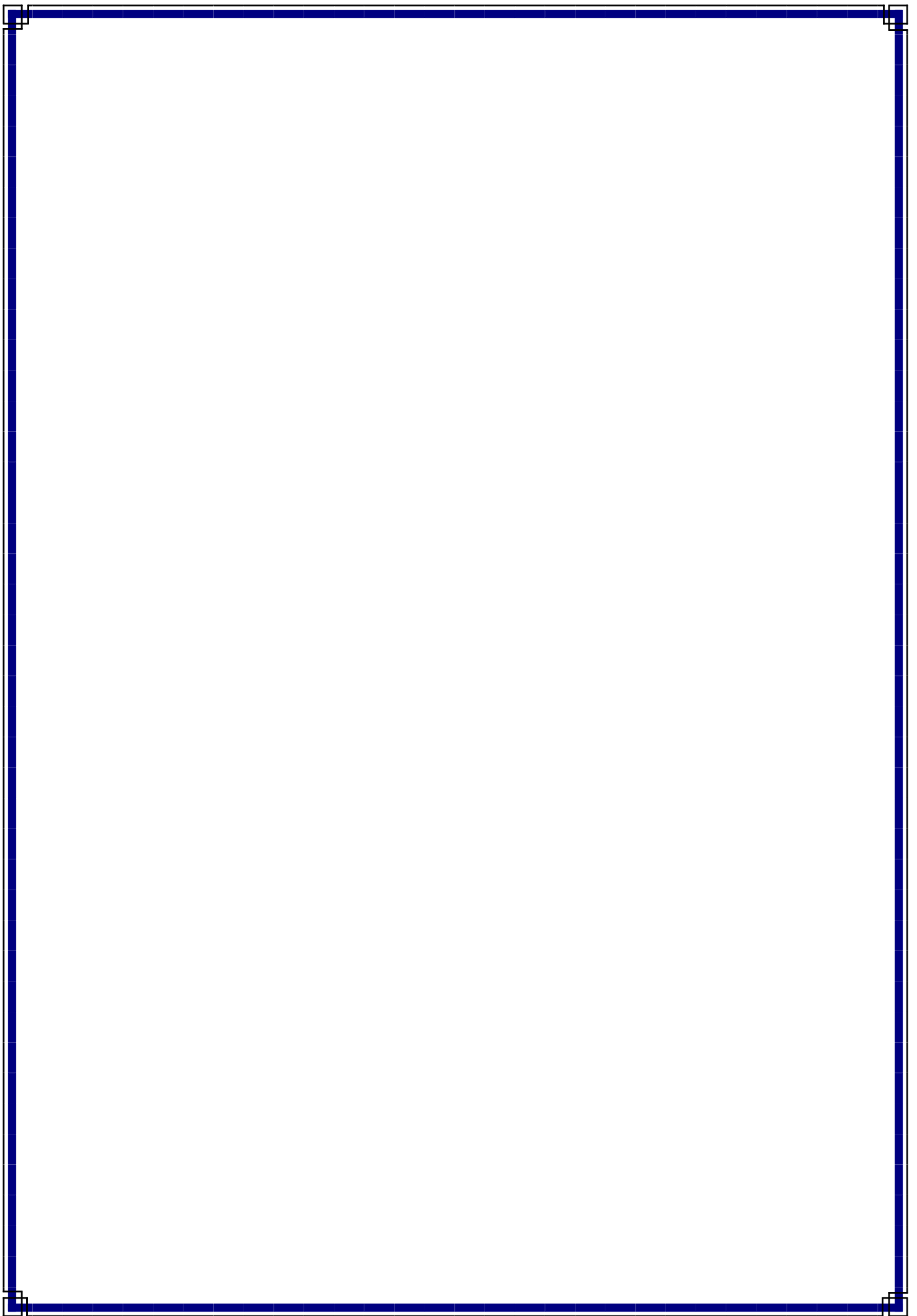
## May

This month saw the official launch of our 'Legacy Project' to celebrate the school's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The school photographer was in school, we had our Sponsored Walk, P4's had Superhero Day and a return to our Virtual Platform for our P1 Induction.

## June

All pupils participated in the annual Sports Day. A little bit different due to parents being unable to attend. After all the challenges of the year we worked in partnership with parent NI to hold a workshop titled "Helping Children Manage Change."

Our P7's took a trip to Art Abyss and all classes had their own individual parties. The P7 leavers assembly was shared 'Virtually' again and the school year ended as it had started with a staggered end to the year.

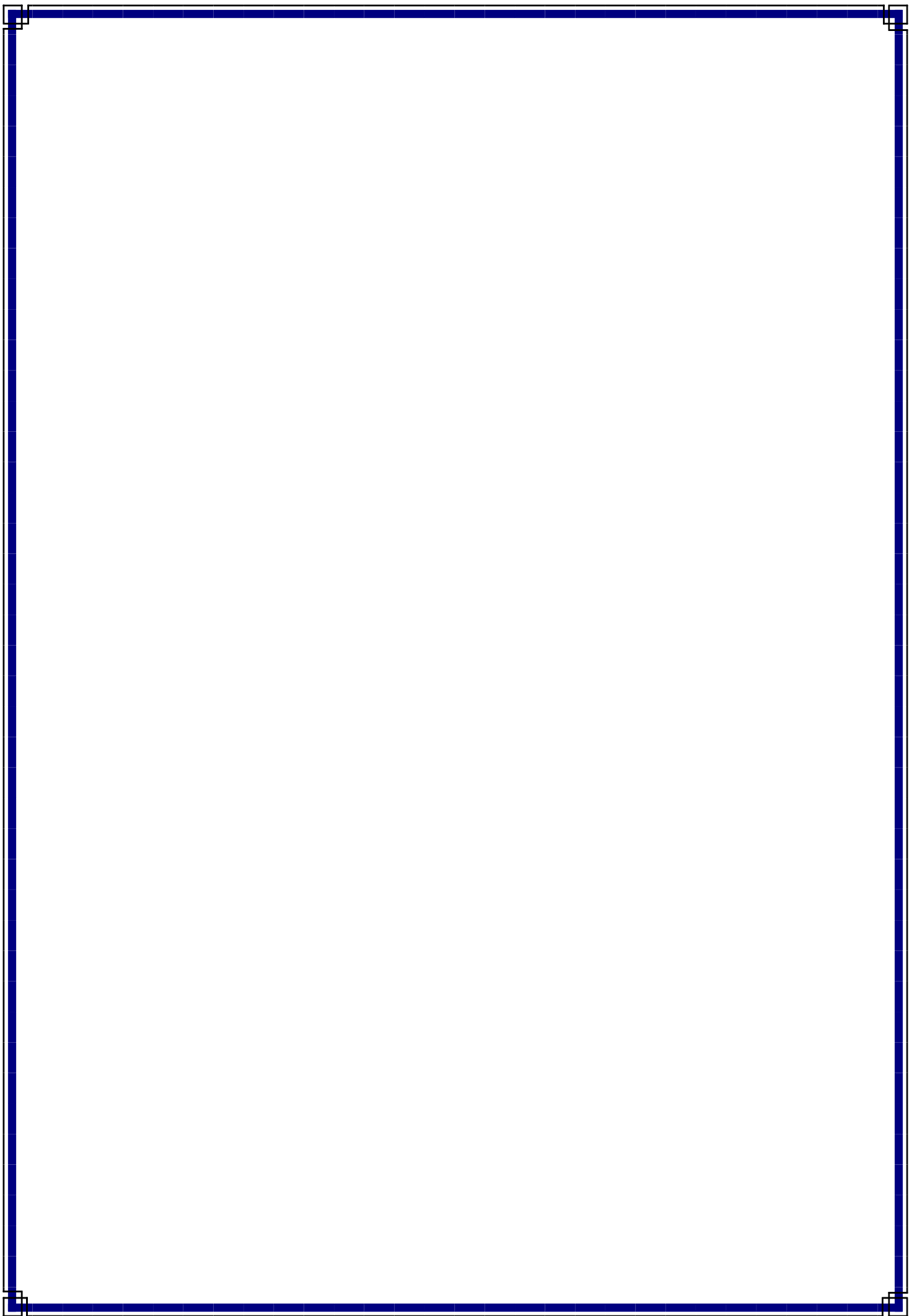


## Summary Budget Allocation

School: Drumachose Primary School

Cost Centre: 20469

Summary: Annual Budget Allocation	2020/2021
<b>Staff Costs:</b> Staff - Pay Teaching Staff - Pay Non-Teaching	 883,782 140,483
<b>Premises Fixed Plant and Grounds</b>	22,721
<b>Operating Costs</b> <i>of which is Books, Practice Materials &amp; Teaching Requisites</i>	78,453
<b>Non Capital Purchases</b>	1,510
<b>Projected Expenditure</b>	1,126,949
<b>Delegated Resources</b>  Common Funding Formula Other Funding (please specify)	  1062,156
<b>Projected Surplus / Deficit in Year:</b>	(64,793)
<b>Add:</b> Surplus/(Deficit) Balance carried forward from previous year	 (156,416)
<b>Projected Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	(221,209)



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# Annual return

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# Accounts

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**Drumachose Parent Teacher Association**

**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2018**

Balance carried forward				£14,643.56
Month		Out	In	Balance
October	Fees	£71.93		£14,571.63
	M&M Theatre		£242.10	£14,813.73
	P5 Trip to Riverwatch	£72.00		£14,741.73
	Musgrave - Halloween Disco	£500.69		£14,241.04
	Halloween Disco Income		£743.20	£14,984.24
	Halloween Disco Income		£48.50	£15,032.74
November	Tesco - re. open night and supper with santa	£39.64		£14,993.10
	Sandy Arthur -P4 Trip	£210.00		£14,783.10
	Tesco - re. open night and supper with santa	£14.00		£14,769.10
	Cash for Supper With Santa Presents	£1,500		£13,269.10
December	Supper with Santa		£1,098.00	£14,367.10
	Supper with Santa		£2,890.45	£17,257.55
	Kingsbury Packaging	£23.90		£17,233.65
	Musgrave	£229.98		£17,003.67
	Sandy Arthur	£890.00		£16,113.67
	Fees	£30.95		£16,082.72
January	Direct Debit PTA	£105.00		£15,977.72
February	Valentines Disco		£706.35	£16,684.07
	Valentines Disco		£123.04	£16,807.11
	Musgrave	£214.16		£16,592.95
March	Sandy Arthur	£120.00		£16,472.95
	Chq to EA	£8,460.00		£8,012.95
	Fashion Show		£784.00	£8,796.95
	Fashion Show		£253.10	£9,050.05
	Break the Rules		£960.50	£10,010.55
	Fees	£41.90		£9,968.65
April	Sandy Arthur	£340.00		£9,628.65
	Drumachose Has Got Talent		£786.30	£10,414.95
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May	Partridge Peartree - re P7 Hoodies	£512.99		£9,949.08
	Sponsored Walk		£4,684.70	£14,633.78
	Sponsored Walk		£202.00	£14,835.78

	Sponsored Walk		£338.02	£15,173.80
June	Jo Jingles	£400.00		£14,773.80
	T&F Framing - Sports Day Medals	£670.00		£14,103.80
	Floats for Fun Night	£850.00		£13,253.80
	Lynas re. Fun Night	£114.50		£13,139.30
	Fees	£40.88		£13,098.42
July	Hope Education	£35.51		£13,062.91
	RFCA NI Climbing Wall	£250.00		£12,812.91
	Translink - P2 Trip	£201.00		£12,611.91
	Cash at Hand - Float		£475.00	<u>£13,086.91</u>
	Balance as at 30/07/2018			<u>£13,086.91</u>

Certified to be a true reflection of the income and expenditure for the above association for the year end 31 August 2018

Signed	Mrs S Pollock Treasurer	Mr M Kilgore Chairman
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# Annual report

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## P.T.A

The P.T.A had a very enjoyable and productive year, raising much needed funds for school. The very enthusiastic and hard working committee organised the following events.

- Autumn Term      Disco, Supper with Santa and Rickety Wheel
- Spring Term      Disco, Break the Rules Day and Fashion Show
- Summer Term      Sponsored Walk and Drumachose Has Got Talent

As always the money raised was used for the benefit of all our pupils. Funds were used to cover costs for Jo Jingles, M&M Theatre, Sports Day medals, reading resources, leaver's hoodies, numeracy resources and numerous class trips.

The Governors thank all the committee members for their huge support over the past year.

The financial statement reflects the invaluable work by the PTA committee.

## Other Events

### September

The start of another year and another round of clubs. We welcomed new members to the PTA Committee under the Chairmanship of Roy Nutt. Our P5 classes visited Riverwatch in Londonderry and our P6 pupils participated in Orienteering workshops.

### October

We welcomed ETI to school in early October. The Year 3's visited the Country Park in search of the Gruffalo and held a meeting for parents in regard to Phonics. Classes participated in the Halloween Lantern Project and our Year 7 pupils visited RADAR in Belfast to explore many important health and safety issues. The annual book fair arrived raising funds to purchase more books for our Accelerated Reading Programme, M&M Theatre performed 'Beauty and the Beast' and the choir led our Harvest Celebrations. The first round of Parental

Interviews took place and the first PTA event, our Halloween Disco was a roaring success.

### **November**

Our Shared Education Programme commenced with Termoncanice Primary School, pupils in years 1, 5, 6 and 7 collaborating together on various projects. We had a visit from the Royal British Legion holding a special assembly to celebrate Remembrance Day. Our P4's visited Springhill as part of their WAU topic, the P5's welcomed the Fire Brigade and the P6's began a series of workshops facilitated by Hope UK. The school participated in 'Antibullying Week' with special assemblies and class activities. The week finished with our now annual BLUE DAY. Our school Open Evening took place for prospective P1 parents and we finished the month with a Non Uniform Day for the Rotary Tree of Remembrance.

### **December**

The school began the month celebrating the 'Outstanding' report from ETI, stating that we have a high level of capacity for sustained improvement in the interest of all the learners. The P1 and P2 Christmas Show 'A Wiggly Nativity' played to full houses. The PTA organised a very successful 'Supper with Santa' and the choir went on their travels performing at numerous venues around the Roe Valley area. The annual Carol Service took place in Christ Church and a number of year groups visited various events including LCDI, Ice Skating, Cinema, Riverside Theatre and Brunswick.

### **January**

The new year began with the P3 Trip to Carrickfergus Castle and the start of the P3 Paired Reading Programme. Race 2 of the Springwell Cross Country Championships took place in Limavady with boy and girl teams representing the school. The staff took part in Defibrillator training and our Foundation Stage Staff visited a school in Belfast to observe STEM activities in P1 and P2.

### **February**

The Book Fair returned for the second time and a very successful Valentine Disco was organised by the PTA. The netball team commenced their league matches ending equal 1<sup>st</sup> overall. The hockey team took part in the Coleraine Blitz and

cricket coaching was introduced for our P5 pupils. Auditions commenced for 'Drumachose has got talent' with entries from every year group.

### March

The final of 'Drumachose has got talent' took place to a full hall with P1 pupil Isaac Gallick and P2 pupil Logan Pinkerton winning the public vote. The PTA held a Fashion Show with pupils, parents and staff showing off their natural talent on the 'catwalk.' The P6's took over from the P5's for cricket coaching and the P4's visited Armagh Planetarium as part of their space topic. Our P7's embarked upon the Young Enterprise Initiative with the help of Leona Kane. They planned, designed and sold their products after much consultation. The school hosted 30 Principals from Jerusalem who were on a study visit to see how our Shared Education Programme works.

### April

The P7 school trip departed for a fun filled week in Scotland. The N Ireland Water Bus visited P5 and P6 and the P7 pupils completed their animation movies.

### May

The school hosted an e-safety week with a parental workshop for parents facilitated by the Dry Arch. We held our celebration day in the Leisure Centre to say thank you to all the pupils for their hard work during the inspection and throughout the year. The Netball team participated in Final's Day in Londonderry and the weather favoured us for our annual Sponsored Walk. Our Kwik Cricket won the local competition and we had talks from NSPCC and Rural Health & Safety.

### June

The year came to an end with a very busy month. We held P1 Induction, Sports Day, Swimming Gala, Mini World Cup, Public Speaking and our P7 Leavers Assembly. The swimming team won the inter-schools gala at Roe Valley Leisure Centre, the boys football team won the Limavady Youth tournament with the girls defeated in their final. Our P6's participated in Peace 4 After School Event and our P4's organised an amazing 'Superhero Day'. Pupils had tremendous success at

the Roe Valley Speech and Drama Festival. Special mention must go to Rebecca Carson (P2) and Harry Butcher (P3) who won their respective classes. Unfortunately, the weather put pay to the Fun Night but what an amazing year for Drumachose Primary School.

**Drumachose PTA**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101744

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# Annual return

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**DRUMACHOSE**



**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT**



**2017/2018**

The Board of *Governors* is responsible for the overall management of the school and among its responsibilities is the oversight of the curriculum, selection of staff, personnel issues, admissions policy, school maintenance, implementation of new legislation, fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of mutual understanding. With a fully delegated budget the Board of *Governors* is responsible for the financial management of the school based on the budget allocation provided by the Education Authority.

*Governors* for the period September 2014 to August 2018 are as follows:

Principal:	Mr Kilgore
Nominated by Board:	Mrs S Hill Mr P Kingston
Nominated by Transferors:	Rev S. McCracken Canon S. McVeigh Mrs P. McLean Mrs J Gault
Parents' Representatives:	Mr J Butcher Mr D Mornin
Teachers' Representatives:	Mr M Kelly

Dear Parent,

As Chairman of the Board of Governors of Drumachose Primary School it is with great pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report.

This will be the last report for the present Board of Governors and I would like to thank them for giving this school their time, support and expertise.

This report is a summary of the events of the past year at Drumachose Primary School. May I take this opportunity to congratulate the whole school community in regard to the recent ETI inspection. To achieve 'Outstanding,' in all three areas is special. Credit goes to everyone associated with the school, to the pupils, parents and staff. ETI has affirmed what we all know. The pupils of this school get a great deal.

I wish to say a special thanks to the PTA who continue to raise much needed funds for the school, at a time when school budgets are under severe pressure.

The school continues to be a 'centre for excellence' in the Roe Valley area and I know it will continue to reflect upon its practise and strive for improvement in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely

Canon S. McVeigh (Chairman of Board of Governors)

The Principal, teaching and ancillary staff wish to express sincere thanks to the Board of Governors for the support to them and the school over this past year. Under the Chairmanship of Canon McVeigh, they have worked tirelessly to promote the school in the community and provide resources and a safe environment for our staff and pupils during very challenging times. The Board has overseen the maintenance of the high level of excellence in education, which has long been the norm at Drumachose Primary School. Unfortunately, the final phase of refurbishment has been shelved due to the financial constraints of the Education Budget. The recent inspection affirmed that the school delivers high quality teaching and learning. However, the accommodation is not fit for purpose and the Governors continue to lobby DENI, EA and our local MLA's for the completion of this work.

### **Enrolment**

During the school year 2017/18 the enrolment was 339. It is pleasing to report that the average attendance for the year was 96.6%, well above the Northern Ireland average.

### **Staffing**

The teaching compliment was 14.6 teachers, including the Principal. Mrs Kelly was appointed as our Learning Support Teacher. Miss Lindsay covered Mrs Cullington's maternity in Year 3.

### **Ancillary Staff**

The ancillary staff complement was as follows:

- Full time secretary
- Full time caretaker
- Four learning support assistants
- Five special needs learning support assistants
- Four part- time cleaners
- Six supervisory assistants

The Board of Governors would like to thank all the ancillary staff for their contribution in ensuring the needs of the children in their care were met.

## Curriculum & Staff Development

The staff were actively involved in various curricular areas led by the SDP, subject and class action plans.

The Literacy Core Team continued to work collaboratively on areas for improvement in Literacy. They robustly analysed performance data to set targets for underachievement and low achievement. A review took place of the school handwriting scheme and comprehension through guided reading. Staff looked at how we teach reading comprehension skills as well as simple and complex inference.

Pupils continued to receive support from Jill Borland, Speech and Language Therapist. Unfortunately, this resource ceased from April 2018 due to funding issues.

The numeracy core team looked at a range of teaching strategies including RUCSAC for use when problem solving. Teachers worked to ensure the effective use of data between year groups, making changes to the teaching in the classroom ensuring real impact to the pupil's learning. All staff participated in a problem solving workshop led by Tim Doyle. A review of KS2 financial capability took place and a new scheme of work was drawn up to ensure progression from year group to year group.

Literacy and Numeracy intervention groups continued using the Learning Support Teacher and F/S Staff. Staff put together an intervention programme in consultation with the class teachers.

There was a review of Safe and Effective use of ICT and Social Networking Policies. Staff planned and delivered an e-safety week to pupils and parents, as well as holding an internet safety workshop facilitated by the Dry Arch. Staff re-trained in the use of epipens and how to deal with other medical conditions in class. The whole staff reviewed the Preventative Curriculum as well as the RSE Policy. All new staff received Child Protection Training led by Mrs Fleming.

The Safeguarding Team met on two occasions to monitor and evaluate Safeguarding, Care and Welfare, whilst overseeing the completion of the Safeguarding Proforma.

Staff continued to monitor and evaluate the learning and teaching. Co-ordinators monitored planning, action plans and class books. All staff

completed PRSD cycles with targets linked to the School Development Plan.

Staff continued to target set, with data analysed at individual, class and whole school level. They met regularly to review education plans and create class and subject action plans.

The Governors sincerely thank all those volunteers who helped with reading partnership, paired reading, book fairs, toddler group and at the various class trips. Sincere thanks to all our staff for their continued dedication in providing quality learning and teaching experiences to all our pupils.

### **Building and Repair**

The senior playground had a makeover during the year with new fencing being erected between the playground and driveway.

The Governors wish to pay tribute to Mr Quigg and the cleaning staff for all the outstanding work during the year, especially in preparation for the new school term. A special word of thanks to Mr D Loughery and his staff from the Grounds Maintenance Team.

### **Shared Education**

Shared Education grew from strength to strength with more pupils coming together from Drumachose and Termoncanice. Year 1 pupils worked collaboratively to complete STEM activities based around fairy tales.

Year 5 pupils met on a number of occasions. They worked together on an Art Project about themselves, participated in a games afternoon and multi-sport day. They held a Table Quiz and Celebration Day to bring the programme to an end.

The year 6 pupils produced an iMovie News report about the Titanic disaster. The pupils worked in groups to plan, write, create, edit and present their iMovie. They visited Titanic, Belfast and held a Celebration Day to share their work with each other.

Our Year 7 met to write a story based on the Famine and produced an animated version of the story using iPads. Each school took turns to write a section sharing via the Goggle Classroom App. They used the I Motion App to create their animation. They had a trip to the Ulster American Folk Park to research their topic and a showcase morning was held with the children sharing their completed animated stories.

Staff from each school met to plan and evaluate the programme in the third term. Year 2, 3 and 4 teacher's collaborated looking at areas of study for 2018/19.

Many teams participated in cross community events throughout the year. These included cricket, netball, football, hockey and athletics.

A joint non uniform day was held by all primary schools in the Limavady area to support the Rotary Tree of Remembrance.

### **Special Education Need Provision**

Mrs Cullington, our SENCO ensured that appropriate education plans were in place and reviewed regularly. The SENCO met on a regular basis with pupils and parents to review targets and inform of progress. Guidance and practical support was given by Mrs M Martin, Education Psychologist, ASD Team, The Reading Centre and Mr Scholes from the hospital school. Mrs EJ Kelly provided learning support three days a week supported by the Foundation Staff two afternoons per week.

Physiotherapists, diabetic nurses and occupational therapists offered support and advice throughout the year.

Miss J Boreland, Speech and Language Therapist worked in school supporting staff, pupils and parents in regard to language development.

The Governors would like to acknowledge the advice and support given by Mrs P Haughey, EA Western Region, Mrs M Martin (Educational Psychologist) and Mrs J House from the Reading Centre as the school endeavours to meet the needs of all its pupils.

### **Music & Drama**

The year commenced with the Annual Harvest Service led by the school choir. They led the Carol Service held in Christchurch with

performances from our ensemble, P4's and class readers. They were very busy over the Christmas period performing at Thackery Nursing and Day Care, Cornfield, Probus, Rotary, Edenvale and 2<sup>nd</sup> Limavady Presbyterian Church.

Our P1 and P2 pupils presented 'A Wiggly Nativity' to full houses in December.

The Governors wish to pay tribute to all members of staff who willingly gave of their time and talents to provide the children involved with an unforgettable experience.

During the year peripatetic music teachers continued to teach and inspire our young musicians in brass and woodwind. All year 5 pupils received an instrument and tuition free of charge. The Governors are very grateful for their co-operation and interest.

### **Club & Societies**

An extensive range of after school activities continued throughout the year for pupils in P1-7. Many pupils took the opportunity to develop their skills in football, judo, hockey, netball, athletics and monkeynastics. Other interests were catered for through scripture union, choir, art club and language club.

Our football teams had a successful year. The boys team won the Limavady Youth Tournament and the girls team were beaten in the final of the same Tournament. The netball team reached the N.W School's Final and our swimming team won the Roe Valley Schools Swimming Championship. Our cross country teams again participated in the Springwell Cup Series. The judo team participated in the NW School's Tournament and our cricket team won the Limavady School's Kwik Cricket at Limavady Cricket Club. The hockey team participated at the Coleraine H.C Tournament for the first time winning two matches, drawing one and losing one.

Charlie Nicholl won the Hope NW ICT Poster Competition.

The school council continued to meet regularly supported by Mr O'Doherty and the newly formed ECO Club met in term 3 under the supervision of Mrs McCracken.

The Governors would like to thank all those parents who helped transport pupils to various events. A special work of thanks to Mr R O'Donnell from IFA and Mr McCluskey from ICU, as well as all those coaches who facilitated the amazing after school experiences.

## Charities

### Charity Donations 2016/2017

■ Rotary Christmas charities	-	£1500
■ Royal British Legion	-	£25.00
■ PWSA	-	£725.00
■ Superhero Day - Down Syndrome	-	£314.00
■ Shoe Box Appeal		
■ Harvest Donations distributed to Mullagh House		

## P.T.A

The P.T.A had a very enjoyable and productive year, raising much needed funds for school. The very enthusiastic and hard working committee organised the following events.

■ Autumn Term	Disco, Supper with Santa and Rickety Wheel
■ Spring Term	Disco, Break the Rules Day and Fashion Show
■ Summer Term	Sponsored Walk and Drumachose Has Got Talent

As always the money raised was used for the benefit of all our pupils. Funds were used to cover costs for Jo Jingles, M&M Theatre, Sports Day medals, reading resources, leaver's hoodies, numeracy resources and numerous class trips.

The Governors thank all the committee members for their huge support over the past year.

The financial statement reflects the invaluable work by the PTA committee.

## Other Events

### September

The start of another year and another round of clubs. We welcomed new members to the PTA Committee under the Chairmanship of Roy Nutt. Our P5 classes visited Riverwatch in Londonderry and our P6 pupils participated in Orienteering workshops.

### October

We welcomed ETI to school in early October. The Year 3's visited the Country Park in search of the Gruffalo and held a meeting for parents in regard to Phonics. Classes participated in the Halloween Lantern Project and our Year 7 pupils visited RADAR in Belfast to explore many important health and safety issues. The annual book fair arrived raising funds to purchase more books for our Accelerated Reading Programme, M&M Theatre performed 'Beauty and the Beast' and the choir led our Harvest Celebrations. The first round of Parental Interviews took place and the first PTA event, our Halloween Disco was a roaring success.

### November

Our Shared Education Programme commenced with Termoncanice Primary School, pupils in years 1, 5, 6 and 7 collaborating together on various projects. We had a visit from the Royal British Legion holding a special assembly to celebrate Remembrance Day. Our P4's visited Springhill as part of their WAU topic, the P5's welcomed the Fire Brigade and the P6's began a series of workshops facilitated by Hope UK. The school participated in 'Antibullying Week' with special assemblies and class activities. The week finished with our now annual BLUE DAY. Our school Open Evening took place for prospective P1 parents and we finished the month with a Non Uniform Day for the Rotary Tree of Remembrance.

### December

The school began the month celebrating the 'Outstanding' report from ETI, stating that we have a high level of capacity for sustained improvement in the interest of all the learners. The P1 and P2 Christmas Show 'A Wriggly Nativity' played to full houses. The PTA organised a very successful 'Supper with Santa' and the choir went on their travels performing at numerous venues around the Roe Valley area. The annual

Carol Service took place in Christ Church and a number of year groups visited various events including LCDI, Ice Skating, Cinema, Riverside Theatre and Brunswick.

### January

The new year began with the P3 Trip to Carrickfergus Castle and the start of the P3 Paired Reading Programme. Race 2 of the Springwell Cross Country Championships took place in Limavady with boy and girl teams representing the school. The staff took part in Defibrillator training and our Foundation Stage Staff visited a school in Belfast to observe STEM activities in P1 and P2.

### February

The Book Fair returned for the second time and a very successful Valentine Disco was organised by the PTA. The netball team commenced their league matches ending equal 1<sup>st</sup> overall. The hockey team took part in the Coleraine Blitz and cricket coaching was introduced for our P5 pupils. Auditions commenced for 'Drumachose has got talent' with entries from every year group.

### March

The final of 'Drumachose has got talent' took place to a full hall with P1 pupil Isaac Gallick and P2 pupil Logan Pinkerton winning the public vote. The PTA held a Fashion Show with pupils, parents and staff showing off their natural talent on the 'catwalk.' The P6's took over from the P5's for cricket coaching and the P4's visited Armagh Planetarium as part of their space topic. Our P7's embarked upon the Young Enterprise Initiative with the help of Leona Kane. They planned, designed and sold their products after much consultation. The school hosted 30 Principals from Jerusalem who were on a study visit to see how our Shared Education Programme works.

### April

The P7 school trip departed for a fun filled week in Scotland. The N Ireland Water Bus visited P5 and P6 and the P7 pupils completed their animation movies.

## May

The school hosted an e-safety week with a parental workshop for parents facilitated by the Dry Arch. We held our celebration day in the Leisure Centre to say thank you to all the pupils for their hard work during the inspection and throughout the year. The Netball team participated in Final's Day in Londonderry and the weather favoured us for our annual Sponsored Walk. Our Kwik Cricket won the local competition and we had talks from NSPCC and Rural Health & Safety.

## June

The year came to an end with a very busy month. We held P1 Induction, Sports Day, Swimming Gala, Mini World Cup, Public Speaking and our P7 Leavers Assembly. The swimming team won the inter-schools gala at Roe Valley Leisure Centre, the boys football team won the Limavady Youth tournament with the girls defeated in their final. Our P6's participated in Peace 4 After School Event and our P4's organised an amazing 'Superhero Day'. Pupils had tremendous success at the Roe Valley Speech and Drama Festival. Special mention must go to Rebecca Carson (P2) and Harry Butcher (P3) who won their respective classes. Unfortunately, the weather put pay to the Fun Night but what an amazing year for Drumachose Primary School.

<b>REVISED BUDGET NOTIFICATION</b>
<b>2017-2018</b>

<b>WELB Ref</b>	<b>20469</b>		
<b>Drumachose Primary</b>			
DENI Ref	201-6029	LMS Off	Mr E O'Kane
Council Area	Limavady	Emp Authority	WELB Ctrd

<b>TOTAL BUDGET SUMMARY 2017-2018</b>
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Total Funding Allocated 2017-2018	£844,607
DE Additional Funding	£0
Nurture Units	£0
Literacy/Numeracy CPD	£0
Total Class Size Policy	£0
Enriched Curriculum Pilot Programme	£0
Irish Medium	£0
Contingency plus Split Site	£13,893
EMAs	£0
Closing Schools Funding Adjustments	£0
Funding Corrections - Other	£0
School Of Sanctuary	£0
Entitlement Framework Pot 1 + Pot 2+ Prim Pilot Sc	£0
Area Learning Communities - Strategic Development Fund	£0
Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme	£0
Achieving Belfast/Achieving Derry Programme	£0
Travel/Library costs	£0
Extended Schools Total	£0
Getting Ready To Learn	£0
Shared Education	£0
Pilot Early Years /Learning to Learn Support Clusters	£0
Final Accruals @ March 17 Total	-£68,992
<b>Total Delegated Resources</b>	<b>£789,508</b>

£0

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19/04/2018

**Drumachose Parent Teacher Association**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2018**

Balance carried forward				£14,643.56
Month		Out	In	Balance
October	Fees	£71.93		£14,571.63
	M&M Theatre		£242.10	£14,813.73
	P5 Trip to Riverwatch	£72.00		£14,741.73
	Musgrave - Halloween Disco	£500.69		£14,241.04
	Halloween Disco Income		£743.20	£14,984.24
	Halloween Disco Income		£48.50	£15,032.74
November	Tesco - re. open night and supper with santa	£39.64		£14,993.10
	Sandy Arthur -P4 Trip	£210.00		£14,783.10
	Tesco - re. open night and supper with santa	£14.00		£14,769.10
	Cash for Supper With Santa Presents	£1,500		£13,269.10
December	Supper with Santa		£1,098.00	£14,367.10
	Supper with Santa		£2,890.45	£17,257.55
	Kingsbury Packaging	£23.90		£17,233.65
	Musgrave	£229.98		£17,003.67
	Sandy Arthur	£890.00		£16,113.67
	Fees	£30.95		£16,082.72
January	Direct Debit PTA	£105.00		£15,977.72
February	Valentines Disco		£706.35	£16,684.07
	Valentines Disco		£123.04	£16,807.11
	Musgrave	£214.16		£16,592.95
March	Sandy Arthur	£120.00		£16,472.95
	Chq to EA	£8,460.00		£8,012.95
	Fashion Show		£784.00	£8,796.95
	Fashion Show		£253.10	£9,050.05
	Break the Rules		£960.50	£10,010.55
	Fees	£41.90		£9,968.65
April	Sandy Arthur	£340.00		£9,628.65
	Drumachose Has Got Talent		£786.30	£10,414.95
	Drumachose Has Got Talent		£47.12	£10,462.07
May	Partridge Peartree - re P7 Hoodies	£512.99		£9,949.08
	Sponsored Walk		£4,684.70	£14,633.78
	Sponsored Walk		£202.00	£14,835.78
	Sponsored Walk		£338.02	£15,173.80
June	Jo Jingles	£400.00		£14,773.80
	T&F Framing - Sports Day Medals	£670.00		£14,103.80
	Floats for Fun Night	£850.00		£13,253.80
	Lynas re. Fun Night	£114.50		£13,139.30
	Fees	£40.88		£13,098.42

July	Hope Education	£35.51	£13,062.91
	RFCA NI Climbing Wall	£250.00	£12,812.91
	Translink - P2 Trip	£201.00	£12,611.91
	Cash at Hand - Float	£475.00	<u>£13,086.91</u>
	Balance as at 30/07/2018		<u>£13,086.91</u>

Certified to be a true reflection of the income and expenditure for the above association for the year end 31 August 2018

Signed	Mrs S Pollock Treasurer	Mr M Kilgore Chairman
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