



WALKER MEMORIAL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Board of Governors Report

W: working together

A: to Achieve

L: happy Life, long learners
nurturing

K: Kindness

E: Excellence

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R: Respect

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors is ultimately responsible for the management of the school. The members are required to meet three times each year but in practice meet more often than this. Some of their duties include:

1. The oversight of the curriculum
2. The control of the budget
3. The provision of information for parents
4. The selection of staff
5. The Admissions Policy
6. The maintenance of the premises (shared responsibility with the E.A)
7. Fostering links with the local community
8. Responding to D.E.N.I. and E.A - Southern Region initiatives on matters which affect the school.
9. Reporting to parents

The day-to-day administration and organisation of the curriculum has been designated to the Principal.

Certain Governors have designated responsibilities outlined as follows:

Designated Governor for Child Protection	Mrs S Davidson
PRSD Reviewers	Mrs S Davidson Mr S Patterson
Recruitment & Selection	Mrs S Davidson Mr S Patterson Mrs M Patterson
Appeals Committee	Mr S Patterson Mr R Pinkerton Mrs R Davidson
Finance Committee	Mrs S Davidson Mrs M Patterson

STAFFING COMPLEMENT

TEACHING COMPLIMENT

(1) Ms L Patterson/Principal	Yr 6/7 (15)
(2) Mrs C Flack	Year 4/5(22)
(3) Mrs D Lockhart	Yr 2/3(15)
(4) Mrs H Beckett	Rec/Yr 1(21)
(5) Miss Jayne Hanthorn	Principal Release (2 days per week)

ANCILLARY STAFF

Mrs S Khan	Secretary
Mrs H Irwin	Classroom Assistant (Primary 1 & 2) Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Cleaner

Mrs J Campbell	Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Cleaner
Miss Rebecca Freeburn	Classroom Assistant (Primary 6 & 7)
Miss Rebekah Purvis	Classroom Assistant (P1,P2& P3)
Mrs M Hawe	School Crossing Patrol
Mr C Reid	Caretaker
Mrs M McMullen	Cook
Mrs A Gilkenson	Kitchen Assistant

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Ms L Patterson	Head of Safeguarding Team SENCO Assessment Positive Behaviour ICT
Mrs Beckett	Designated Teacher Child Protection First Aider Art & Design (Responsibility Pt) WAU
Mrs Flack	DDT Child Protection Literacy(Shared) PDMU Music
Mrs Lockhart	Literacy(Shared) Eco-Schools Charity
Miss Hanthorn	Numeracy RE

SDD DAYS 2016-2017

2 nd November 2016	ABL- Orritor PS HB & DL Sharing Good Practice: Observation of lesson
3 rd January 2017	SDP Review: Action Plan Review Next Steps: Co-or developing responsibility
15 th February 2017	Numeracy & Literacy Reviews Action Plans
13 th April 2017	Mental Strategies JH AR update with Lit Co-or & RF
30 th May 2017	Analysis of Data Assessment

THE CURRICULUM

The school continued to address the requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum and ensured that a broad and balanced learning experience is provided for all the pupils. Formal assessment for Year Four and Seven was not carried out and levels were not reported to the department.

Walker Memorial PS will offer a curriculum that is balanced and broadly based and which promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual and physical development of the pupils. This curriculum will be delivered in a way which is best suited to the pupils' age and ability in order to help prepare them for the opportunities and experiences of adult life. The school puts great emphasis on positive behavior in order to foster a safe and happy environment in which children can learn effectively. It is also the aim of the school to maximize the potential of each pupil, to develop self-confidence in the pupils and to promote a spirit of tolerance towards others.

Every effort will be made to provide reasonable adjustments and maximum access to the curriculum for children who have a disability.

ASSESSMENT

From September 2012 the Dept of Education put new arrangements in place for the statutory assessment of Communication and Using Mathematics in KS 1 & 2. In Yr 4 it is expected that children, of average ability or above will attain Level 2 or above in Communication & Using Mathematics and in Yr 7, children of average

ability, will attain Level 4 or above in Communication and Using Mathematics. (Due to boycott by main teaching unions, no data was sent to the Dept regarding levels.

Our 2016/17 results are shown below. These are based on standardized test (PIE & PIM) and professional judgement.

Year 4	Communication	Using Maths
Achieving Level 1		
Achieving Level 2	100%	100%
Achieving Level 3		

Year 7	Communication	Using Maths
Achieving Level		
Achieving Level 2	25%	25%
Achieving Level 3	12.5%	12.5%
Achieving Level 4	37.5%	62.5%
Achieving Level 5	25%	

POST PRIMARY TRANSFER

At the end of June 2017, eight Yr 7 pupils transferred to the following schools:

Royal School Dungannon	2
Aughnacloy College	2
ICD	2
Drumglass HS	1
Cookstown HS	1

ATTENDANCE

The annual attendance rate for 2016/2017 was 95.5%

The Governors would like to remind parents of the advice from the Dept of education which states that 95% attendance is satisfactory, 90% attendance is poor and 85% attendance or lower is unsatisfactory. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that their child(ren) are not removed from school unnecessarily ie for a family holiday.

Attendance certificates are given out at the end of each half term and a small prize to promote good attendance.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Walker Memorial PS received Extended Schools Funding during the 2016/17 school year. Action plans were drawn up and the funding allocated to a number of initiatives:

- Accelerated Reading Programme Yr 3-7
- Athletics: Mental Maths
- Breakfast Club
- Homework Club

Extended schools also allocated funds towards Cluster Programmes. Pupils from Yr 5-7 joined with pupils from Windmill IPS and attended Integrated College Dungannon for after schools Art and Technology. In these sessions they made bird boxes and designed and created their own T-shirts. Additional funding of £1300 was also given to purchase resources for these areas in school.

Mr Rice the PE teacher from ICD also came into school and delivered a 6 week block of PE lessons with Yrs 4-6.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2016/17 saw a wider programme of after school activities taking place as listed below.

- Netball
- Football
- Tennis
- Eco-club
- Gardening
- Puzzle
- Christmas Art
- Coding ICT
- Craft

SPORT

Walker Memorial PS offers a wide variety of sporting activities both during and after school. The children had experience of the following sports as they progressed through the school last year: hockey, basketball, netball, football, rounders, swimming, tennis and Fundamental Movement Skills(FMS) delivered by Judith Reid to Yrs 3-6 for the whole school year.

The children attended the usual sports fixtures during the year including:

- Tri-County Netball
- Tri- County Football
- Super 6 s Football
- Swimming lessons Yr 4/5 & Yr6/7 in Dungannon Leisure Centre

Yr 7 participated in the Cycling Proficiency Scheme

ECO-SCHOOLS

8 new committee members were selected for the 2016/17 year. Some of the activities include.

Monitors for:

- Bird Feeding
- Composting
- Watering Plants
- Energy Savers
- Litter Pickers

In addition to this we also had:

- Big Spring Clean Up
- Cash for Clobber
- Litter Picking in Parkanaur with McDonalds
- Weekly visits to Walled Garden with Horticultural Society
- Meeting World in Bloom judges(July 17)
- Seed planting

ADDITIONAL LINKS

Throughout the year we have also forged links with other local schools to help share and discuss important topics and see how we can support and develop these links to enhance and improve learning experiences in school:

- ECO- Committee meeting @ Blessed Patrick OL PS
- Tots and Co open morning in Walker Memorial PS
- Panda Playgroup Killymaddy
- Lollipop Playgroup Donaghmore
- Magheralin PS

Transport costs to a number of events were shared with BPOL & Donaghmore PS.

MUSIC/DRAMA/FESTIVALS

- Music continues to play an important role in the life of the school. The Infant & Junior choirs took part in Dungannon Festival and received very positive and encouraging feedback. Rev P Thompson played piano accompaniment.
- We continued with our "Musical Pathways" project for stringed instruments for Yr 4-6 and in addition to this some students have now taken up cello lessons in school each week with Mr S Wise from the Southern Area Education Authority.
- Mrs Nicola Lawther still attends school each Wednesday & Thursday providing private piano lessons for children aged 6 and above.
- The school had members singing carols in the village at the Christmas light Switching on.
- Carol singing in Tesco & Glenview Nursing Home

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

The school has provided the opportunities for parents to take active interest in the education of their children this year.

Liason included:

- Yr 1 induction June 17. This provided parents with an opportunity to meet the class teacher and principal and discuss key aspects of school life.
- Sept 16 Meet the teacher: a short informal talk about expectations, standards, opportunities and vision for the future of the school. Individual class teachers then met with their Yr group parents.

- Parent/Teacher meetings took place in October & February and June if requested by a parent, for all pupils in the school. In addition to this all staff are available to meet and discuss issues with a parent any time throughout the year.
- Yr 6/7 had visits to prospective secondary schools to ease the transition and likewise local schools had representatives come in to talk to pupils about moving on.
- Each term SEN meetings with parents were held to discuss targets and then these would be reviewed before new targets are set or old ones are reinforced.
- Attendance at:
 - Christmas Play
 - Christmas Carol Service
 - Spring Concert
 - Stringed Instrument concert
 - Leavers Assembly
 - Yr 1 Open Day
- Weekly updates of the school website www.walkermemorialps.co.uk
- The use of school text messaging service for parents.

WALKER MEMORIAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP 2016/2017

Chairperson

Mrs K Rainey Mob: 078143055733

Treasurer

Mrs H Beckett Mob: 079 9969 8786

Secretary

Mrs C Devlin: 078 7648 2023

The Parent Support Group had a successful year and the Governors would like to thank them for all their hard work in raising funds for new Playhouse and bird feeders, transport for school trips and additional resources required throughout the year.

PREMISES

During the year, EA - Southern Region Maintenance carried out minor improvements when needed.

MEMORABLE EVENTS

See events log attached

Money Raised:

Craft Sale - £203.70

Big Breakfast - £1113.46

Save the Children - £180.09

Poppy Appeal - £123.30

Christmas Concert/Play - £366.52

Bag Packing - £343

Spring Concert - £216.00

Cookstown Recyclers - £104.00

Donations Received:

Davison's Castlecaulfield - £90.01

Horticultural Society - £200.00

St Vincent de Paul - £500.00

Horticultural Society - £50.00

The Board of Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support, throughout the year, in all areas of school life.

5.9.16	Photographs	Whole School	
6.9.16	Yr 4-5	Intro Tennis 9.45 RB	CF & RB
13.9.16	Yr 4-5	Tennis 3-4pm (6wks £20)	RB
27.9.16	Yr2- 3	2-2.45 (4wks £18)	
30.9.16	Yr 1-3 Yr 4-7	9.15 20-30mins NSPCC 9.45 20-30 mins	
7.10.16	Yr 1-7	Harvest Visit St. Michaels 10am	All staff
12.10.16	Tr1-7	Dr. Glenda Walsh 9.15am	LP
12.10.16	Yr 6/7	11-12 NSPCC- Speak out Stay Safe	
14.10.16	Assembly	CEF	CF & DL
21.10.16	Final tennis	Teddy 2-2.45 Tennis 3-4	
10.11.16	Hidden Harm	3.15-4 87753228	All staff
14.11.16	Hidden Harm	Yr 6/7	LP
17.11.16		Library Visit 1.15-1.30	Whole school
2.12.16	Yr 1-7	Cinderella: Bardic Theatre 10.15am	All staff
7.12.12	Yr1-7	Christmas Play 7pm	All staff
12.12.16	Yr 6/7	Aughnacloy College Talk 9.30am	LP
13.12.16	Choir	Glenview 11-12	LP/CF
14.12.16	Choir	Tesco - Carol Singing 11.00 am	LP/JH
15.12.16	Open Day	9.15-10.45 Yr 1	HB
20.12.16	Yr 1-7	Carol Service St.Michaels 11am	All staff
6.1.17	Yr6/7	Drumglass HS Transfer 10am	LP
11.1.17	ICD	11.15 Visit Yr 6/7	JH
16.1.17	Football	Judith Reid	Yr 4-7
20.1.17	Tri-County Football	10am Lough View	LP
24.1.17		Stephen Rice ICD 11-11.45	Yr5/6
25.1.17	ICD	Open Day Yr 7 All day	
26.1.17	RSD Open Morning	Yr 7 9-11	
31.1.17	CPD	QE II PS 3-5pm AAIS-Alicia Hughes	JH, DL & RF
2.2.17	CPD	Maralin PS Yr 1	HB & LP
7.2.17	SID Tri-County Football Art/Technology	Whole School 10am Lough View 3-4.30pm ICD Yr 5, 6 & 7 (1)	All staff LP HB/CF
9.2.17	ACE	Catching them Being Good 3.15-4.30; Shauneen 37412830	All Staff
10.2.17	Assembly	CEF	
21.2.17	Yr 5-7	ICD Technology/Art	HB/CF
23.2.17	ACE	Catching them Being Good 3.15-4.30	All Staff
24.2.17	Netball	Dungannon LC 10-12	LP
28.2.17	Festival Infants Girls Football	St. Anne's Church Hall 9.30	HB & DL

	E-Safety	Mid-Ulster Sports Arena Yr 5, 6 & 7 BEAM & PSNI Yr 6/7 1.30-2.45	LP
1.3.17	World Book Day	Book Swap & Sale	Whole school
3.3.17	Festival Jnrs	St. Annes Church Hall 10.30	LP & CF
8.3.17	ABANA Choir	Presbyterian Church Hall 10am	Whole school
15.3.17	Planting & Harvesting	Eco Team with Horticultural society	2.15-3pm
16.3.17	Dodgeball	Yr 6/7 Ruth Brown 11-11.45	JH
22.3.17	Time Steps	Egyptians Yr 6/7 10	JH
23.3.17	Fire & Rescue BST	Yr 4/5 9.30-10.15 Consultation-Claire Donnelly 9.30am	CF LP & HB
24.3.17	Netball Blitz	Dungannon LC 9.30 -2	LP
6.4.17	Yr4-7	Spring Concert	7pm
7.4.17	ECO	Big Spring Clean	Yr1-7
24.4.17	Yr 1-7	Hope for Youth Ministries 11-11.45	
10.5.17	Yr 4-6	Stringed Instrument Concert	CF
11.5.17	LP	SDP Cluster 9.30 WMPs BPOL & DPS	Staff Room
16.5.17	McDonalds	Litter Picking/Horticultural Society Yr 2/3	DL & RP
17.5.17	Group in school	Tots & Co Open Morning 10-12	LP
18.5.17	Tri-County	Football Fun Day: MUSA	CF
19.5.17	Yr4/5	Navan Centre Trip 9.30-1	CF
31.5.17	ACE	Listening Skills YR 1 1.20pm Shauneen McDaid PRSD 4.15	HB LP
1.6.17	Sports Day	Whole School	
2.6.17	Yr4-7	Tennis @ Ballytrea PS	LP
5.6.17	Tennis	11am	RB
7.6.17	Open Day ACE	9.30-10.30 Listening Skills Yr 1 1.20pm	HB HB
14.6.17	ACE	Listening Skills 9.15am Walled Garden 2-3pm	HB LP & DL
15.6.17	GEDA	Bridge Building Yr 7	TBC
16.6.17	Yr 6	Aughnacloy College Activity Day	LP
19.6.17	Yr 7	RSD-Taster Morning 9.45-12.30pm	
21.6.17	ACE	Listening Skills Yr 1 9.15	HB
22.6.17	Super Six	Swifts 9.45-1.30	JH
27.6.17	Yr 7	Prize Day/Leavers Assembly	
28.6.17	ACE	Listening Skills Yr 1 9.15	HB