

# **St Dallan's Primary School Warrenpoint**



## **Principal's Report to the Board of Governors**

**SCHOOL YEAR:  
2017-2018**

## **ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT**

We are a Catholic Maintained School, under the Trusteeship of Warrenpoint Parish. The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the effective management of the school. Its membership consists of nominees of the Trustees, nominees of the Education Authority, a nominee of the Department of Education, a teacher representative and a parent representative. The Principal is also a member. The Board, therefore, represents all the main interests concerned with the school.

### **ST DALLAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

#### **REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRUSTEES**

|                           |      |                                      |
|---------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|
| Mr W Reilly               | 2014 | Chairperson                          |
| Very Rev. Canon J Kearney | 2006 |                                      |
| Mr H Carr                 | 2010 |                                      |
| Mrs P McCourt             | 2006 | Designated Child Protection Governor |

#### **APPOINTED BY THE EDUCATION AUTHORITY**

|            |      |
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| Mr G Gaw   | 2006 |
| Mr M Ruane | 2010 |

#### **APPOINTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR N. IRELAND**

|               |      |
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| Mr D Wolinski | 2014 |
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#### **TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE**

|                 |      |
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| Miss H Johnston | 2014 |
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#### **PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

|               |      |
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| Mrs H Carvill | 2014 |
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#### **SECRETARY**

|                   |                          |
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| Mrs K McDonald VP | 2015 (Non voting member) |
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#### **PRINCIPAL**

|               |                     |
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| Mrs U Farrell | (Non voting member) |
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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the Governors and Staff of  
St Dallan's Primary School aim to provide a  
child-centred, safe, caring environment where  
every child is valued and nurtured to enable  
each to realise their own greatness and strive to  
fulfil their potential.*

# Principal's Report 2017/2018

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## 1. **INTRODUCTION:**

Mrs McDonald was appointed as Vice Principal in September 2005 and was Acting Principal from 1 February 2014 to 30 September 2014. Mrs U Farrell was appointed as principal 1 October 2014.

A reorganisation of the Management Structure was started with a proposed structure agreed by the Board of Governors, CCMS and the teaching staff of the school. Appointments to put this in place have begun.

## 2. **STATISTICS:**

Our school's enrolment figures are as follows:

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Enrolment number | 697 |
| Admission number | 100 |

The average class size is 26.4

|                    |                 |                  |            |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>School Year</b> | <b>Staffing</b> | <b>Enrolment</b> | <b>PTR</b> |
| 2017/2018          | 21.8            | 508              | 23.30      |

### **Pupils' Attendance:**

2017/2018: 93.7%

The average for Northern Ireland primary schools for 2017/2018 was 94.9%.

### **School Meals:**

On average 250 pupils take school meals daily

141 pupils are entitled to free school meals (27.75 % of school population have FSME)

## 3. **ACCOMMODATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

24 classrooms

Principal's Office

Vice Principal's Office

1 multi purpose room/music room (also used for EA Music Tuition)

1 fully equipped library

6 resource areas:

- P1 resource area for the development of the curriculum in the Foundation Stage
- P2 resource area for the development of the curriculum in the Foundation Stage
- Occupational Therapy Room. A number of our pupils receive daily occupational therapy sessions from our Classroom Assistants under the guidance of the Occupational Health Services.
- 3 areas set up as KS2 teaching areas for small groups of pupils as a shared area.

**Room 9 and Room 23:** Reading Rooms. These rooms house an extensive range of levelled reading books accessed by pupils in KS1 and KS2.

**Room 27:** SENCo's Room. This room is used by the Special Needs Co-ordinator and enables her to undertake her administrative duties and provide support to special needs pupils. Much use is made of this room as a staff room as it has an interactive whiteboard.

**Room 10:** Our Garden Room for P2/3 provides the unique facility which allows parents to leave their younger child/children who finish school at 2.15pm, to be kept under supervision until an older sibling is dismissed at 3pm. The cost to the parents is £1.50 daily and these funds are used to provide a snack for the pupils and to resource this room with suitable toys and games.

**Room 12:** Our Garden Room for P1 provides the unique facility which allows parents to leave their younger child/children who finish school at 2.15pm, to be kept under supervision until an older sibling is dismissed at 3pm. The cost to the parents is £1.50 daily and these funds are used to provide a snack for the pupils and to resource this room with suitable toys and games.

#### **4. STAFFING:**

##### **Teaching Staff**

The staffing in St Dallan's in 2017/2018 was as follows:

Principal  
Vice Principal  
17 Full Time Teachers (including one teacher on career break)  
5 part time teachers

##### **Teachers' Attendance**

The Department of Education requires the Principal's Report to include information regarding staff attendance.

The overall attendance of teachers was excellent. One teacher was on a career break and two teachers were on maternity leave for part of this school year.

##### **Auxiliary Staff – Non Teaching**

|  |    |                                      |
|--|----|--------------------------------------|
| Executive Officer                              | 1  |                                      |
| Senior Clerical Officer                        | 1  |                                      |
| Clerical Officer                               | 1  |                                      |
| Classroom Assistants (P1 MAGS)                 | 2  | } Some assistants hold several posts |
| Classroom Assistants (P2 MAGS)                 | 3  |                                      |
| Classroom Assistant General                    | 1  |                                      |
| Classroom Assistants Special Educational Needs | 12 |                                      |

##### **Ancillary Staff**

In addition, the school has:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Lunch time supervisors        | 7 (some supervisory are also classroom assistants) |
| Cleaners                      | 3  |
| Caretaker/Building Supervisor | 1  |

## **Peripatetic Support**

For:      Hearing impaired  
         A range of pupils with learning difficulties  
         Speech and Language  
         Occupational Therapy  
         SpLD Service (Dyslexia)  
         Autism  
         Behaviour Management  
         Literacy

## **5. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS:**

The school's policy on Special Needs follows the guidance and requirements set out in the Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Special Educational Needs. [Education NI] Order1996.

The identification of pupils with educational needs is part of the early intervention programme in the early years when pupils are placed on the Special Needs Register and a special programme of work, (IEP) is set in place to address their particular needs. All teachers and support staff have had training in the implementation of the school's Special Needs Policy.

Number of pupils on Special Needs Register:

|                  | <b>Stage 1-4</b> | <b>Stage 5</b> | <b>%</b> |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| <b>2017/2018</b> | 80               | 16             | 19%      |

## **PUPILS WITH ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE:**

The status of these pupils changed. Since 2010 the term 'Newcomer' is applied to pupils who have been enrolled in school in Northern Ireland for less than 2 years. Only 'Newcomer' pupils are funded by DE.

| <b>2017/ 2018</b> | <b>Bulgarian</b> | <b>Cantonese</b> | <b>French</b> | <b>Hungarian</b> | <b>Latvian</b> | <b>Lithuanian</b> | <b>Polish</b> | <b>Romanian</b> | <b>Russian</b> | <b>Slovakian</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                   | 8                | 1                | 2             | 1                | 2              | 17                | 20            | 2               | 1              | 1                | 55           |

## 6. STAFF AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT:

### **Courses attended by Principal, VP, Teachers and Subject Co-ordinators 2017/2018:**

| <b>Teacher</b>  | <b>Year Group</b> | <b>Date</b>      | <b>Course Attended</b>                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Mrs Duffy       | P3                | 30/08/18         | Centralised Health Awareness Training    |
| Mrs Main        | P2                | 30/08/18         | Centralised Health Awareness Training    |
| Mrs Farrell     | Principal         | 09/10/17         | Assessment and Evaluation Frameworks     |
| Miss Fegan      | P4                | 10/10/17         | EPD                                      |
| Miss Murphy     | P3                | 10/10/17         | EPD                                      |
| Mrs Kelly       | P7                | 12/10/17         | Recording CEFR Assessment Using SIMS     |
| Miss Johnston   | P5                | 12/10/17         | Recording CEFR Assessment Using SIMS     |
| All Teachers    | P1-P7             | 23/10/17         | EA, CEFR training                        |
| Mrs McDonald    | VP                | 06/11/2017       | ICT training                             |
| All Teachers    | P1-P4             | 04/12/17         | REIM Training                            |
| Mrs Connell     | P1                | 05/12/17         | First Aid Refresher Training             |
| Mrs Fitzpatrick | P4                | 05/12/17         | First Aid Refresher Training             |
| Mrs Daly        | P7                | 10/01/18         | Literacy & Numeracy Cluster training     |
| Mrs Fitzpatrick | P4                | 10/01/18         | Literacy & Numeracy Cluster training     |
| Mrs McGreevy    | P2                | 25/01/18         | Using ICT (also on 08/02, 22/02 & 01/03) |
| Mrs Morgan      | P5                | 29/01/18         | CPD Literacy                             |
| Miss Fegan      | P4                | 06/02/18         | EPD                                      |
| Miss Murphy     | P3                | 06/02/18         | EPD                                      |
| Mrs Kelly       | P7                | 21 &<br>26/02/18 | Digital Literacy CPD Project             |
| Mrs Farrell     | Principal         | 27/02/18         | CCMS, Principals' Meeting                |
| Mrs Farrell     | Principal         | 28/02/18         | C2k training                             |
| Mrs McDonald    | VP                | 28/02/18         | C2k training                             |
| Miss Fegan      | P4                | 06/03/18         | EPD                                      |
| Miss Murphy     | P3                | 06/03/18         | EPD                                      |
| Mrs Lunny       | P7                | 06/03/18         | Literacy & Numeracy CPD Project          |
| Mrs Morgan      | P5                | 06/03/18         | Literacy & Numeracy CPD Project          |
| Mrs Kelly       | P7                | 06/03/18         | Digital Literacy CPD Project             |
| Mrs McDonald    | VP                | 06/03/18         | EITP LAC Education Project               |
| Mrs Russell     | SENCo             | 08/03/18         | SEND Act Updates on Implementation       |
| Mrs Farrell     | Principal         | 08/03/18         | SEND Act Updates on Implementation       |
| Miss Dunne      | P2                | 13/03/18         | EPD                                      |
| Mrs Morgan      | P5                | 13/03/18         | CPD Literacy                             |
| Mrs Lunny       | P7                | 14/03/18         | CPD Numeracy                             |
| Mrs McGreevy    | P2                | 13/04/18         | FS Co-ordinator - Capacity Building      |
| Mrs Farrell     | Principal         | 26/04/18         | Headspace Conference                     |
| Mrs McDonald    | VP                | 07/06/18         | Child Protection training                |
| Mrs McGreevy    | P2                | 12/06/18         | ICT training                             |



## Courses attended by Non-Teaching Staff 2017/2018:

| Name         | Year Group | Date     | Course Attended                       |
|--------------|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Miss Collins | P2         | 30/08/17 | Centralised Health Awareness Training |
| Mrs Burke    | P7         | 30/08/17 | Centralised Health Awareness Training |
| Miss Hughes  | P4         | 30/08/17 | Centralised Health Awareness Training |
| Mrs Torley   | Office     | 14/12/17 | C2k training                          |
| Mrs Torley   | Office     | 18/05/18 | C2k Training, End of Year Overview    |
| Mrs Torley   | Office     | 06/06/18 | iProcurement Requisitioner Training   |

## Use of School Development Days 2017/2018:

| Date of school development day<br><i>Where a date is not finalised, please state month or term if possible</i> | School development priority/ focus for staff development on this day |
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| <b>‘BAKER DAYS’: 5 ‘Baker Days’ should be planned</b>  |  |
| 1. 29 August 2017  | Catholic Ethos/Bishop's Conference                                   |
| 2. 30 August 2017  | Teaching and Learning/Effective Use of Data/SDP                      |
| 3. 31 August 2017  | TPSC/Writing   |
| 4. 1 November 2017   | SDP (Audit) WAU  |
| 5. to be arranged  | Catholic Ethos   |
| <b>SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (SDDs): Up to 5 ‘exceptional closure’ days may be taken</b>                         |  |
| 1. 2 October 2017  | Active Learning/Marking Policy/ICT                                   |
| 2. 13 November 2017  | Parent/Teacher Interviews  |
| 3. 5 January 2018  | To be arranged   |
| 4. 6 January 2018  | To be arranged   |
| 5. 29 May 2018   | Report Writing   |

In-House Training provided by SLT, EA and other outside agencies.

## **7. Educational Visits & Outreach Programmes 2017/2018**

- Primary 1: Gosford Forest Park, Teddy Bears' Picnic  
Visit from Fire Service Officer  
Visit to Fire Station  
Visit from PSNI  
Corn Dolly
- Primary 2: 'Food in the Past', Navan Fort, Navan Centre  
Healthy Action Heroes, Action Cancer  
Clonallon Park  
Mary Queen of Peace  
Eurospar
- Primary 3: Woodland Trail, Slieve Gullion Forest Park  
Healthy Action Heroes, Action Cancer  
Narrow Water Castle
- Primary 4: Insect Safari, Castlewellan Park  
Library Familiarisation programme
- Primary 5: Armagh Planetarium  
Food and Fitness, NI Dairy Council  
Farm to Fork, Tesco
- Primary 6: 'Extreme Weather' W5 at Odyssey, Belfast  
Food and Fitness, NI Dairy Council  
Sustainability Trail, Tesco  
Ulster Wildlife  
PSNI - Internet Safety
- Primary 7: Pantomime: 'Peter Pan', Grand Opera House, Belfast  
GAA Health and Wellbeing Day  
P7 Retreat Day  
PSNI - Internet Safety  
Love for Life Programme  
'Life Below Stairs', Castleward  
St Colman's School Production 'Joseph'  
St Colman's College Science outreach programme

## **8 After-School Activities:**

The health and wellbeing of the pupils form an integral part of the school's sporting provision. There were many after-school activities offered by the teachers of St Dallan's, GAA coaches and other providers, these included:

Basketball  
Camogie  
Choir  
Cross country running

Gaelic football for boys and girls  
Gaelic Club  
Gardening Club  
Hip Hop  
Hurling  
ICT Coding Club  
Literacy and Numeracy Clubs  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Tin Whistle  
Coding Club

The Primary Five pupils participated in Queen's University research project 'Healthy Kidz Programme'. Pupils completed a variety physical activities and completed questionnaires about her levels of activity throughout a typical week in school and at home at the beginning of term 1 and these tasks were then repeated at the end of term 3. The school completed a comprehensive questionnaire about St Dallan's Physical Activity policy.

Once again, every child from Primary 1 to Primary 7 was given the opportunity to avail of the activity pertaining to their year group.

## **9. Sports:**

To further complement the delivery of the Northern Ireland PE Curriculum the following activities are developed within the school:

### **Gaelic Games**

- As well as the GAA coaching provided by GAA coaches through the County Board, all of our pupils from P1-P7 received coaching at a range of levels. This includes coaching in Gaelic Football for boys and girls, hurling and camogie.
- Our Girls Gaelic Team also enjoyed coaching from our staff Miss H Johnston and Mrs J Gilbey.
- We performed extremely well in the Down GAA Schools' Draw in 2017 when they exceeded their target in selling raffle tickets. The money from this raffle was used by the Down GAA County Board to pay for the Down GAA Coaches who visited St Dallan's throughout the academic year.
- Mr Rice & Mr Lively continued to take Football in St Dallan's on afternoons for Primary 5-7 boys throughout the whole school year.
- Hurling coaching took place throughout the academic year from October through to June. This was co-ordinated by Chris Rooney and assisted by Eugene McConville & Mr Rice.
- Camogie coaching took place in the 3rd term from April through to June. This was co-ordinated by Yvonne McFerran and assisted by the camogie coaches from Cumann Pheadair Naofa.
- The culmination of the after school Hurling & Camogie coaching was an inter school Hurling Blitz which was hosted by Cumann Pheadair Naofa at Milltown in June with participants from St Dallan's and Carrick Primary School.

•In addition, St Dallan's availed of the coaching provided by Ulster GAA Hurling Development Coach Ryan Gaffney who provided a 6 week coaching programme for P3 children at St Dallan's in the first term of 2017.

•The Annual GAA Health and Wellbeing Day for Primary 7 took place in May 2017. The theme of the GAA Health & Wellbeing Day focused on the promotion of healthy lifestyles. During the day the pupils had a workshop from two officers from Ulster GAA Council, who delivered a very informative Health & Wellbeing seminar. Cumann Pheadair Naofa school liaison officer, Brigid Carr, had the difficult task of judging 62 designs in a specially commissioned P7 GAA art competition relating to the Feile competition. Coaching was a major focus of the GAA Day with pupils receiving coaching in Football, Camogie, Hurling, Handball, Rounders and Ladies Gaelic Football.

In addition to the above, our pupils also had the opportunity to participate in:

The Irish Cultural Quiz team won the Peter Walsh Shield in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz final and represented Down in the Ulster Final in Monaghan.

the Irish Dancing Section of Warrenpoint Feis

Inter-Schools Tennis Championship

the Newry and Mourne Primary Schools Cross Country Championships in Kilbroney Park

### ***Sports Day***

On Friday 16 June St Dallan's held the annual whole school Sports Day. Staff, pupils and parents gathered at Milltown Playing Fields for the event which saw P1-7 children enjoying whole school Sports Day together. Warrenpoint Football Club gave us full access and use of their premises. Friends of St Dallan's organised the sale of tea/coffee and refreshments and the school organised a tuck shop. Throughout the day, the PSNI helped us with traffic control. Colm Fitzpatrick from Timoney's kindly dished up 500 free ice-creams and Boylan's Electrical supplied the tannoy system for the day. Euro-Spar sponsored water for all of the children. A great day was had by all.

## **10. Music and Drama:**

### **❖ St Dallan's School Choir:**

The school choir was led this year by Miss Patterson, supported by Miss Dunne and under the direction of Mrs McDonald. The number of children attending choir this year was approximately 60 members from P5, P6 and P7. The choir was accompanied by a variety of musicians on different occasions including Mr Danny O'Neill, Oisín McCann, Patrick Coyle and Judith Quinn. This year, the profile of the School Choir was raised very highly within the community of Warrenpoint and Newry. For the first time in a few years, the choir took part in the Choral Section of Warrenpoint Feis, a wonderful experience for the children. The choir came in second place in a Competition involving five other choir local choirs, a great achievement for the pupils. The choir were also invited to sing in Debenhams in Newry during two VIP Promotional evenings both in December and June. At our last school assembly of the year, the choir performed a range of their repertoire for the whole school, showcasing their hard work from the whole year! This was excellent 'internal' promotion for the choir and we are expecting a large volume of children to join the choir in September 2018!

The choir took part in many local events also which included:

- First Confession
- The Service of Light
- The Christmas Carol Service in Mary Queen of Peace
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation
- The Yuletide Fayre (Warrenpoint Square)
- Local Nursing Homes
- Debenhams VIP Evenings (December and June)

### **St Dallan's Choral Speakers:**

Our Choral Speaking group, led by Mrs Gilsenan, gained 1<sup>st</sup> place at Warrenpoint Feis and were invited back to perform again at the presentation evening to close the Speech and Drama section.

### **St Dallan's Productions:**

Our Christmas play this year was produced by our Primary 3 teachers, Miss Brown, Mrs Gilsenan, Mrs Bottell and Miss Murphy, the production was 'Gabriel's Big Break'. It was performed during the day for our own pupils with one evening performance for our families and friends. We invited the pupils from Seaview Nursery to attend the morning show; they came along with their principal Mrs Magennis, their teachers and assistants.

Our end of year production with our Primary 7 pupils this year was 'Snow White'. It was produced and directed by Mrs Kelly, Mrs Daly and Mrs Lunny. The matinees were attended by our own pupils, with pupils from Dromore Road Primary School attending our final matinee. The show ran across two nights, with both nights being sold out. Members of our Board of Governors, invited guests and staff were invited to some refreshments in the staffroom after the final show.

### **Instrumental Tuition:**

The EA Music Service provided music tuition in a wide range of orchestral instruments for Key Stage 2 pupils.

|         |                 |              |
|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| Tutors: | Mrs D Finnerty  | Harp         |
|         | Mr J Mulholland | Woodwind     |
|         | Mr P Benson     | Brass        |
|         | Mrs N Curran    | Cello        |
|         | Mrs B Brien     | Violin/Viola |

### **Music in school**

Mrs McDonald worked with pupils from P5, P6 and P7 to create an ensemble who played at both First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. She also brought together pupils to form a traditional group who were part of our St Patrick's Day celebrations in school.

### **Warrenpoint Feis**

In St Dallan's PS we continue to promote and value the importance of our pupils being involved in Warrenpoint Feis. We are very proud of all our pupils and believe as a school that as well as it being a traditionally cultural event, participation in the Feis greatly enhances the self-confidence of our pupils.

- ❖ Approximately 100 pupils from both Key Stage 1 and 2 participated in the Music and Speech and Drama Sections of Warrenpoint Feis.
- ❖ Many of these pupils were awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medals and 'Highly Commended' certificates.

## **School Events**

Within the school year we are always striving to find opportunities to show the talent of our children as well as helping the children perform to a variety of audiences. This year we invited our parents to attend our P1 Assembly – St Patrick and our P2 Assembly – St Brigid. Through these assemblies the children told the story of some of Ireland's most famous saints using music, drama and dance. The feedback from parents, family and friends was excellent and families enjoyed the chance to see the children, meet with the teachers and assistants and have some refreshments with each other. We hope to extend this opportunity into all year groups across the school.

## **11. Links with Parents:**

The school enjoys a very positive relationship with the parents and is constantly seeking ways to involve parents as partners in their children's learning and in the life of the school. Links with parents throughout 2017/2018 included:

- Open Day
- P1 Induction Day
- Formal Parent/Teacher interviews, Term 1
- The Sacraments
- P1 St Patrick's Day Assembly
- P2 St Brigid's Day Assembly
- P3 Nativity Play – 'Gabriel's Big Break'
- End of School Year P7 Production 'Snow White'
- School assemblies P1 – P7
- Book Fair, Term 1
- Transfer Interviews with P7 parents
- Annual Reviews, SN pupils
- P7 Leavers' Mass and refreshments afterwards

The school promotes an 'open door' policy to parents. Teachers are always willing to facilitate an appointment for parents at any time during the school year.

The parents are kept up to date with notices, recent events, school celebrations and successes etc via the school website.

## **Family Friendly Provision**

Supervision is in place from 8.30am each morning for parents who may wish to drop off their children early.

Our Garden Room facility for pupils in P1, 2 & 3 who wish to stay on after 2.00pm to wait for an older brother or sister in P4-P7 is still in place. This supervised extension to the school provision is very popular with parents. Many parents have taken the time to extend their personal thanks to the school. We very much appreciate this gesture. The cost to the parent is £1.50 per day and these funds contribute towards providing a daily snack for the pupils and resources for the Garden Room.

Our Sunflower Club is a means to try and assist with families' expensive childcare costs and to create greater flexibility for parents. This facility provides positive experiences and promotes children's opportunities to develop in a safe, caring and familiar setting. Three sessions are offered as follows:

- 3.00pm to 4.30pm costing approximately £5.00
- 3.00pm to 5.45pm costing approximately £8.50
- 4.00pm to 5.45pm costing approximately £5.00

The Sunflower Club is staffed by our own Classroom Assistants and has been a very successful venture.

### **School Funds**

Throughout the school year a number of events were held to generate money for school funds. These included Christmas and Easter raffles, non-uniform day, Halloween Spook Fest, GAA draw, sponsored walk, toy sale, Snowman Soup and a cake sale.

From these funds expenditure included:

- P3 Christmas Play and P7 end of year production (sound system, costumes, hire of microphones, stage erection and dismantling, lighting, etc)
- iPads for pupils
- School Furniture

### **Friends of St Dallan's Fundraising Committee**

Our Friends of St Dallan's Fundraising Committee raised funds at the Quiz Night, with Smarties Tubes, A Night at the Races etc for new interactive whiteboards and PE equipment.

## **12. Links with the Community:**

- Ulster Council GAA FUNDamentals Project
- Down GAA Primary Schools Draw
- WBR Credit Union Quiz (hosted by St Dallan's)
- Involvement in NM&DDC Schools Environmental Calendar
- Yuletide Fayre
- School Mass to mark the start of the new school year/First Friday Masses
- Visit to/from local businesses
- Visit to Post Office
- Visit to Library
- Visit from local Fire Service

- Visit from local PSNI officer
- Primary 7 Leavers' Mass
- Health Service (whole school flu vaccination)

At Parish level, pupils from St Dallan's are involved in:

- Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, Service of Light and Confirmation
- Children from P4-P7 participating in the Sunday 10.00am Family Mass throughout the year
- Christmas Carol Service
- Reading at 10am Family Mass
- Holy Week – Stations of the Cross
- Many of our pupils are altar servers

### **13. Links with Other Schools:**

The school endeavours to build relationships with schools within the community and beyond. Throughout 2017/2018, St Dallan's was involved with the work of other schools through:

- St Colman's College Science Outreach Programme for P7 pupils
- St Louis Grammar School Technology Challenge
- Abbey Grammar School and visit from Principal
- St Mark's Open Day and visit from Vice Principals
- St Mark's Induction Day for Primary 7 pupils
- Post primary pupils from St Mark's, St Louis, St Colman's, Sacred Heart and Our Lady's Grammar School came to St Dallan's on work experience
- Students from St Mary's University on teaching practice
- Transition Programme with St Mark's High School
- Extended Schools Programme with St Mark's, Dromore Road, Kilbroney Integrated, St Bronagh's Rostrevor
- CPD Cluster with South Down/South Armagh

### **14. Charities and Fundraising:**

To enable the pupils to have an awareness of the needs of others the school was involved in fundraising for charities including:

- |                         |                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Southern Area Hospice | £100 (Walk of Life - Paul Murphy) |
| • NSPCC                 | £535 donations from pupils        |
| • Trocaire              | £500                              |
| • Samaritan's Purse:    | £415 donations & 303 Shoeboxes    |
| • Daisy Lodge           | £510                              |

### **15. Visitors to the School:**

Regular visitors to the school included:

- EA Music Service
- EA Maintenance and Contractors



- EA Behaviour Support Team, Sensory Support Team, SPLD Team, OT support, Educational Psychologist, RISE Team
- C2K
- Capita
- Imex
- Peripatetic Support Services
- Post Primary Principals
- GAA coaches/sports coaches
- School Photographer
- Local Press Photographers
- School Nurse
- Social Services
- Canon John Kearney
- Paul O'Reilly, Legion of Mary
- Sister Mercedes Coen (Diocesan Advisor)
- Brian Downey of Friar Tucks & Colm Fitzpatrick of Timoney's Ice Cream
- Mrs B Carr, St Peter's GAA Club School Liaison Officer
- Samaritan's Purse, Shoebox Appeal
- NSPCC
- Homestart

The visits made by these people greatly enhance the children's experiences of school life.

Mrs Una Farrell, the Principal, would like to thank Mr W. Reilly and the members of the Board of Governors for their support over the year.

She would also like to thank Mrs K McDonald, Vice Principal,

Teaching Staff:

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| Mrs S Bottell     | Mrs R Connell    |
| Mrs B Daly        | Mrs C Hope       |
| Mrs S Doolan      | Mrs C Duffy      |
| Mrs S Fitzpatrick | Mrs P Gilsenan   |
| Miss H Johnston   | Mrs N Kelly      |
| Mrs E Lunny       | Mrs K Main       |
| Mrs F McGreevy    | Mrs M Morgan     |
| Mrs A McNeill     | Miss C Murphy    |
| Mrs C O'Neill     | Miss E Patterson |
| Mr B Rice         | Mrs T Rice       |
| Mrs A Russell     | Mrs E Treanor    |

Office Staff:

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| Mrs H Annett | Senior Clerical Officer |
| Miss N Quinn | Clerical Officer        |
| Mrs P Torley | Executive Officer       |

Classroom Assistants:

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| Mrs A Beggs    | Mrs B Burke    |
| Miss L Cleland | Miss P Collins |
| Mrs C Higgins  | Mrs J Gilbey   |
| Miss S Hughes  | Mrs J Hunter   |
| Mrs S Love     | Mrs M McEvoy   |
| Mrs A Murphy   | Mrs B O'Connor |
| Ms V O'Hanlon  | Mrs C O'Hare   |
| Mrs M Weir     | Mrs G O'Hare   |
| Miss S Magee   |                |

Lunch Time Supervisors:

|                  |             |
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| Mrs D McAllister | Mrs A Moore |
| Mrs A Poland     |             |

Caretaker:

Mr G Dixon

Cleaners:

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| Ms B Achteik     | Mr K Majewski |
| Ms A Zawistowska |               |

as well as Fiona Johnston Catering Manager and the kitchen staff.

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