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SAINT MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRANEMORE

ANNUAL REPORT

2012-2013

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Saint Mary's Primary School, Granemore

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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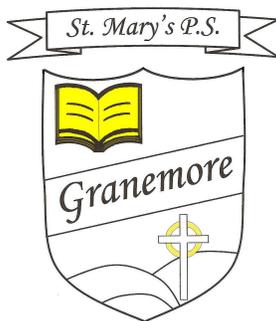
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PRINCIPAL

Mr Patrick Mallon (Principal, St. Mary's)
Mr Paul Hart (Principal St. Michael's)

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GOVERNOR'S REPORT 2012/13

Dear Parents

Please find enclosed the Governor's Report for the school year 2012/13. I hope you find it reassuring and informative. The Board of Governors urges you to study the report carefully. It is a record of endeavour and achievement during the past academic year. Parents, pupils, staff and the Principal deserve credit for their hard work and effort put in throughout the year.

Should you require clarification of any aspect of the report please forward your request to the principal in writing.

This Board of Governors is responsible for the overall management of St. Mary's PS Granemore. I want to record my special thanks to all my colleagues on the Board of Governors. During this past year they have worked very hard, in what is an entirely voluntary capacity, on a board which meets regularly, both in plenary and sub-committee sessions, in the service of your children.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I wish to thank you for your support in the past and I look forward to your continued interest. I would also like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all board members for their dedication and for giving so freely of their time.

Yours sincerely

Joe Mc Gleenan

(Chairman)

ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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The Board of Governors of Saint Mary's Primary School supported by the Catholic Council for Maintained Schools (CCMS), the Southern Education and Library Board (SELB) and the Education and Training Inspectorate take responsibility for the smooth running of the school.

During the school year the Board of Governors must meet at least three times per year. They receive up to date reports by the Principal and discuss and direct school business. The governors wish to take this opportunity to thank CCMS and the SELB for their much-valued support throughout the year.

What are the main responsibilities of the Board of governors?

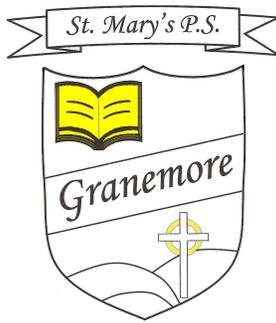
The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. Some of their duties and responsibilities are:

- 1 Overseeing of the curriculum
- 2 The control of the budget
- 3 The provision of information to parents
- 4 The appointment and dismissal of staff
- 5 The maintenance of the premises (shared with SELB)
- 6 Fostering links with the local community and pursuing objectives of mutual understanding
- 7 Discipline and control.

THE CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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Under the Education Reform Order the responsibility of Governors for the curriculum i.e. what is taught in the school, has been increased. The day-to-day organisation of the curriculum remains the Principal's responsibility. The governors' control of the curriculum is, however, determined by legislation.

It is our responsibility to ensure that a broad and balanced learning experience is provided for all pupils. The school continues to develop its curriculum provision; policies have now been completed in a wide range of subjects and will be reviewed where necessary.

As part of our development plan for 2012-13 teachers have been engaged in a range of initiatives which were supported by in-service training programmes. These have included:

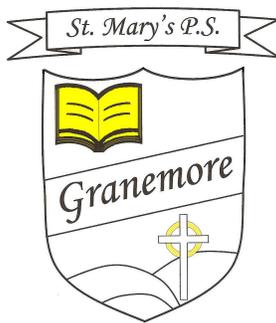
Curriculum and Management;

1. LITERACY – Coordinator to look at Framework for each class and overall planning audit. Close monitoring of linguistic/spelling progress Completed
2. NUMERACY – Time allocated for mental maths each day Completed
3. Assessment of the Cross Curricular Skills – Training and impact on T/L Completed
4. World Around Us – Audit of current practice – planning, resourcing, time devoted – Begin to look at new topics which will embrace a strong science/technology theme allowing for TSPC to be developed Ongoing
5. ASSESSMENT: Target Setting – Looking at SEN, under achievers and over achievers – IQ and Standardised Scores Completed
6. ICT Accreditation P4-P7 – Consolidate what was achieved in P4-7 in 2011/12 and disseminate to other classes. Completed

We have continued to develop skills and resources in Information and Communication Technology throughout the year. Recent equipment has included two new Apple ipads and a New Interactive White Board. All classrooms have access to the internet and appropriate software to support the curriculum.

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All teaching staff participated in "Performance Review and Staff Development". This entailed all teaching staff setting targets which were closely monitored throughout the year.

We worked closely with members of the CASS advisory and support services of the SELB throughout the year and value the high standard of service provided

Outstanding issues to be addressed in next years plan as a result of SDD 2012-13 review:

1. Assessing the impact of Reading Partnership

Baker Days and School Development Days 2012-13

Thursday 30th August – Computer Based Assessment Training

Thursday 1st November – Cross Curricular Skills Assessment

Friday 21st December – Developing Two Weekly Plans

Friday 4th January – c2k Implementation

Monday 27th May – Self Evaluation

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ATTENDANCE

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school and arrive on time for lessons. We acknowledge parent's contribution in the school's good attendance rate of 96.4%. As part of our Child Protection and Pastoral Care Practice we advise parents not to send children who are ill to school, as other children or staff may be exposed to infection.

NEW INITIATIVES 2012-13

The school remain committed to providing a broad range of activities for the children. We feel this will equip them for challenges that they will meet in later life. In 2012-13 we introduced a number of new initiatives to support not only teaching and learning but also the development of the whole child in line with our school vision - ***To realise the potential of each child in a happy and caring community.***

1. School Council formation
2. Lexia Reading Programme
3. Certificates of Achievement for children
4. Amma Centre Project
5. Mr. Magee's Marathon run to school

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END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS

Below are the results of Key Stage 1 and 2 Assessments in English and Mathematics for the year 2012/13

	Benchmarking Average (2007/08 data)	12/13 Target	12/13 Actual
Numeracy KS1 L1	-		
L2	97.3%	100%	100%
L3	44.7%	32%	12%
Literacy KS1 L1	-		
L2	95.65%	100%	100%
L3	38.2%	20%	12%
Numeracy KS2 L3	-	9%	9%
L4	81.7%	91%	91%
L5	40.55%	36%	27%
Literacy KS2 L3	38.2%	9%	9%
L4	80.7%	91%	91%
L5	26.35%	36%	27%

Extra Curricular Experiences in St. Mary's Primary school, Granemore

Throughout the year the children participated in a wide range of extra curricular activities.

All our pupils in P7 completed the Cycling Proficiency Course and the Heart Start and their certificates were included in their records of achievement. Our boys and girls also engaged in a range of sporting activities including, Gaelic football, camogie and swimming.

Children also participated in Credit Union, Cumann na mBunscoil and Local Pioneer quizzes.

After school Provision continued with GAA Sports, Irish Dancing, cooking, Hip Hop and Drama

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The school also values its links with the community and its participation in the life of the parish. The priests, teachers and parents continue to work together in the preparation of children for the sacraments. There was the usual excellent turnout of teachers, parents and pupils for Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Stations of the Cross and of course The End of Year Mass. Thank you to Mrs Brenda Casey, Vice Principal and Liturgical Director, for her work in overseeing all such events.

Liturgies

1. Start of Year Mass
2. Class Assemblies
3. Sacraments
4. Easter Service
5. Final Mass for leavers and their parents

We continue to value our links with the local secondary schools. All our school leavers paid a visit to the secondary school of their choice in the summer term and we, in turn, were visited by teachers from the secondary level schools.

Premises and Security

We thank the parents for their co-operation in relation to our efforts to maintain good security in the school. The governors will continue to strive to maintain and improve security in and around the school..

The Governors are aware that major improvements are needed in the accommodation at St. Mary's and are working with CCMS on a resolution to this.

Pastoral Care

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All staff are to be commended for the school's achievements and on the quality pastoral care and good standards of discipline, which the children enjoy. Thanks are also due to the staff of the SELB and CCMS for their support and guidance. The governors would also like to express thanks to all external agencies, bus drivers, taxi drivers who all help to provide a valuable service.

STAFF OF OUR SCHOOL

TEACHING STAFF -During 2012/13

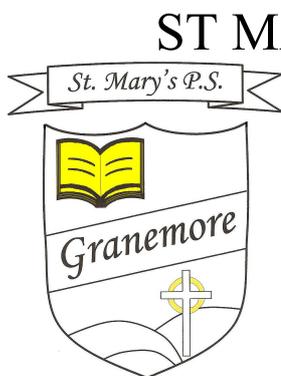
Mr Patrick Mallon (Principal)
Mrs Brenda Casey (Vice-Principal)
Mr Eunan Magee (SENCo)
Mrs Imelda McGivern
Mrs Catherine Kerr
Mrs Ciara Lennon
Mrs Stephanie Reilly
Mrs Tracey Mc Geary
Mrs Jeannette Kelly
Mrs Donna Daly

CO-ORDINATOR POSITIONS

Name	Area of learning	Other
Mr Mallon	Assessment	P.E. Drama/Induction Discipline/Pastoral care
Mrs Casey	Numeracy	Music Policy and Planning
Mr Magee	SENCo	Child Protection ICT
Mrs Reilly	Language and Literacy	Nursery and Foundation Stage
Mrs. Mc Givern	The World Around Us	Religion/PR/Fundraising
Mrs Kerr	Health and Safety	
Mrs Lennon	Personal Development and Mutual Understanding	
Mrs Mc Geary	Art	
Mrs Kelly	Extra Curricular	Healthy eating

ANCILLARY STAFF

Mrs R McGinnity	Nursery Assistant
Mrs J Murray	P1 Classroom Assistant
Miss S Hughes	P2 Classroom Assistant
Mrs M McArdle	Classroom Assistant
Mrs D McKeown	Senior Clerical Officer
Mr E McClelland	Building Supervisor
Mrs J Burke	Lunch-time Supervisor
Mrs A Fisher	Lunch-time Supervisor/Classroom Assistant
Mrs H Murphy	Lunch-time Supervisor/Classroom Assistant
Mrs R Kelly	Lunch-time Supervisor
Mrs J Lennon	Lunch-time Supervisor
Mrs. O Murray	School Cook
Mrs. K Toner	Catering Assistant
Mrs. N Doyle	Catering Assistant



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CLASSES AND STAFF 2013-2014

Reg. Group	Teacher	No. of children	Classroom Assistant
Nursery	Mrs. D Daly	27	R McGinnity
Primary 1	Mrs. T Mc Geary	23	J Murray H Murphy (SEN)
Primary 2	Mrs. S Reilly	27	S Hughes
Primary 3	Mrs. I Mc Givern (Miss H Worland-Wed)	26	
Primary 4	Mrs. B Casey (Miss H Worland-Thurs)	23	A Fisher (SEN)
Primary 5	Mrs. C Kerr	25	
Primary 6	Mrs. J Kelly	22	
Primary 7	Mr. E Magee	25	M McArdle (SEN) S Hughes(SEN)
Curriculum Support (1 day per week)	Miss. H Worland	-	

Total in Main School 171 Total in Nursery 27 Total 198

Admissions 2013

Nursery

Total number of Applicants 35

Total children admitted 27

Primary 1

Total Number of Applicants 23

Total Children admitted 23

Transfer 2013

Total Number of Primary 7 pupils to leave 23

St. Patrick's High School, Keady 19

St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh 2

Our Lady's Grammar school, Newry 2