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# Annual General Report 2015-16



**Together We Learn  
Together We Achieve**

**Chairperson: Rev Barry Paine  
Secretary: Mrs Karen White**

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# Woods Primary School

## Annual General Report

### 2015-16

*Dear Parent*

*It is with great pleasure that I present to you the Governors' Report on Woods Primary School. This report is one of a number of ways in which information about the school will be provided.*

*We are indebted to the Principal and staff for their visionary endeavours in the past year. I am delighted to record that in these days of ever greater demands on our school staff and the changing nature of education that they are seeking to provide for all pupils the highest quality teaching possible.*

*It is a credit to staff, pupils, parents and Governors that an excellent environment for teaching and learning has been created in Woods Primary School. Well done!*

*The report cannot do justice to the amount of work that is carried out on a daily basis in the school.*

*I commend this 2015/2016 Annual General Report for your consideration.*

*Yours faithfully*

*Rev Barry Paine  
Chairperson of the Board of Governors*

## **WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**CHAIRPERSON: Rev Barry Paine**  
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Rev Barry Paine (Chairperson)	EA REPRESENTATIVE
Mr Adrian Booth	EA REPRESENTATIVE
Mr Ian Henry	TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE
Rev Ruth Murray	TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Jan Young	TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Diane Nicholl	TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE
Mr Alastair Stewart	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Deborah Campbell	PARENT REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Jennie Duncan	TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE
Mrs Karen White (Secretary)	PRINCIPAL (NON-VOTING MEMBER)

The Board of Governors was reconstituted in the Autumn term of 2014. Each Governor's term of office will expire in Autumn 2018.

### **The Functions of the Board of Governors**

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school.

Some of their duties include:

- The oversight of the curriculum.
- Selection of staff and personnel responsibilities (ratified by the Education Authority).
- Management of LMS (Local Management of Schools) Budget.
- The provision of information to parents.
- The Maintenance of the school premises (shared with Education Authority).
- The Admissions Policy.
- Fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding.

The Board of Governors is required to meet a minimum of three times each year, but in practice meet more often than this. During the course of the year the Governors met on five occasions to consider a wide range of issues. On average each meeting lasted approximately 2 hours. At these meetings they considered matters related to most areas of school life. The Governors reviewed School Policy, Management issues, School Development Plan, New Appointments, Health & Safety, Finance and Assessment. In addition, many of the Governors attended training sessions run by the Education Authority.

## STAFFING COMPLEMENT 2015-16

### TEACHING COMPLEMENT:

September 2015 - June 2016

Mrs J Gardiner	P1	
Mrs J Milliken	P2	Vice-Principal
Mrs J Duncan	P3	
Mrs S Gamble	P4	
Miss Barbara Parke (Temp)	P5	
Mr G Lennox	P6	
Mrs R Davidson/Mrs Alison Bell	P7	
Mrs K White	Principal	

### ANCILLARY STAFF:

Mrs Davina Derby	Secretary
Mrs Dawn Steadman	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Tracey Crooks	Classroom Assistant
Miss Cherith McCready	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Sylvia Stewart	Classroom Assistant
Mrs Tracey Sheppard	Classroom Assistant (Temporary Part time)
Mrs Eileen Bates	Classroom Assistant (Temporary Part time)
Mrs Caroline Hutchinson	Classroom Assistant (Temporary Part time)
Mrs Wilma Brown	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant
Mrs Dawn Steadman	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant
Mrs Tracey Sheppard	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant (Temporary)
Miss Karen Lennox	Classroom Assistant (Temporary Part Time)
Mrs Mary Catherwood	Building Supervisor
Mrs Barbara Derby	Cleaner



### ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RATE

Attendance at the school was generally very good.  
The Average Attendance for the Year 2015/16 was 92.1%.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015/2016

### **New Term Began 1 September 2015**

8 September	IFA Coach commenced sessions with P1-P3 classes	
8 September	PTA Meeting @ 7.45 pm	
11 September	First assembly of the year	
15 September	Rainey Principal visits P7	
16 September	Shared Education Project commences	
18 September	Launch of African Children's Choir Project	
28 September	Teddy Bears Picnic Lunch – Welcome P1	
5 October	Staff Development Day	
7 October	Staff Training on AR	
13 October	Staff Epi-pen Training	
15 October	World Food Day	
15-20 October	Book Fair in school	
16 October	McKee's Butchers Factory Visit (Competition)	
16 October	Tri County Football Tournament – Cookstown	
22 October	Cash For Clobber Collection Day	
22 October	EWO visit to Woods	
22 October	Board of Governors Meeting @ 7.45pm	
23 October	NON Uniform day for African Children's Choir & party lunch	
26 -30 October	School closed – Half Term	
4 November	Launch of Sponsored Child Project with Compassion	
10-12 November	Parent Interviews	
11 November	P7 Garden Mini Business Project commenced	
13 November	Flu Vaccination	
13 November	Tri County Football Tournament	
16 November	P6 Creative Writing Poetry Workshop	
18 November	Wild West theme dinner	
19 November	MASTS staff training	
25 November	P2 trip to Ranfurly House, Dungannon	
25 November	P1 Open Night 6.30 pm -7.30 pm	
27 November	P7 going to Magherafelt High School	
1 December	Choir and Orchestra sing at First Magherafelt Church	
2 December	Shared Education Co-ordinator training	
3 December	P6 & P7 singing with the African Children's Choir	
5 December	Fundraising Christmas Coffee Morning with Santa and Crafts	
7 December	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert	
8 December	Photographer in for Christmas Concert	
9 December	Christmas Concert Morning and Evening	
10 December	Financial Audit	
10 December	Christmas Concert Evening	
11 December	P7 attend 'Cookstown in Harmony'	
14 December	Baptist Youth visit Woods 'Amazing Journey to Bethlehem'	
15 December	Christmas Pantomime in Grand Opera House	
16 December	Whole School Christmas Dinner & 123 Club Party	
17 December	Christmas Party Day	
18 December	Finish term – Early closing.	
<b>21 December 2015 – 3 January 2016 Christmas Holidays</b>		
4 January	Shared Education Art Club @ Woods for P6 with Diane McCormick (6 weeks)	
5 January	Mr Elder visits to speak to P7 Class; Guitar lessons commence	
6 January	P4 Class Trip to TESCO Magherafelt	
7 January	P3 Class Trip to Tesco Magherafelt	
11 January	Library Van visits Woods	
13 January	Fireman talk for P3 – 'People Who Keep Us Safe'	
13 January	Mr Davies visits P7 from Sperrin.	
14 January	Board of Governors meeting	
19 January	ICT Co-ordinator's Course at Holy Family Primary School	
20 January	'Fit for Life' Programme commenced for P5 & P7 (5 sessions at Meadowbank)	
21 January	P7 attend the 'Bee Safe' Event in Cookstown	
22 January	Cookstown Council Representative Karen Brown visits to meet ECO Committee	
26 January	P7 Trip to Ranfurly House - 'Victorians'	
27 January	P5 Parent Interviews	
3 February	P7 teacher Transition Project with Magherafelt High School; P6 teacher on ICT Training	

4 February	Traveller Support Audit and Visit
10 February	P6 teacher ICT Course.
12 February	'Be Active' Non-uniform Day in aid of British Heart Foundation - assembly by P7.
<b>15-16 February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
17 February	School Development Day - Staff training on Promoting Children's health and well-being.
22 February	Photographer in school
24 February	Assembly: ECO Presentation & choir singing for grandparents/parents/friends.
25 February	Mr Elder, Magherafelt, High School, visits to speak to transferring pupils
29 February	Choir attends Ballymena Festival
2 March	World Book Day – ECO Book & DVD Sale
3 March	P7 Trip to Tesco's 'Farm to Fork Trail'; P7 Plant Sale
9 March	Youth Speak Competition
10 March	P5 Trip to Tesco, Magherafelt
10 March	P6 & P7 Hockey Tournament, Cookstown High School
11 March	P6 Trip to Henry Brothers Nature Reserve –Tree Survey
11 March	ETI Visit to evaluate the Shared Education Project
15-16 March	Second set of Parent Interviews
15 March	P4 Trip to Ranfurly House - 'Create a Castle Programme'
16 March	CEF Easter Assembly
17 March	School closed to pupils – SDD - Report writing workshop for staff & Maths progression work
23 March	Half Day
<b>24 March – 1 April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
4 April	School re-opens for summer term
7 April	Shared Education Consultation Meeting for Principals
12 April	Developing and embedding Shared Education course for leaders
20 April	NSPCC Safeguarding talks for all classes
25 April	P5 & P6 trip to W5
28 April	Board of Governors meeting @ 11am
29 April	P7 Trip to Henry Brothers Nature Reserve – Biodiversity
2-6 May	School closed
9 May	P7 K'Nex Competition in Coleraine
10 May	ECO Litter Pick
11 May	'Money' Theme Day
12 May	Woods Football Tournament @ Meadowbank sponsored by Henry Bros and JC Stewarts
17 May	P4 Trip to 2 <sup>nd</sup> World War Museum; Installation of the new P5 Interactive Whiteboard
18 May	CEF Paddy and Jill Crozier Assembly
19 May	Assessment Week commenced; Board of Governors Meeting
20 May	Photographer in for P7 Photo; P6 & P7 Football Tournament
25 May	Derrychrin Primary School Football Tournament
27 May	P3 Trip
<b>30 May</b>	<b>School closed</b>
31 May	Book Fair in school – Open at 2 pm and 3 pm
3 June	P7 transferring pupils visit Magherafelt High School
6 June	Healthy Lifestyle Week – Cancer Focus visits for class talks
6 June	Rainey Representative visits to speak to P7 transferring pupils
7 June	Danske Bank Representative visits for class talks/activities
7 June	Sperrin Induction Morning
8 June	Sports Day (Morning); Literacy Training Session for all staff (Afternoon)
9 June	Board of Governors Meeting; P7 visit Danske Bank
10 June	P6 class assembl; , Knockloughrim Primary School Football Tournament
13 June	K'Nex Construction Challenge in Coleraine (P7)
13 June	P6 attend the Burnavon for a Poetry Book Launch in memory of Seamus Heaney.
14 June	P1 teacher commences visits to local nurseries
15 June	KS1 STEM Day at St Trea's School (Shared Education Project)
16 June	P2 visit Henry Brother Nature Reserve (Bug Hunt)
17 June	P1 Induction Morning; P7 Trip to Cookstown
20 June	P5 - P7 STEM Day (Shared Education)
20 June	Board OF Governors Meeting
21 June	Fun Run to raise money for School Funds
22 June	ECO Assessment for the Green Flag
24 June	Prize Day
27 June	School Talent Show; Interviews for P5 Teaching Post
28 June	P5 Trip to Cookstown Leisure Centre.
28 June	End of Term Social 6.30 pm & 7.45 pm
29 June	P1 - P7 Fun Day
<b>30 June</b>	<b>End of Term – School closed at 12 noon.</b>



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT 2015/16

The staff completed the 5 School Development Days and 5 Baker Days. These days enabled staff to focus on implementing our School Development Plan and completing the agreed actions as laid out in the action plans. The following areas were worked on:

1. School Development Plan – Priorities for the year
2. Effective short term planning
3. PDMU – Progression throughout school
4. Child Protection Training for all staff
5. Staff Training on promoting children’s well-being and a positive approach to discipline.
6. Numeracy – Developing Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities through Maths lessons
7. Literacy – Strategies for teaching children with spelling difficulties
8. Shared Education 2015/2016 Programme
9. WAU audit of provision & development of formats for scientific investigations
10. Developing handwriting skills
11. Data analysis of pupils’ results & planned interventions
12. Maths – Progression documents developed for each area
13. Audit of resources (Literacy and Numeracy).



## THE SCHOOL VISION

It is our vision that Woods Primary School is a place where everyone experiences a sense of belonging to the school family. At Woods Primary School we are committed to providing a high quality learning environment in which pupils are motivated, challenged and supported so that they can become lifelong learners.

We aim to maximise pupil potential in a safe, caring and child centred community, where academic achievement, positive self-esteem, cultural diversity and the rights of all are highly valued and respected.

We believe that pupils, staff, parents and members of the wider community should work together and co-operate with each other in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support, for the benefit of all.

## SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Twenty nine pupils were enrolled in Primary One in September 2015. An ‘Open Night’ was arranged in December 2015 for prospective parents and pupils who wished to enrol in September 2016. This evening afforded parents the opportunity to visit each of the classrooms, hear the school orchestra, speak with staff and find out more about the school. This event proved very successful and we had a large number of parents availing of this opportunity to visit the school.

## BUILDINGS

The building was maintained and is in good order and minor works applications were submitted for additional multi-purpose rooms and a caretaker's store. The school is still waiting on external painting and repair to areas of plasterwork but the Education Authority is not funding this work at present. New notice boards were put up in some classrooms and the Principals second door from her office was closed off.

## THE NORTHERN IRELAND CURRICULUM

The school continued to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all of its pupils and has fulfilled the statutory requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Teachers thoroughly plan, deliver and evaluate all aspects of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Within each class, differentiation of work has taken into account the varying ability levels of the children. A variety of teaching techniques and styles have been employed from whole class teaching to group and paired work, as well as field work.

Parent Interviews were held in October and March and annual written reports were circulated to all parents in June.

The Curriculum at Woods is designed that the desire to learn will be encouraged in the pupils and that thinking and reasoning will be stimulated. Teachers encourage the children to learn to apply themselves to the work in hand and to work to the best of their ability.

The Curriculum is seen as being a common curriculum for all the pupils of Woods Primary School and no pupil will be debarred from any part of it. Every effort is made to provide reasonable adjustments and provide maximum access to the curriculum for children who have a physical disability.

### The Northern Ireland Curriculum is set out in Six Areas of Learning:

1. **Language and Literacy:** Including Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing.
2. **Mathematics and Numeracy:** Focusing on the development of mathematical concepts and numeracy across the curriculum.
3. **The Arts:** Including Art and Design, Music and Drama.
4. **The World Around Us:** Development of knowledge, skills and understanding in History, Geography, Science and Technology.
5. **Personal Development and Mutual Understanding:** Focusing on emotional development, social skills, learning to learn, relationships and sexuality education, health and mutual understanding in the local and global community.
6. **Physical Education:** Development of knowledge, skills and understanding through play and a range of physical activities.

At the heart of the curriculum lies an explicit emphasis on the development of skills and capabilities for lifelong learning. Through opportunities to engage in active learning contexts across all areas of the curriculum, children should develop the following skills:

### Cross Curricular Skills:

- Communication
- Using Mathematics
- Using Information and Communications Technology
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### **Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities:**

- Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision Making
- Self-Management
- Working with Others
- Managing Information
- Being Creative
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### **Curriculum Development 2015/2016**

#### **Creative and Expressive Studies**

At Christmas the pupils and parents very much enjoyed the P1 to P3 programme whilst P4 - P7 performed a play to entertain the audience. The School Orchestra performed at different school events throughout the year impressing the audiences with their musical talent.

The choir performed at Ballymena Music Festival in March under the leadership of Mrs Duncan and Mr Lennox. The choir were highly commended for their performance. Tuition in Woodwind and Brass instruments was provided weekly by peripatetic teachers from the Education Authority. Mr Lennox and Mrs Duncan offered short confidence boosting sessions on Wednesday afternoons to give the children an opportunity to play as a group. These sessions were timetabled as required. Ryan McGarity commenced Guitar teaching sessions with small groups in January 2016.

The children entered a few Local Art Competitions and we were delighted to bring home the cup from the Magherafelt Manor for the best overall in their Christmas Art Competition. Louise Porte, Jayne Hutchinson and Ellie Dallas were selected as regional winners in the 'Junior Butchery Excellence Scheme'.

#### **UICT – Using Information and Communications Technology**

ICT is embedded throughout the curriculum. Pupils were provided with many opportunities to build on and improve their ICT skills in school and outside school at After School Clubs. The iPads were used for children with SEN to give them an extra classroom resource to help consolidate learning. A number of new apps were purchased for SEN use and main classroom teaching. Extra ICT clubs were offered to the children in P1 - P7 to develop the children's skills in this area. The school continues to build the ICT resources available for classroom use. During 2015/16 the school purchased a new Interactive whiteboard for the P5 room and 6 new computers.

**Physical Education** (Focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding through play and a range of physical activities.)

The children experienced a variety of sporting activities as part of the curriculum for Physical Education and as extra-curricular activities.

All of the P7 children took part in the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme. Boys and girls from P6 and P7 represented our school at a number of different sports tournaments. The Boys football team won the trophy at the Tri-county (Cookstown area) tournament. The children enjoyed a cross community basketball tournament in Moneymore.



Woods held a second cross community football tournament in Meadowbank with prizes sponsored by Henry Brothers and refreshments sponsored by JC Stewarts, Magherafelt.

A variety of different sporting after school clubs e.g. Netball, Hockey, Basketball, Multi Sport, Football and Athletics were offered throughout the year to encourage children to stay fit and healthy.

## **Religious Education**

RE is taught to all children in accordance with the core syllabus specified by the Department of Education. Assembly takes place every Wednesday and Friday morning. Our whole school enjoyed interesting and varied assemblies during the year. Our assemblies focused on the school rules, moral values, bible stories and pastoral care issues such as: Keeping Safe, Road Safety, Bus Safety, Friendship, Anti-bullying, Helping hands and Pastoral Care issues, Welcoming Schools and ECO Awareness. Classes had the opportunity to present an assembly and share their learning on topics of interest e.g. water conservation, healthy lifestyles, World Around Us Work etc. We extend our thanks to all visitors who gave of their time to speak at our assemblies during the year. Our annual RE visitation took place in June 2016.

## **Pupil Assessment**

The Northern Ireland Curriculum is taught in three Stages; children in Years 1 & 2 are in Foundation Stage; Years 3 & 4 are in Key Stage One; while those in Years 5, 6 & 7 are in Key Stage Two.

The assessment of pupils' progress is made using continuous assessment by the class teacher. This includes weekly, topic and termly tests and the results of external tests. Children's results are recorded and reviewed to ensure suitable progress is being made in English and Maths.

Statutory Assessment in English and Mathematics became compulsory in the 1996-97 school year and pupils at the end of both Key Stage 1 (Year 4) and Key Stage 2 (Year 7) have their academic performance assessed in both English and Mathematics. These levels were reported to P4 and P7 parents on the annual written report in June.

The children P3 - P7 are assessed in English and Maths using GL Assessment Standardised tests to give each child a standardised score. These scores are tracked each year to ensure that each child is making suitable progress. Intervention is put in place to cater for children who are not making the expected progress. During the 2015/16 school year extra classroom assistants were employed to work alongside the children and assist those who needed more adult support during lessons.

## **Special Educational Needs**

The school continues to provide help for pupils with learning difficulties as well as extra support for pupils who need a little boost to fully meet their potential in Literacy or Numeracy. Classroom assistants were also trained to deliver support to target groups of pupils. They were involved in the setting and review of pupil targets. Again the Code of Practice and SENDO Legislation continued to be implemented; Individual Education Plans were drawn up, SEN folder of evidence was updated and children referred for further assessment to the Psychology Service and MAST (Multi Agency Support Team) Service when required. Parent input was received as part of the IEP review process. SPLD support was accessed and provided for those children who needed literacy support.

SEN provision was monitored through an SEN termly book scoop and classroom observations.

## **CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY**

Woods is a school well connected to its community. The governors and management of the school actively look for opportunities to get involved in community events and invite members of the local community into school to enhance the education we provide. Woods has very good relationships with many other local schools and work closely with St Trea's Primary School through shared lessons and events. We have participated in local Football and Basketball tournaments as well as friendly competitive matches with other schools in Netball, Basketball and Football.

Our links with Magherafelt High School continued in the past academic year and P6 children visited Magherafelt High School in June. We have hosted a number of Rainey and Magherafelt High School students for work experience and a number of students wishing to gain voluntary experience in the Primary School setting. We also hosted Stranmillis and PGCE students on teaching practice over the past year. We happily welcomed an IFA sports coach, Gareth Porter, to work with P1 - P3 children. These sessions were beneficial to both pupils and staff.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**In 2015/16 After School Clubs included:**



- Athletics
- Art & Craft
- Choir
- Computer Club
- Drama
- French
- Football
- Hockey
- Multi Sports Club
- Netball
- Numeracy and Literacy
- Dance
- Lego Club

The Principal and Board of Governors wish to acknowledge and thank all parents and staff who gave of their own time to prepare and run the many after school clubs for the children throughout the past school year. We believe that the experiences offered in these clubs are of tremendous benefit to the overall education of our pupils.

## **PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)**

The Principal and Governors also wish to thank all of the PTA members and parent volunteers for their hard work during the past year in supporting the school events and fundraising for the school. A successful Christmas Craft morning with Santa and a school social was held. The extra money raised is extremely important to us. It enables our school to provide the very best resources and learning experiences for all of our pupils.

## **EDUCATIONAL VISITS/TRIPS**

Our whole school visited the Grand Opera House to see the performance of 'Snow White' in December as our annual special Christmas treat. The show was fantastic and everyone enjoyed their day out. Each of the classes also enjoyed educational visits, linked closely to the school's curriculum as outlined below:

Primary 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Springhill ‘School in the Olden Days’</li> </ul>
Primary 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trip to the Vet’s Surgery</li> <li>• Ranfurly House – ‘Old Time Toys’</li> <li>• TESCO – ‘Farm To Fork Trail’</li> <li>• Henry Brothers Nature Reserve-‘ Bug Hunt’</li> </ul>
Primary 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenmount – Nature Ramble</li> <li>• TESCO – ‘Farm To Fork Trail’</li> </ul>
Primary 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ranfurly House – ‘Create a Castle’ Programme</li> <li>• World War 2 Museum</li> <li>• TESCO – ‘Farm To Fork Trail’</li> <li>• Magherafelt for a local Study</li> </ul>
Primary 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W5</li> <li>• Cookstown Leisure Centre – Bowling and Swimming</li> <li>• ‘Fit for Life’ Programme in Meadowbank</li> <li>• TESCOS – ‘Farm To Fork Trail’</li> </ul>
Primary 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W5</li> <li>• Burnavon – Book Launch</li> <li>• TESCOS - FARM TO FORK TRAIL</li> </ul>
Primary 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘Bee Safe’ event in Cookstown Leisure Centre</li> <li>• Ranfurly House –‘The Bank Manager’s Children’ Programme</li> <li>• ‘Fit for Life’ Programme in Meadowbank</li> <li>• TESCO – ‘Farm To Fork Trail’</li> </ul>

We continue to enjoy the support of our local community and this is demonstrated through consistent high attendance at all school events and generous donations to fundraising events. We have members of the local community who attend school on occasions to share their talents, career information or hobbies.

We wish to thank all parents who provided sponsorship and presentation cups and trophies for Prize Day. These prizes help us to acknowledge children’s efforts and achievements over the school year.

Our school contributes to the local community in many ways. We encourage our local community to recycle more and we support the work of local charities. We will continue to work hard to further develop these good practices in the future.

## CHARITY

### **We helped others by raising money and giving gifts.**

Poppy Appeal	£ 267.71
Compassion – Child Sponsorship Programme	£ 300.00
African Children’s Choir	£ 278.50
‘Be Active’ Non uniform Day British Heart Foundation	£ 144.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 990.21</b>

**This is a great amount of money to be able to donate to worthy causes so a really big thank you to all of our families who have given so generously to support this work.**

## REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

The 2015/16 school year has been another busy and successful one in which many developments have taken place in all aspects of school life. We wish to acknowledge some of the school achievements and developments over the past year.

- Assessment and Data Analysis informed teachers to enable them to target pupils who needed extra support or challenge in their school work.
- The ECO Committee continued their good work and gained their third Green Flag for the school.
- The School Choir continued to thrive under the leadership of Mrs Duncan and Mr Lennox.
- iPads were used as an additional resource for supporting specific learning difficulties experienced by children in school and to enhance classroom activities when suitable.
- Sports Day was a fun day for all involved and the venue (Meadowbank Sports Arena) was very successful.
- The Accelerated Reader Programme was purchased and introduced to the school P4 - P7.
- New books were purchased for the Accelerated Reader Programme.
- Book Browsers (independent reading books) were introduced in P2 and P3.
- Shared Education Programme year 1 was completed.
- The school website was developed and maintained.
- 12 Additional computers and 2 laptops were purchased with school funds raised through Fun Run and grants received.
- New handwriting and Literacy textbooks were purchased.
- A new Interactive whiteboard was purchased for P5.
- A successful Christmas Community Fundraising Event was held and well attended.

Twenty two Primary 7 pupils transferred to secondary education at the end of the school year – 11 pupils to Rainey Endowed Grammar School; 7 pupils to Magherafelt High School; and 4 pupils to Sperrin Integrated College. We wish all of our transferring pupils every success in the future and encourage them to visit us again to keep in touch.

The Governors want to take this opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to the Principal and staff of the school (teaching and non-teaching) for both their commitment shown to the pupils and the high standards achieved both inside and outside the classroom.

## SECURITY OF BOTH PUPILS AND STAFF

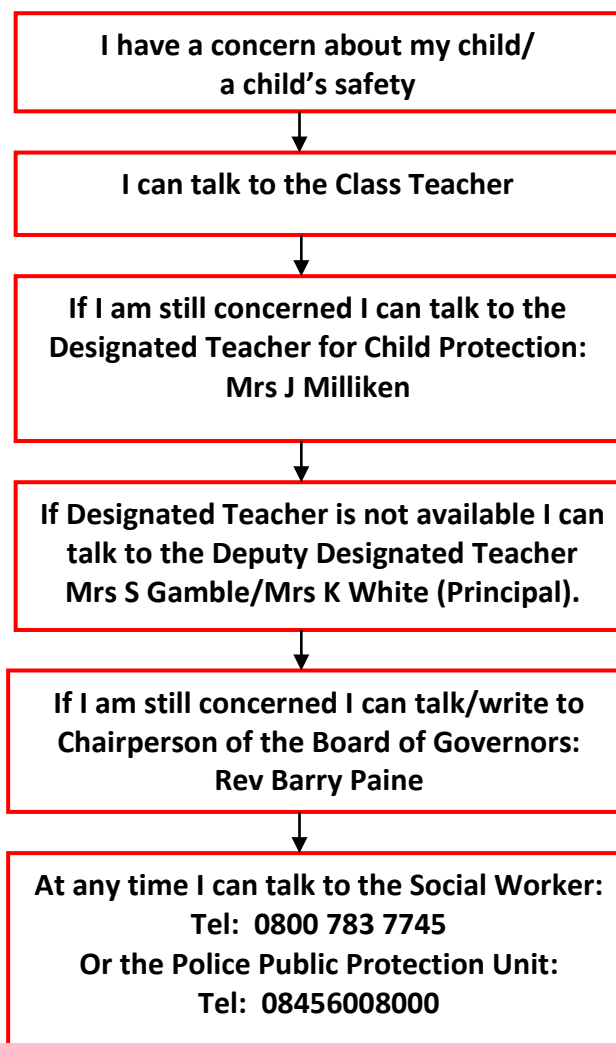
An 'Out of Hours' Intruder Alarm System and the original Access Control System are in operation in our school. A user guide, giving instructions for access, will be sent home to all new parents. If any parent has mislaid their copy of the instructions and wish to have another please contact the school any day from 9.00 a.m.

**When guests enter the school building they should always speak to the secretary in the office and state the purpose of their visit.** If any parent wishes to speak to a teacher this should be done by making an appointment via the secretary. This will cause minimum disruption to our classes and maximise children's learning opportunities. We would also ask all visitors to sign in our Visitor's Book to comply with Child Protection Guidelines.

## CHILD PROTECTION

Should any parent or member of the community have a concern please follow the steps below.

### Procedures for Parents to Follow:



### Procedures for the School:

***If we have concerns about the welfare of your child, what are we required to do?***

- 1) In the majority of cases, we will ask to meet with you first to discuss our concerns.
- 2) If the issue has not been resolved, we are obliged to consult with the appropriate agency (Education Authority *Designated Officer* or *Health and Social Services Trust* or *Social Services*).
- 3) If they advise us to make a referral to *Social Services*, we must follow that advice.
- 4) We will endeavour at all times to keep you informed.



**THE FINANCIAL REPORT  
EDUCATION AUTHORITY, SOUTHERN REGION  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM**

**OUTTURN STATEMENT  
APRIL 2015 - MARCH 2016**

**WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

BUDGET	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Final Revised Planned Budget Share	460,792		
Other Allocations	16,542		
Centre Funds Allocated	99,742		
2013/14 Carryover	67,496		
		<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>606,191</b>
		<b>Balance Carried Forward To April 2016/17</b>	<b>38,381</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>644,572</b>		<b>644,572</b>

