

# Annual General Report

2014-15



**Together we Learn  
Together we Achieve**

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

# Woods Primary School

## Annual General Report 2014-15

*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 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**  
**Ballinderry Rectory**  
**10 Brookmount Road,**  
**Coagh**  
**Cookstown BT80 OBB**

**SECRETARY: Mrs K White**  
**Woods Primary School**  
**38 Oaklea Road**  
**MAGHERAFELT**  
**BT45 6HX**  
**028 79418415**  
**028 79418905**  
**email: [info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk)**  
**website: [www.woodsprimaryschool.com](http://www.woodsprimaryschool.com)**

Rev Barry Paine (Chairperson)  
Mr Adrian Booth  
Mr Ian Henry  
Rev Ruth Murray  
Mrs Jan Young  
Mrs Diane Nicholl  
Mr Alastair Stewart  
Mrs Deborah Campbell  
Mrs Jennie Duncan  
Mrs Karen White (Secretary)

SELB REPRESENTATIVE  
SELB REPRESENTATIVE  
TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE  
TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE  
TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE  
TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVE  
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE  
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE  
TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE  
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 SELB).
- Management of LMS (Local Management of Schools) Budget.
- The provision of information to parents.
- The Maintenance of the school premises (shared with SELB).
- 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 considered 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 2014-15



### TEACHING COMPLEMENT:

September 2014 - June 2015

Mrs J Gardiner	P1	
Mrs J Milliken	P2	Vice-Principal
Mrs J Duncan	P3	
Mrs S Gamble	P4	
Miss Ellen Boyd (Temp)/Mrs A Bell	P5	
Mr G Lennox	P6	
Mrs R Davidson/ Mr M Wilson (Temp)	P7	
Mrs K White	Principal	
Mrs A Bell	SEN	One Day per week.

### 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)
Mrs Eileen Bates	Classroom Assistant (Temporary)
Mrs Wilma Brown	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant
Mrs Dawn Steadman	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant
Mrs Tracey Sheppard	Lunch Time Supervisory Assistant (Temporary)
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 2014/15 was 91%

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014/15

### **New Term Began 1 September 2014**

3 September	Handover of the New Hall Extension
8 September	Cheque Presentation from First Trust
8 September	After School Timetable Commenced
11 September	PTA meeting
24 September	P7 Trip to Stormont Buildings
25 September	School & PTA Coffee Evening
25, 26	First Aid Training (J Duncan)
29 September	Capita C2K Manager Training (9-1.30pm) & all teachers 2-5pm
6 October	Fit for Life programme commences for 5 sessions (P5)
10 October	Pupil Council Assembly
14 October	School Photographer
17 October	P4 Class Assembly
0 October	Water Bus Visit – P4-7 classes
21-23 October	Parent Interviews
29 October	School Development Day

Half Term                      30 October 2014 – 4 November 2014

10 November	GL Assessment Training Principal
11 November	Maurice Herron (Artist) visits P6: Local Art Sculpture
11 November	CCEA Using Mathematics Training (Half Day)
13-18 Nov	Book Fair in School
14 November	Staff Training for Principal on New website
15 November	PTA Tesco Bag Pack
17 November	Road Safety Week (whole school)
18 November	Mr Lennox Attended ICT Training for KS2, P5 & P6 Class Talk on India
19 November	Flu Vaccination Programme P1- P7
21 November	P7 going to Magherafelt High School
24 November	Teachers Training- Literacy Development
26 November	Dog Safety Talk (All Classes)
28 November	Anti-Bullying & Bus Safety Assembly
3 December	P1 Open Night & Board of Governors Meeting
4 December	Dress Rehearsal
8 - 10 December	Christmas Concerts
11 December	School Choir Sing in Meadowlane Shopping Centre, Winning 1 <sup>st</sup> place
12 December	Christmas Pantomime in Grand Opera House - 'Aladdin'
16 December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
18 December	Christmas Party Day
19 December	Half Day

### **Christmas Holidays 22 December 2014 - 2 January 2015**

5 January	Term 2 Commenced/After School Programme Re-Commenced
6 January	Bryson House Energy Talk for P4-7
6 January	Mr Elder Visits To Talk To P7 Class
7 January	Launch Espresso Website
12 January	P7 CRED Programme Commences
13 January	Classroom Assistants Reading Partnership Training/Mrs Milliken (Science Course)
13 January	P4 Class Commence Fit for life Programme with St Trea's Primary School
13 January	P1- P7 Skipping Day – Dan the Skipping Man Visits Woods P S
14 January	Mr Davies (Sperrin Integrated College) Visits to Talk to P7.
14 January	NSPCC Talk In Assembly
16 January	Geneviève Visit for P1 And P2
19 January	Principal's Course on Managing Critical Incidents
21 January	Hip Hop Dance Event For NSPCC
22 January	P7 'Bee Safe' Event in Cookstown
26 January	P7 'Fit for Life' Programme Commenced (5 Weeks)
27 January	P4 'Fit for Life' Programme Commenced (5 Weeks)
27 January	Gymnastics Sessions Commenced for P4-7 Classes
29 January	Staff Training Sessions Commenced for Accelerated Reader Programme
2 February	SENCO Attended SEN Course/P4 PDMU Activity With St Trea's Primary School



3 February	Mini Soccer Sevens Indoor League – P6/7 Attended.
3 February	Mrs White Attended A Management Course
4 February	Staff Training On The New Website After School
5 February	Library Van Visited School
5 February	Fit Families Session For P2&3 Parents And Children 3-4pm
5 February	PTA Meeting @ 7.45pm
6 February	'Ramp Up The Red' Fundraising Day For The British Heart Foundation
9 February	Mary Murphy Art Project Commenced As Part Of CRED With P4 & P7
9 February	Staff Twilight On Science Progression In School
11 February	P4 CRED ACTIVITY with St Trea's PS
12 February	Shared Education Leaders Event
12 February	P7 CRED Activity with St Trea's P.S.
16-18 February	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
19 February	Speedwell Activity for P4 with St Trea's PS
20 February	Toy and Book Swap Event
23 February	CRED Art Activity for P4 & P7 with St Trea's PS/After School Programme Re-Commenced
24 February	Staff Attended Cycling Proficiency Course
25 February	P4 CRED activity: Speedwell Super sticks
26 February	P7 CRED Sporting Traditions programme
26 February	KS2 Sharing World Book Day Stories with P1-3 Children
27 February	Assembly For Parents Of Children In The Choir & Rev Paine
3 March	Ballymena Music Festival / Mrs Gamble on Child Protection Training
4 March	NSPCC Cheque Presentation/ Staff Training on Accelerated Reader Programme
5 March	P6 Attended the ECO Schools 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event In Meadowbank Arena
6 March	World Book Day Celebration in School (KS2 Read Their Stories To KS1) & Storyteller Visited
9 March	P4& P7 CRED Art Project
12 March	Guide Dog Visits P2, Fire and Rescue Visit P5 and Board of Governors Meeting
17 March	School Closed To Pupils/Staff Training On Accelerated Reader Interpreting Results
20 March	Whole school Science Day
24 March	P2 Trip
26 March	Easter Egg Decorating Day in School
27 March	School Closed Half Day For Easter

### **30 Mar – 10 Apr Easter Holidays**

13 April	Term 3 Commenced
14 April	P4 Local Study of Magherafelt
15 April	P6 & 7 Girls Football Roadshow, P6&7 Basketball Sessions Commence In School
17 April	P1 Trip to Springhill
20 April	Woods & Spires Integrated PS Play A Friendly Football Match At Woods
21 April	Paula Black Commenced Weekly Hockey Sessions With P4-7 Children
22 April	P3 visit Magherafelt Police Station, P6 Basketball
22 April	Maths and ICT Curriculum Evening for Parents and Children 6.30-7.45pm
23 April	Launch of the NEW school Website
24 April	P6 Finish New Mural For The Playground With Local Artist, Diane McCormick
24 April	P4 Visit Wellbrook Beetling Mill
24 April	Tri County Mini Soccer Fun Day in Mid Ulster Sports Arena 10-1.45pm.
29 April	P6 Basketball
30 April	Display To Be Put Up For ETI SHARED EDUCATION BASELINE VISIT
1 May	ETI Baseline Shared Education Visit (St Trea's P.S. visit for the morning)
4 May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
5 May	Summer Term After School Clubs Commenced
5-12 May	Assessments P3-7 Classes, Notification Received About P6 Success In UFU Competition
6 May	Mrs Milliken At A Science Course/P6 Basketball
7-12 May	Book Fair In School
13 May	Nambo & Jazz Health Action Puppet Show P1-3
13 May	KS2 Health Presentations to P5-7 Children
14 May	P6 Assembly Presentation on Health Awareness
15 May	Knockloughrim PS (7 a-side) Friendly Football Match at Woods
15 May	P6 Class Visit Balmoral Show
19 May	Interviews for P6 Teacher
25 May	School Closed for Bank Holiday
26 May	SDD – Data Analysis of Results
27 May	Mad Hatter's Day – Sponsored Walk In Aid Of Child Reach International Work
28 May	Photographer In School For School Photos
1-5 June	Colin Tinsley Holiday Bible Club 2-3pm Each Day This Week



3 June	P6 & P7 Tag Rugby Weekly Sessions In June
10 June	Sports Day at Meadowbank Sports Arena
11 June	P5 Trip To Springhill
12 June	Our Football Team Attended The McCann Football Tournament At Knockloughrim P.S.
16 June	Woods Football Tournament Held in Meadowbank Sponsored by Henry Brothers Ltd.
16 June	P1 Open Morning 10 am - 12 Noon.
17 June	P5 Cancer Focus Talk for P5, P2 Trip to The Henry Brothers' Nature Reserve in Magherafelt
18 June	P7 Transition Talk (EWO), Netball Friendly Match with Castledawson Primary School
18 June	Board of Governor Meeting @ 7.45pm
19 June	Fit for Life Fun Day for P4 and P7
19 June	Woods Football Team Attended Derrychrin Football Tournament
23 June	P4-6 Girls Went to Meadowbank Sports Arena for a Hockey Fun Morning
24 June	Mash Direct Visit the P6 Class As A Reward For Winning The UFU Art Competition
26 June	Whole School Prize Day @ 1pm
29 June	Whole School Fun Day with Party Dinner
30 June	Non Uniform Day - P6 & P7 Enjoyed A Presentation From The Local Young Farmers Group

**End of Term 30 June 2015**

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT 2014-15**

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. Including Science experiments in World Around Us planners.
2. Dyslexia Training delivered by our SENCO.
3. Review of the school spelling scheme.
4. Review of Literacy/Numeracy teaching resources.
5. Training in the use of the 'Espresso' website as a curriculum resource.
6. Training for the Accelerated Reader Programme and the re-organisation of the central and class libraries.



## **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

Nineteen children enrolled in Primary One in September 2014. An 'Open Night' was arranged in December 2014 for prospective parents and pupils who wish to enrol in future years. This evening afforded parents the opportunity to visit each of the classrooms and speak with teachers and support staff. 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 waiting on external painting and repair to areas of plasterwork but the board are not funding this work at present. New notice boards were put up in different areas around the school and additional carpet areas were added to the P1 classroom. The school oil tank had a leak in autumn and this resulted in a clean-up operation in the staff car park. Finally a new tank was installed in the summer term 2015.

## 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 2015.

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, 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, health, relationships and sexuality education 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

**Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities:**

- Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision Making
- Self-Management
- Working with Others
- Managing Information
- Being Creative

**Curriculum Development 2014/15**

**Creative and Expressive Studies**

At Christmas the pupils and parents very much enjoyed the P1 to P3 programme whilst P4-7 performed the play to entertain the audience. The School Orchestra performed at the Annual Open Night in December and at the Christmas Concert impressing the crowds 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.

**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. A number of extra ICT clubs were offered to the children in P1-7 to develop the children's ability in this area.

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

The children experienced a range 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 (Dungannon area) tournament whilst the Girls Netball team enjoyed winning a few friendly netball matches with local schools.

A variety of different Sport After School Clubs e.g. Netball, Hockey, 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, Friendship, Anti-bullying, 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 etc. We extend our thanks to all visitors who gave of their time to speak at our assemblies during the year. Our annual RE inspection took place in June 2015.

## **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 P3-7 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 2014/15 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. During 2014/15 the school had a specialist teacher employed one day per week to provide teaching for small groups. Classroom assistants were also trained to deliver support to target groups of pupils. Again the Code of Practice and SENDO Legislation continued to be implemented; Individual Education Plans were drawn up and children referred for further assessment to the Psychology Service and MAST (Multi Agency Support Team) Service when required. SPLD support was accessed and provided for those children who needed literacy support.

## **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. 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 the school in June. We have hosted a number of 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 two Stranmillis students on teaching practice over the past year. We happily welcomed an IFA sports coach, Gareth Porter, to work with P1-3 children. These sessions were beneficial to both pupils and staff.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

In 2014/15 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.

A special thanks to Yvonne Wylie who took the Scripture Union Club in the first term, Coaching for Christ Football coaches Derek and James, Dawn Steadman who took Cycling Proficiency, Victoria Dempsey for the Drama Clubs, Paul Diamond for the Multi Sports Clubs and to the teaching/non-teaching staff who provided many more valuable clubs.

## PARENT AND TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

The Principal and Governors also wish to thank all of the PTA members/volunteers for their hard work during the past year in fundraising for the school. The extra money raised is extremely important to us. It enables us 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 'Aladdin' in December as our annual special Christmas treat. The show was fantastic and everyone enjoyed their day out. The whole school also enjoyed a skipping workshop from 'Dan the Skipping Man' in school to encourage the children to keep fit and active in their spare time. Each of the classes also enjoyed educational visits, linked closely to the school's curriculum as outlined below:

Primary 1	• Springhill 'School in the Olden Days'
Primary 2	• Trip to the Vet's Surgery • Henry Brothers Nature Reserve
Primary 3	• Visit to the Police Station, Magherafelt
Primary 4	• Wellbrook Beetling Mill • Magherafelt for a local Study
Primary 5	• Springhill

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fit for Life Programme in Meadowbank</li> </ul>
Primary 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balmoral Show</li> <li>• ECO Schools 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event in Meadowbank.</li> </ul>
Primary 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bee safe event in Cookstown Leisure Centre</li> <li>• Fit for Life Programme in Meadowbank</li> <li>• Stormont Buildings</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 raffles/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	£ 93.60
Asra Hawariat School (Jonas)	£ 144.00
NSPCC	£1658.85
'Ramp up the Red' British Heart Foundation	£ 130.00
Macmillan Cancer Care (Sports Day Teas/coffee)	£ 365.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 2391.45</b>

**This is an amazing 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 2014/15 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 held a 'Toy and Book Swap Event'.
- New Assessment Tasks were written for use in Key Stage Two classes.
- CPD project on Dyslexia was completed by Mrs Milliken.
- 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 and positive feedback was received from many parents.
- The Accelerated Reader Programme was purchased by the school.
- The staff received training in the Accelerated Reader Programme.
- All books in the school were scanned and those in the Accelerated Reader programme were identified and banded with the correct level.
- New books were purchased for the Accelerated Reader Programme.
- The scheme was introduced as a trial with P3 to P7.
- New shelving was ordered for the Library.
- The new school website was launched and all staff were trained on how to update their class page.

Primary 7 children transferred at the end of the school year to Magherafelt High School (4 pupils), Rainey Endowed Grammar School (7 pupils), Sperrin Integrated College (2 pupil) and St Patrick's College (1 pupil). 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

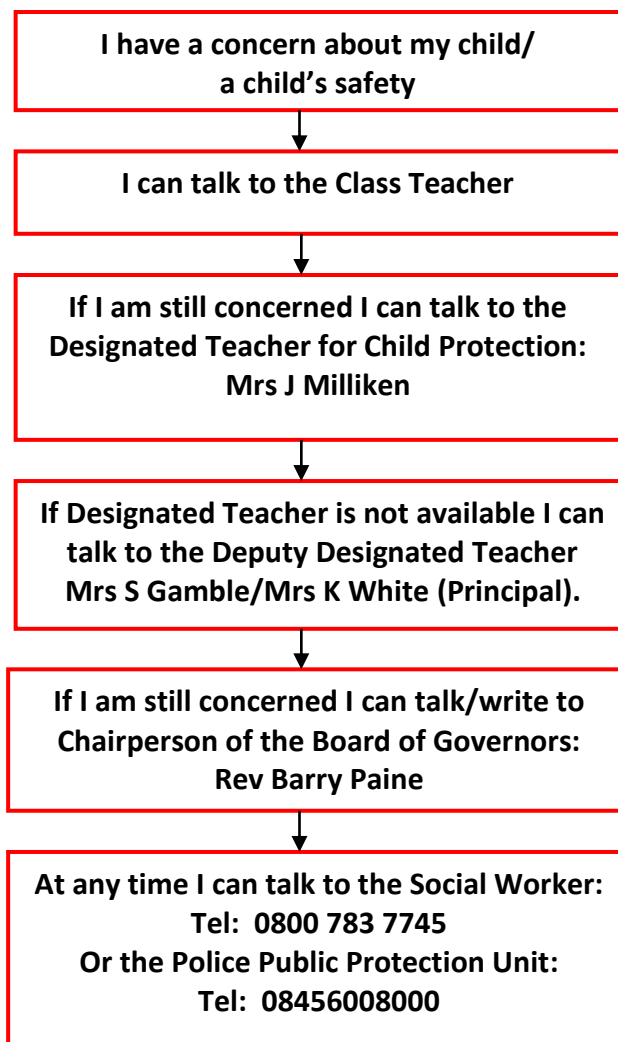
An 'Out of Hours' Intruder Alarm System and the original Access Control System are in operation in our school. A user guide, giving instructions for access, will be sent home to all new parents. If any parent has mislaid their copy of the instructions and wish to have another please contact the school 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 2014 - MARCH 2015**

**WOODS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

BUDGET	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Final Revised Planned Budget Share	483,454		
Other Allocations Centre Funds Allocated 2013/14 Carryover	55,562		
		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	471,520
		Balance Carried Forward To April 2015	67,496
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>539,016</b>		<b>539,016</b>

