**Education Authority**

# TILDARG PRIMARY SCHOOL

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2015-2016**

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Under the Education Reform Order 1989, the Board of Governors are required to publish an Annual Report on the life of the school. This is our seventeenth Annual Report. The Governors hope you will find it both informative and interesting. If you wish to discuss any matter which is in the report, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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Principal and Hon. Secretary to the Mrs. K. Dickson (absent 11/15-3/16: 5/16-)

Board of Governors (Hon. Sec. Miss J Wright and Mrs A J Stewart)

The Board serves for a four year period.

#### In the Annual Report of the Board of Governors they are required to give an account of how they have discharged their duties under the Education Order 1989.

The following is a brief summary of these duties.

1. Governors are responsible for the use of the funds allocated to them by the NEELB.
2. Governors are required to ensure that appropriate arrangements are made for the admission of pupils to the school and to draw up criteria which will be used to

select pupils should the number of pupils seeking enrolment exceed the number of places available.

3. Governors are responsible for ensuring that the teaching staff have the facilities

necessary to provide a curriculum which meets the requirement of the Education

Order 1989.

Tildarg Primary School strives to provide its pupils throughout the school, with a varied curriculum of planned and incidental experiences, which helps to further the development of each child.

We recognise the responsibility of the school to provide a caring atmosphere which strengthens links between parents, teachers and children. The creation of such a close relationship will greatly assist the teaching staff to help the children to progress academically and socially.

##### AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

Throughout all our teaching in Tildarg the following aims are uppermost in our minds:-

1. To endeavour to make our school a happy, secure and stimulating environment for all our

pupils.

1. To develop in each child a sense of self-esteem and confidence.
2. Through our Board of Governors and the Education Authority, to deliver the N.I.

Common Curriculum in all its breadth and depth.

1. To strive for the acquisition of a considered set of moral values based on Christian principles and to develop a maturity in each child which will encourage understanding and tolerance of all parts of our society.
2. To attempt to involve the school in the life of the community and to help to involve the local community more directly in school life.
3. To equip each child with the knowledge and skills necessary to be an active and

fulfilled member of today’s society.

## OPEN ENROLMENT - ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

### Criteria for Admission to Year 1

**Enrolment No: 80 Admission No: 16**

**Details of the respective functions of the Board of Governors and the Principal in relation to admission to the school.**

The Board of Governors will consult with the Principal and together they will apply the admissions criteria to prospective children whose parents wish to enroll them at Tildarg Primary School.

**Admissions criteria to be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed. The criteria are listed in order of priority**.

1. Children of compulsory school age.
2. Children who have siblings currently enrolled at the school.
3. Children who are the eldest or only child in the family to apply to a mainstream school.
4. Children whose siblings or parents have in the past attended the school.
5. The child whose parental home is closest to the school.

### Criteria for Admission to Years 2-7

1. A pupil will be accepted for enrolment provided that in the Board of Governors opinion

he/she would not prejudice the efficient use of the school’s resources, both teaching and

non-teaching.

1. Consideration will be given to the number of children already in the year groups to

which admission is sought.

## SCHOOL YEAR 2015-2016

The school began with 76 pupils and ended with 77 pupils on rolls. The breakdown of the class members in June was as follows

Year 1 13

Year 2 13

Year 3 9

Year 4 13

Year 5 12

Year 6 6

Year 7 11

Average daily attendance – 96.9 %.

2015-16 was another very successful year in the life of the school. Our pupils enjoyed many successes which you will read about in this report. Our staff had a busy and productive year. Unfortunately Mrs Dickson had a difficult year due to serious ill health and we hope she makes a full recovery.

During Mrs Dickson’s absence for a back operation, Miss Wright assumed the role of Acting Principal until Easter. Mrs. A Stewart took over this role in May, for the remainder of the year.

We congratulate Mrs McCartney and her husband on the birth of their beautiful son, Archie. While Mrs McCartney was on maternity leave, we were joined by Miss A. Allen, who assisted in Years 1 and 2.

Our extension has continued to make a huge impact on our every day school life and helped strengthen our links with the community by allowing us space to hold events in our school e.g. Nativity, Disco, Fairs etc. It has also enabled us to start various after school events, such as Monkeynastix, Spanish and Pilates.

We also rent out our school hall. This year Dorinda Crothers again rented our hall for Physi- Led Pilates classes, which were held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In addition, Mr Wylie held a one-off church event in the hall.

**END OF KEY STAGE RESULTS (May 2016):**

**English**

**Key Stage 1 -** Level 2 – 92% Level 1 – 8%

**Key Stage 2** - Level 4 - 91% Level 3 – 9%

**Mathematics**

**Key Stage 1 -** Level 2 – 92% Level 1 – 8%

**Key Stage 2** - Level 4 - 91% Level 3 - 9%

The average child in Northern Ireland reaches Level 2 at Key Stage 1 and Level 4 at Key Stage 2

**TRANSFER PROCEDURE**

All our Year 7 pupils (11) gained admission to a post-primary school of their choice. Four pupils transferred to Ballyclare High School, five to Ballyclare Secondary School, one to Dunclug College and one to Slemish College. Congratulations to all our Year 7s!

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

K Dickson E-Safety Training Jan 2016

A Stewart E-Safety Training Jan 2016

Primary Gymnastics Mar 2016

C Weatherup Ipad Training Oct 2015

MASTS Training Nov 2015

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Primary Dance Mar 2016

P1 Transition Mar 2016

E-Safety Training Jan 2016

J Wright Heart Start training Jan 2016

Ipad Training Oct 2015

KS2 + KS3 Literacy Training Jan 2016

ASD consultation Nov 2015

E-Safety Training Jan 2016

Junior Librarian Training Nov 2016

Scratch Training Jan 2016

L Stewart Heartstart Training Sept 2015

Ipad Training Oct 2015

KS2 + KS3 Numeracy Training Jan 2016

Child Protection Training May 2016

E-Safety Training Jan 2016

Exceptional Closure dates - 12th October 2015, 11th January, 8th April, 29th April, 31st May 2016

Areas covered in courses attended:-

**CURRICULUM**

* 1. Assessment of cross - curricular skills and KS levels
  2. Whole School Self-Evaluation
  3. Child Protection / Safeguarding
  4. ICT animation
  5. Numeracy
  6. Literacy
  7. Behaviour Support
  8. Cycling
  9. First Aid / Heartstart

**MANAGEMENT**

1. Targets, Data and Assessment
2. Self-evaluation and its Role in School Improvement
3. School Leadership
4. Legal Issues
5. School Management – Budgets etc

**LINKS WITH THE COMMUNITY**

During the year there were many opportunities for the pupils to maintain and foster their links with the local community. Our musicians enjoyed playing at venues in Ballyclare, and in the local festival.

Again, this year, one of our Christmas highlights was the switching on of Tildarg’s own Christmas tree lights. It was a very grand occasion with local clergy, councillors, Mayor and Santa coming along to join in the fun! This annual event helps to further raise the profile of the school in the area and also add to the sense of identity for the local Tildarg community.

Along with these special occasions, through our weekly Toddler Group and our rugby, hockey, football and cricket leagues and tournaments, and charity activities, we have greatly enjoyed mixing with others and promoting the reputation of the school in the local area.

Our pupils benefit greatly from all these activities for many reasons, but especially as they make happy memories of their primary school years and also build confidence and ease immensely the transition to post-primary school for our Year 7s.

**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

The pupils’ curriculum was enhanced by the following activities:

**Years 1-2**

Throughout the year the children in Years 1-2 took part in a range of enjoyable activities as part of their topic work. We began the year thinking about Nursery Rhymes. Our next topic was ‘Autumn and Winter’, which the children found really interesting and enjoyable. They had the opportunity to go exploring on our autumn walk to the Greer’s farm. We visited W5 for their Christmas programme. This included enjoying a visit from Santa himself, listening to a story, as well as getting a train ride. The children also enjoy all the other activities that W5 had to offer!

The second term began with the topic of ‘People who help us’. The children learnt about people who help them at home, in school and in their community. We had many visitors including a fireman, some paramedics and we even got to interview our own Mr. Gilmore. As a treat for our mums, we planned a special afternoon for them, with a few performances and some sweet treats to eat. Our next topic was ‘The Farm’ and I had lots of experts on this topic in the class who kept me right! We found out about different animals, the jobs that a farmer has to do and machinery on the farm. We found out all the different things we need to do/remember to stay safe when on a farm.

‘Traditional tales’ concluded our year. We read the story of the Three Little Pigs and then made a house, little play dough pigs and each child planted a beanstalk, just like Jack (I’m not sure if any have reached the clouds yet!).

**Years 3–4**

The children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a number of activities as part of their topic work this year.

Our first topic was “Celebrations”. Throughout this topic we enjoyed learning about different events that are celebrated during the year. We also enjoyed learning about how we can celebrate our own achievements.

During the second term we welcomed our student teacher Miss Nelson from Stranmillis University College, Belfast, for her final teaching placement. Our topic during the second term was “Houses and Homes”. As part of this topic, Miss Nelson taught the children about different houses and lifestyles in other countries such as India and Malta. They particularly enjoyed the different cultural dancing that she taught during PE.

Our final topic this year was “Bugs, Birds and Beasts”. The children all really enjoyed learning about this topic, particularly when they had to observe and draw some minibeasts from our local environment.

**Years 5-6**

P5/6 worked very hard in all areas of the curriculum. They especially enjoyed taking part in their ‘World Around Us’ topics. They made superb shoebox bedrooms as part of their Mighty Me topic and interviewed Mrs Close as a past pupil of Tildarg for their ‘School’s Cool’ topic. Later in the year, they learnt all about Northern Ireland and finally studied the Ancient Egyptians. Pupils visited the Ulster Museum for an Egyptian lesson. They heard stories and got to touch real Egyptian artefacts. Back at school, pupils all participated in an Egyptian day where they dressed up, tasted foods and played Egyptian games. P5/6 pupils also visited the Parliament Buildings and went to Ballyclare Secondary School in connection with other topics. P5/6 also had their annual visit from the NIFRS to give a talk on fire safety. Pupils had a busy yet enjoyable year!

**Year 7**

Year 7 is always a very busy year for pupils. This year was no exception.

As well as learning from the visitors to the whole school, Year 7 also benefited from a Bee Safe Event on keeping safe, which dealt with various potential problems for a young person in today’s society e.g. bullying, the use of the internet, the danger in and outside the home, stranger danger, road safety etc. This course was held at Ballyearl on 12th May.

Together with P5/6, the children enjoyed learning or improving their cricket and basketball skills, taking part in friendly matches, as well as the Primary School’s cricket competition.

The transition from primary to post primary school is always of great importance to P7s.To make this as easy as possible, liaison teachers from our local post-primaries visited again this year, to explain what lies ahead in their next schools – all positive, of course.

**Titanic**

Having studied the Titanic topic, Year 7 were very excited to visit the fabulous Belfast Titanic Centre in February 2015. All were amazed at the height of the ship, as shown by the actual building, and at the length, as laid out beside the Thompson Dry Dock. Everyone really enjoyed all they saw and hope to return to explore some parts in more detail. They particularly enjoyed the guided tour with headsets.

**Year 6-7 Residential School Trip**

On Wednesday 29th April, Year 6 and 7 pupils, accompanied by Mrs A. Stewart and Miss Weatherup, departed by coach to Bushmills for three days. From the moment of arrival, the trip was packed with exciting and educational activities including the climbing walls and telegraph poles, archery, orienteering, canoeing on the Bann, beach walk, team building challenges etc. The children learnt many skills by having to independently sort their own bedding, and supper; and had jobs to carry out on a daily basis. By the time we had arrived safely back home, everyone was exhausted and all agreed it had been a great experience!

**WH0LE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**

**Pantomime Trip**

P3-7 enjoyed their annual visit to the Grand Opera House to watch Snow White.

**P1/2 Christmas Trip**

The P1/2 class went on a visit to W5 for their Christmas programme. This included enjoying a visit from Santa himself, listening to a story, a ride on train and getting to enjoy all the other activities that W5 had to offer!

**Health Promotion**

As a school we continually strive to promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle for all our pupils. Teachers encourage the children to bring a healthy break each day and also to eat healthily at lunch-time. Year 1-2 pupils have a shared healthy break on Thursdays, when they are tempted to be more adventurous in their food choices. In June, we had our healthy eating week when pupils were asked to eat something healthy from a particular food group on each day of the week. The week concluded with a whole school visit to the Greenmount Campus to learn more about food and farming . P5 had an exciting visit from the Dairy Council where they took part in a fun workshop on the topic of food and fitness.

**Anti-Bullying Week (16th-20th November, 2015)**

To highlight the impact of bullying, Miss Wright held a special assembly where she gave a presentation on bullying. Children were engaged and shared ideas of what bullying is and how to prevent it.

**ABO Wind Visit**

On Thursday 17th September Pauline Davison came to visit the pupils of Tildarg Primary. She told a story about a turbine called 'Tommy'. P5-7 learnt about wind power and how it is renewable, unlike other power sources. Alex, who works for ABO, explained how turbines work and how they maintain them.   
At the end of the talk the Mayor of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Thomas Hogg, presented each child in P5-7 with a copy of the book - 'Tommy the Turbine'. Alex also presented each child with their own little wind turbine. Later in the year, Pauline returned to present a series of workshops on renewable energy for P5-7 pupils. The children learnt a lot about wind power and we wish to thank Pauline for coming along to Tildarg each week to teach our children all about renewable forms of energy.

**Ballyclare Library Visit**

In the autumn term, P3/4 and later P5/6, visited Ballyclare Library to learn how to use the library correctly. The children listened to staff read an excellent story and then were able to browse the wonderful array of books. As a result of the visit, it was great to hear that some pupils have since become members and regular visitors to the library.

**Open Night**

This year we held an open evening on Wednesday 11th November. We welcomed current and prospective pupils/parents to view what our school has to offer.

**P6 Business Masterclass**

On 17th November, P6 went to Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey, for a business master class.  Jane Hannah from Young Enterprise, took the class.  She talked about how a business works and how businesses must work together.  Pupils explored advertising, along with the design and marketing of products. They even designed their very own juice carton. P6 had a super day!

**Road Safety Quiz**

Four Primary 7 children attended Newtownabbey Road Safety and General Knowledge Quiz at Mossley Mill in February. There were 8 rounds of 10 questions on road safety and general knowledge. The group had good fun, especially as everyone got a prize and not just the winners! They also had their photograph taken with the Mayor, Thomas Hogg.

**Ulster Scots**

Once again, our school had the opportunity to avail of the Ulster Scots Agency in after school workshops. Pupils who attended the classes had the opportunity to take part in activities involving highland dance, Ulster Scots language, drama, living history, the fiddle, bagpipes and Lambeg drums.

**Competition Winners**

This year, the pupils of Tildarg have demonstrated their amazing talent! Congratulations must go to Reuben Milliken for achieving runner-up in the Travelling Books Comic Villain competition and to Rose Camley for obtaining a highly commended certificate in the Young Writers Book Mark competition. Well done to Rachel Johnston, an area finalist, and to Harry Lyttle, an area winner, in the Royal Mail Young Letter Writer competition. Both won money for themselves and for the school.

**Christian Aid Eco-Dome**

In January 2016, Christian Aid arrived with their pop-up eco-dome. Pupils excitedly sat inside the dome listening to a talk and watching a powerpoint presentation on drought and flooding in African countries. Pupils then worked in groups to complete practical challenges. This was a very enjoyable and informative session for Key Stage two.

**Greenmount Campus**

The whole school was invited to Greenmount Campus on 17th June as part of the Open Farm Weekend. During the visit each group had the chance to learn about safety on a farm, see different animals and sheep shearing. We potted plants to take home, talked about different foods from farm animals and ate some tasty ice-cream. Everyone was fascinated by the bees in their see-through hive. We had a great day!!

**Eco-Committee**

Our Eco-Committee continued to encourage the recycling of plastics, paper, card-board and food items for compost. They also asked parents to make’ waste-free’ lunch boxes for their children. The committee promoted healthy eating through helping to organize our healthy eating week in school. The clothing bank and Bag2School also brought in some funds which helped to buy a trial set of our new reading scheme, Bug Club, for P4s. After the festive period, the recycling of Christmas cards was encouraged and used stamps were passed on to ‘Guide Dogs for the Blind.’ In the summer term, pupils did some weeding to tidy up the grounds.

**Travelling Book Fair**

The Travelling Book Fair arrived on 25th September 2015. Each class of children (and their parents) had the opportunity to view the wide variety of books on display. A ‘Comic Villain Competition’ also took place and the winners (one from each classroom) received a book from the fair. The children dressed up as a book villain or hero. Children enjoyed visiting the book fair and taking part in related activities. Over £600 of books were purchased at the fair, giving the school £300 to spend on books. This year we used the money to buy new atlases for the school.

**World Book Day**

This year, pupils dressed up as a hero or villain from one of their favourite books. An ‘extreme photo’ competition was also organised, with a child from each year group winning a prize for the most ‘extreme’ photograph! The children really enjoyed taking part in this and we had some photos taken in very original places! A local illustrator also came to school to engage Key Stage two pupils in a related workshop. Pupils spent the day making a story book on computer. At the end of the workshop, they got to show off their fabulous creations!

**Numeracy Week**

We held a Numeracy Week in March to raise funds to buy new Numeracy resources. One of the activities was a Numeracy Trail. The children were in groups made up of children from P1 – P7 and had to answer a number of numeracy questions about our school environment. We stayed in the same teams and on Thursday 17th March we took part in a table quiz. The quiz had numeracy, literacy, WAU, music and picture rounds. The answers to the questions were all numbers or mathematical language. The final challenge of the week took place in the different classrooms and the children had to answer mathematical questions asked by their class teacher. As well as developing an interest and enjoyment in Numeracy, the initiative raised £900. £300 of this money was donated to the Children’s Hospice and the remaining £600 was used to purchase new numeracy resources, including new textbooks.

**School Council**

In September an election was held for a new school council. Representatives from P2-P7 met regularly to discuss issues and thoughts from their class. During the year, the council held a non-uniform days and a fit fun day to raise money for school and for the British Heart Foundation. At the end of the year, with the money raised, the council was able to purchase a Golden Rules playground sign, two outdoor chalkboards and make a contribution towards the purchase of new reading books.

**Fit Fun Morning**

In May we had a morning of different games to help keep us fit and to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and our school. P1- P4 started off playing dodgeball while P5-7 where outside rotating around different activity stations, including hopscotch, dribbling a football and attempting to shoot into a basketball net to name a few. The children had a great time during all the activities as well as raising a total of £641.70.

**Ian Patterson bird visit**

On Thursday 16th June Ian Patterson, the birdman came to visit the pupils of Tildarg. He made sure we knew that his birds were not pets. He introduced us to some of his birds and told us all about them. Some children were very lucky and got the chance to hold or have a bird fly onto their arm. Everyone had a great time and learnt a lot.

**Cycling Proficiency**

P7 pupils were again given the opportunity to take part in the Primary Schools’ Cycling Proficiency. This year’s P7s participated in the Enhanced Cycling Proficiency Scheme. The course consisted of a combination of practical cycling activities, which were continuously assessed and theory relating to the Highway Code. Well done to all Year 7s for their weekly effort and enthusiasm!

P6 and P7 benefitted from some additional coaching in cycling proficiency when people from the council came out to deliver a ‘Sprocket Rocket’ taster session.

**Stormont Assembly Visit**

P5-7 pupils had the opportunity to visit Parliament Buildings, Stormont. Ulster Unionist MLA, Adrian Cochrane-Watson arranged the visit and was there for part of the tour. It ended with juice and biscuits in Adrian’s offices. This was a fascinating and enjoyable trip for both children and adults alike!

**Musical Events**

Our Christmas Nativity Concert took place on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December in our school hall. We had a full programme with Christmas Carols played by the handbell group, recorders, violins and our wind band. The school choir also performed on this occasion. The children from Year 1-3 excelled as usual with their presentation of ‘A Miracle in Town!’

Our children also took part in Ballyclare Music Festival in March. The children all excelled themselves in their performances and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Special mention must go to:

Rose Camley - 2nd  in 10 years and under woodwind category and 3rd in P6 recorder class

Hannah Milliken – 1st in 9 years and under violin category

Megan Thompson – 3rd in 11 years and under violin category

Sophie McConnell – 2nd in 11 years and under piano category

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Johnston, Mrs S McConnell and Mr C Doherty for their expert tuition in guitar, violin, woodwind and brass. Many congratulations must go to the following children for passing their music examinations during the school year:

Megan Thompson – Year 7 –Grade 1 – Violin

Rose Camley – Year 6 – Grade 1 – Clarinet

Felicity McConnell – Year 6 – Grade 1 – Clarinet

Anna Wylie – Year 6 – Grade 1 - Clarinet

Katie Bamford – Year 7- Grade 2 – Flute

Olivia Orr – Year 7 – Grade 2 – Flute

### Sports Day

Sports Day was held in Hollinger Park on the morning of Thursday 24th May. Once again, Mrs A Stewart organised the event and even managed to organise glorious sunshine, again! The PTA committee kindly provided refreshments for everyone. Thank you to our volunteers and all who helped make the day such a success! Thanks also to Ballyclare High School for the use of the venue and to the groundsmen for marking out the track.

**Swimming**

P5 attended swimming lessons throughout the summer term at the Sixmile Leisure Centre, Ballyclare. During the lessons, children worked on the front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke. All children made excellent progress, with each one receiving a certificate for their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Claire McConnell for transporting the children to the leisure centre each week.

P6 & 7 pupils attended swimming lessons as usual in Antrim Forum from January to June. All children received distance certificates in the summer term, with Georgia Crawford swimming 600 metres, in the fixed time of 30 minutes.

In the Primary Schools’ Gala in June, Katie Bamford, Eva Graham and Callum Scarlett represented Tildarg in frontcrawl, backstroke and breaststroke. Well done everyone!

A special word of thanks is due to our willing band of drivers!

**Football**

The 2015-2016 boys football team:

Jacob Manson, Andrew Gordon, Adam Lyttle, William Ashe, Callum Scarlett, Callum McConnell, Harry Lyttle, Rory McNeill, Stuart Thompson and Taylor Orr.

During the 2015-2016 season the boys competed in league matches against local primary schools including Straid and Parkgate.

This year’s annual May Fair Tournament organized by the Principals’ Association, was held in The Soccer Shed. The boys all played well at this tournament and more importantly, they all enjoyed themselves.

The boys had a very enjoyable season and should be commended for their dedication and commitment to the team.

Thank you to Mr. Beggs for his hard work and dedication; to all the parents, who provided transport during the year; and to Mrs C McConnell for the use of her minibus!

### Hockey

The 2015/16 girls’ hockey squad consisted of:– Megan Thompson, Katie Bamford, Sharon Wilson, Olivia Orr, Sophie McConnell, Eva Graham, Felicity McConnell, Anna Wylie, Georgia Crawford and Rose Camley. The team played their very best throughout the year. During the hockey season (October – May), the girls initially played some friendly matches and then league matches against Straid and Parkgate. The team also played in the annual May Fair Tournament. The girls played brilliantly and were placed second in the small schools section of the tournament. They must all be commended for their determination, effort and sportsmanship both at the May Fair and throughout the year! Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to support the team and assist with transport. A special word of thanks to Emma Patterson, a past pupil of Tildarg and university student, who coached the girls fortnightly at the astro-pitch. Thanks must also go to Miss Wright for tirelessly transporting girls every fortnight.

**Road to Rio**

P5/6 children were invited to Ballyclare Secondary School to take part in exciting activities based on the forthcoming Olympic Games in Rio. Our pupils joined with others from Doagh, Ballynure, Parkgate and Thompson Primary Schools in activities including javelin, rounders, basketball, football, food tasting, and science experiments.

**Tug of War**

Our Key Stage 2 boys and girls competed again this year, in the May Fair Tug-of-War pulls, organized by Ballyclare Lions. I am delighted to say that due to technique, strength and Mr. Beggs’ coaching, we came second in the small-schools section of the competition.

**Kwik Cricket**

P5-7 pupils enjoyed taking part in Kwik Cricket coaching sessions during the month of May. We are proud of not only all the sporting opportunities which are available to our pupils, but also the way in which they participate with eagerness and a great sense of fair play. We are very appreciative of the support of Templepatrick Cricket Club who provided a coach for this sport.

P6/7 enjoyed a well-organized cricket tournament at Ballyclare Rugby Club grounds on 10th June.

**ACADEMIC AND SPORTS AWARDS 2015**

Our Whole School Prize Day on 23rd June was a great occasion in our new hall.

Each P7s child received their Record of Achievement and a hoodie, provided by PTA as a leaving gift. The following awards were then presented by Mrs Mitchell and Mr Beggs.

Academic Endeavour Shields: - Katie McCartney Year 1

- Reuben Milliken Year 2

- Eliza Strain Year 3

- Taylor Orr Year 4

- Molly McCartney Year 5

- Felicity McConnell Year 6

- Katie Bamford Year 7

ICT Cup - Katie Bamford Year 7

Gamble Cup for Music - Megan Thompson Year 7

Golden Rules Cup - Eva Graham Year 7

Drama Cup - Leon Clarke Year 7

Arts Cup (P1-4) - Hannah Milliken Year 4

Kernoghan Shield - Layla Crawford Year 2

Numeracy Cup - Adam Lyttle Year 7

Literacy Shield - Olivia Orr Year 7

Mitchell Shield - Sophie McConnell Year 7

- Megan Thompson Year 7

McAuley Swimming Cup - Georgia Crawford Year 6

Cycling Proficiency Cup - Sarah-Jane Dorrit Year 7

Millar Football Cup Jacob Manson Year 7

Football – Top Goal Scorer Award Taylor Orr Year 4

Football Progress Award Andrew Gordon Year 7

Millar Hockey Cup Sophie McConnell Year 7

Most Improved Hockey Player Sharon Wilson Year 7

**Sports Day Awards**

Junior boy Winner Harry Elliott Year 3

Finch Steen Year 1

Junior boy runner up Jake Matthews Year 2

Junior girl winner Molly Steen Year 3

Junior girl runner up Leah Kernohan Year 1

Senior boy winner Callum McConnell Year 5

Senior boy runner up Harry Lyttle Year 5

Senior girl winner Emma Bamford Year 5

Senior girl runners up Sophie McConnell Year 7

Overall Sports Day Winners Finch Steen Year 1

Harry Elliott Year 3

**Congratulations to them all!**

**Mrs Lyttle**

It was sad occasion for Tildarg Primary, as we said farewell to Mrs. Lyttle, who had served dinners faithfully for over thirty years. Mrs Mitchell presented her with leaving gifts bought with donations from governors, staff and pupils. Our PTA kindly bought her a beautiful cherry tree for her garden. We wish her many happy, healthy years of retirement.

**CHARITY DONATIONS**

During the year our school supported the following charities:-

MACMILLAN Coffee Morning

British Legion Poppy Appeal

Children In Need

Comic Relief

British Heart Foundation

**VOUCHER COLLECTION**

**Sainsbury’s Vouchers**

The school was able to purchase sequencing spots, blindfolds and plastic cones as a result of the Sainsbury’s voucher collection scheme. Thank-you for your continued support.

**PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

Without the support of parents, our school could not offer the range of activities or experiences mentioned in this report. We are especially appreciative of the work and support of our P.T.A. Committee who, under the enthusiastic leadership of Mrs. Rachel Davis, raised a lot of money for our school. This money was used to purchase staging for our new school hall. The PTA also purchased five new laptops for use in all our classrooms. Other funds raised were used to purchase maths and literacy resources and to cover costs of transport and educational visits.

A very special thank you to **all** parents who have been involved with the PTA. We really appreciate all you have done for the school over the years.

**AFTER SCHOOLS & TODDLERS CLUBS**

Our After Schools & Toddlers Clubs continue to be very popular elements of our school life, fulfilling a very necessary role in providing care for our younger pupils after the end of their formal day, and our Toddlers group seems to be growing in numbers every week, with an average of over 10 adults and youngsters enjoying the support and refreshments every Wednesday morning!

Our thanks go to Mrs Tosh and Mrs Greer who so willingly supplement and enhance the activities which our school can offer.

This is a brief account of the life of our school last year, which, once again, has been an interesting, hectic and exciting one!

The Chairman of the Board of Governors would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Principal, the staff, pupils and PTA of the school on their outstanding successes this year and, on behalf of all the Governors, to thank them for their industry and commitment, and wish them well for the incoming school year.

**Budget Statement**

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| ***TILDARG PS. INCOME / EXPENDITURE 2015/16*** | | | | | | |
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|  |  |  |  |  | £ |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEACHING STAFF | | |  |  | 216,986 |  |
| NON - TEACHING STAFF | | | |  | 41,050 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL STAFF COSTS | | | |  | 258,036 |  |
| RUNNING COSTS | | |  |  | 14,020 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LESS INCOME | | |  |  | -8400 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | | |  | 263,656 |  |
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| **TOTAL** | |  |  |  | **263,656** |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ANNUAL BUDGET | | |  |  | 278,714 |  |
| LESS EXPENDITURE | | | |  | 263,656 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **2015/16 CARRY OVER** | | | |  | **15,058** |  |
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| INITIAL BUDGET | | |  |  | 251,913 |  |
| SAVINGS 2014/15 | | |  |  | 15,639 |  |
| ADDITIONAL SUPERANN | | | |  | 7080 |  |
| CONTINGENCY | | |  |  | 3038 |  |
| LITERACY & NUMERACY | | | |  | 1044 |  |
| **TOTAL BUDGET** | | |  |  | **278,714** |  |
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