

Board of Governors Annual Report 2021/22



Happy Children Achieve More

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Governors' Annual Report 2021/22

The Pupils, Staff and Governors would like to thank the whole school community for their support throughout this school year.

Staff returned to school in August to be updated on the latest Covid rules and mitigations and undertake a series of professional development workshops, including First Aid update training.

Children and Staff remained in their 'Protective Bubbles'. Everyone was glad to be back to school and quickly got on with the business of being with friends, having fun and enjoying learning.

We continued this year with 'outdoor assembly', weather permitting, with children sitting on mats on their playground spots. We have a lovely amplifier so that everyone can hear the stories, songs and music. We reinstated singing, once allowed, and the very enjoyable and mood enhancing Friday morning dance was introduced. Sorry to the whole of the Glynn who may not want to hear us! On the days when we couldn't go outside we had Zoom assemblies, with Miss Hawthorne beaming into each classroom—a treat for everyone!

September – All children and Staff began the Neuronimos programme – a daily programme aimed at recognising and managing mental health and well-being. Everyone very much enjoyed learning about the different parts of the brain and their functions and how to recognise our emotions and strategies we can use to manage how we react and deal with varying emotions.

9th September A coach from the Mid & East Antrim Council Active programme began a series of active sessions with the children – outdoors of course.

19th October – Jubilee Farm very kindly delivered 31 pumpkins to school, wow! Over the next few days the children painted and decorated the pumpkins and we were able to display them outside the school for all to see – there were some fabulous creations from unicorns to cats. The Primary 4 to 7 children worked in House groupings as this was also a House competition.

21st October With the dark nights approaching we had a Ditch the Dark day; we all wore bright and fluorescent colours that can be more easily seen when out and about on winter evenings.

On 5th November all children received their flu vaccinations.

13th November – Children in Need this year was our old favourite, Bedwear for Pudsey Bear. Who doesn't like a pyjama day? £147.50 was donated to Children in Need.

This year we decided to try to put on our usual, fabulous Christmas Productions. Each class 'Bubble' prepared and rehearsed their own production ready for 'Filming Day'. The children thoroughly enjoyed the whole process; we were all still nervous when it came to the 'real' performance. We had quite a lot of disruption during rehearsals due to that nasty old Covid, but we got there in the end. The films were put onto our YouTube channel and the links sent home via SeeSaw to be viewed. Thank you so much for the fantastic comments and feedback, we really loved doing the shows.

16th December – As we couldn't go to the pantomime, the pantomime came to us. We streamed the Yellow Jumper Production of Cinderella right into our classroom 'Bubbles', we dressed up and had pantomime snacks too.

One Big Family #TeamGlynn PS

**Percentage
attendance
2021/22
95.6%**

On leaving Glynn PS
pupils transferred to Larne
Grammar School
& Larne High School.



20th & 21st December We all put on our special jumpers or dresses for Christmas jumpers and Movie Day – we spread the Christmas spirit over two days, sure why not, we all need a bit of Christmas sparkle and magic!

11th Online Safety Assemblies—age and stage appropriate assemblies on keeping safe online.

25th February Dental Survey

March—With the outbreak of the war in the Ukraine we offered the school as a hub for collection for donations. Due to the vast generosity of the Glynn Community a large van load of essential items was collected to assist the people of Ukraine.

3rd March – World Book Day – On the anniversary of World Book Day we all dressed for a party and celebrated the wonderful world of books.

10th March – Caitlin from Larne Rugby Club started a series of rugby skills taster sessions with the children from P5 to 7.

10th May – For the first time in two years we returned to the swimming pool – the Primary 7 children enjoyed a few weeks of Tuesday morning swimming.

16th to 20th May -Fitness Frenzy week – each day this week the children, and Staff, took part in a different fitness activity . We enjoyed Zumba with Avril, Orienteering, The Daily Mile and various fun games and activities.

23rd to 25th May -The P7's, Mrs Ingram, Mrs Dougan and Miss Hawthorne set off for 'the best holiday ever' at the Lorne Estate. Our instructors took great care of us and the children learnt such a lot about their environment, themselves and each other. We did orienteering, zip line, high ropes, archery, the crate challenge, bushcraft, climbing wall, beach walk and had a campfire (I have probably left something out). We all loved the food and were royally looked after. Our bedrooms were amazing! We loved every moment of it, it was fantastic! The bus was awash with tears on the way home!

6th June – Primary 7 had a great afternoon of fun at the Netball Tournament run by Larne Netball Club.

9th June – The School photographer visited to take some beautiful pictures.

10th June The Big Glynn PS Platinum Jubilee Party – We all dressed up in 1950's costumes and had the most wonderful day of fun, food and frolics. We had chip and ice cream vans drive into our playground and feed us all, we had 'The Queen' storyteller, skipping, hoola hoops, dancing, orienteering, Jubilee craft and much, much more. A grand day to remember!

22nd June Sports' Day – Having been postponed due to the weather we were once again able to have our Sports' Day with spectators and it turned out to be great fun.

26th June the Primary 6's visited Larne High School and had a fabulous day trying out some fun activities—science, technology, physical activity.

Live Here, Love Here Pollinator Grant—We applied for and were fortunate to receive quite a substantial grant from the Live Here, Love Here Pollinator grants scheme – The children, Staff, our friends Gary from Inver Garden Centre, David Bell and PBS Hurricane Sheds did a lot of work pulling everything together. A new fence was erected around the bark area in the playground, the new Jubilee Lodge (outdoor learning and nurture space) was built, tidying of our existing garden and new shed, the Primary 7's and Staff planted native hedging all along much of the perimeter fencing and the Primary 7 children prepared and planted a beautiful pollinator flowerbed at the front of the school. The Primary 7's looked after the hedging and flowerbeds throughout the summer term, ensuring everything was watered and fed.

Orienteering Course – through some funding from the Department of Education for Health & wellbeing we were able to make an investment in an orienteering course which has now been erected around our school grounds. This course can be used in so many different ways that have educational, mental, emotional and physical benefits. We are enjoying exploring the many uses.

Happy healthy minds – The Healthy Happy Minds programme introduced and funded by the Department of Education, has seen a counsellor visiting school weekly to work with any children who can benefit from her support. Children can opt in themselves or be referred by school staff or parents. Parental permission is sought before an intervention takes place.

House competitions—We have three Houses, named after prominent Ulster-Scots Families of the locality—Agnew, Johnston and Shaw.

In September the sorting process placed the Primary 4 children into their Houses – Letters were delivered to each child; very exciting for us all.

House competitions throughout the year included –

- * a pumpkin decorating competition. There were some really fabulous, creative, extraordinary creations. Judging was very difficult!
- * a handwriting competition; we have some beautiful writing in our school!
- * Spelling Bee – we have great spellers in our school; the competition was quite tense at times.
- * Jubilee Bunting competition—the drawings were so wonderful, we used one to make a card which we sent to Her Majesty The Queen. (We were delighted to receive a reply later in the summer).
- * Activities throughout Fitness Frenzy week earned House points.

The House of Agnew won the 2021/22 House Cup for the very first time; well done everyone. Great team work!



We were able to purchase some new ipads, and refurbish the old ones, this year, due to an extremely generous donation from The Boston Philanthropic Society on behalf of James and Ellen Glynn. Over the past number of years this very generous couple have given several donations to the children of Glynn Primary School. We are extremely grateful for their kindness. We have extended an invitation for James and Ellen to visit when they next venture to Northern Ireland.

Sport

All pupils are encouraged to take part in the range of sports offered by the school and in keeping with the following aim: 4(b) "To develop and encourage every pupil's intellectual and physical potential". Physical activity was a particular focus this year with healthy bodies and healthy minds at the forefront of planning. We had to be creative as the use of equipment had to be restricted. For Primary 7 cardio drumming became a new favourite – noisy but fun. All children in Key Stages 1 & 2 participated in P.E.

Special Educational Needs

We are committed to the provision of a broad, balanced curriculum, which offers equal access for all children. As a school we recognise that some pupils during their school career may have special educational needs and/or a disability and we will make every possible arrangement to provide for their individual needs. We follow the three-stage approach for the identification, assessment and provision of special educational needs, as set out in the New Code of Practice. Responsibility for pupils within stages 1 – 2 lies with the school (with help from external agencies) and with the EA, NE Region and the school at stage 3. Throughout the year we liaised with parents and professionals providing, receiving and sharing information and advice and facilitated support within school. We also continued preparations for the New SEN Framework implementation.

Staff Development

All staff undertook on-going professional development both individually and as a whole staff, throughout the year. Training took the form of attending afternoon cluster groups, whole staff afternoon training, external courses and school development days, the majority of which were delivered remotely this year. Areas covered included Neuronimos, Addressing Bullying Act (Policy & Practice), SEND Framework – PLP's (Personal learning Plans), Calm Plans, Precision teaching, Fire Safety update, First Aid Training, Safeguarding/Child Protection, Understanding Attachment, Understanding Brain Development. Understanding Trauma.

Building and Maintenance

Essential maintenance was carried out throughout the year as and when necessary.

Arrangement for Safety & Security

There is a high perimeter fence around the whole school estate. The playground area is completely secured by high fencing and once the bell has gone in the morning the gates are locked. Children can gain access to the playground by pressing a button and electronically opening the door into the playground but they can go no further. All other doors can only be exited using a fob, which children do not have access to. No one can enter the school building without having the door electronically opened from inside or using a fob. Fobs have been issued to authorised persons and a record kept of who has fobs. Visitors to the school must sign in. The exterior of the school is monitored by security cameras which operate 24 hours a day. At night security lighting automatically comes on to ensure the security of the building.

ENROLMENT DETAILS

The enrolment number for the school was set by the Department of Education at 103 with an admissions number of 15. Enrolment in September 2022 93. We had 12 new children join us in Primary 1.





STAFF

Principal
 Miss D Hawthorne
 Class teachers P7
 Mrs C Thompson & Miss D Hawthorne
 Class teachers P5&6
 Mrs S McMaw & Mrs Best
 Class teacher P3&4
 Miss C Johnston
 Class teacher P1&2
 Mrs M Dougan
 Classroom Assistants
 Mrs T Ingram, Mrs L Ringland, Mrs Z Wilson, Mrs E Robinson,
 Mrs A Crowe, Miss K O'Lynn, Mrs M Elliott.
 Secretary
 Mrs N Allen
 Caretaker
 Mr M McRoberts
 Dining Assistant
 Mrs S Paisley



Miss DM Hawthorne
 MEd, BEd(Hons), DASE.
 Principal.
 Please speak to me at
 anytime if you have
 a question or concern.

Local Management of Schools Budget Deployment 2021/22	
Total Staff costs	341,090.00
Premises and fixed plant	7,501.00
Operating costs	5,368.00
TOTAL	353,959.00

Private Funds Account – 2021/2022	
Opening balance as at 1 st April 2021	5,289.23
Plus income lodged	14,239.09
Less expenditure	11,161.59
Less currency exchange fee	10.00
Closing balance as at 31st March 2022	8,356.73











