



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on another busy year in our school. This year we have shared many achievements with some of the highlights including receiving our new Eco Flag and our nomination for the Derrytrasna Award, for which we were highly commended.

We have been delighted that our Aspire Shared Education project with Gilford and Milltown PS, was relaunched this year. Our "Well-being" focus enabled us to provide interactive and engaging lessons to promote both the children's physical and mental well-being. It was fantastic to see so many parents at our Aspire Celebration Event and great to be able to offer a free end of year trip to all children. We very much look forward to our partnership continuing next year.

This year, despite industrial action, we have made great progress developing many curriculum areas. We have successfully introduced a whole school ICT record document, which has helped to record the wide range of ICT tasks being completed in our school. We have researched and invested in a new mathematics scheme of work and two new online Numeracy programs (Maths seeds and Mathletics) which we hope will further enhance the Numeracy teaching within our school. We have also worked to develop staff's ability to effectively assess children's progress in Numeracy and Literacy.

We have used this year to canvas staff, pupils and parents for their views on our school, that will be used to develop our next three-year School Development Plan. We thank everyone for their contributions as we continue to work to identify areas for development and to build on our many strengths.

This year, we have been able to continue to develop our community links. Thanks to the support of Tullylish GAC, we have been able to continue our weekly fundamental skills sessions for all children from P3 to P7. Our partnership with Burns Skills School has meant that the children have continued to enjoy their Friday afternoon fun fitness sessions. We have also continued to work with the LLTC Community Centre, with our P7 Intergenerational project again being a real highlight.

I would like to acknowledge our fantastic staff for their dedication throughout this academic year. Day after day they prioritise the needs of the children and it is a privilege to lead such a committed and professional group. I would especially like to thank Miss Hoy for her thirty-three years of dedicated service to our school. We wish Miss Hoy every happiness in her well-earned retirement. We look forward to welcoming Mrs McConville to our school in September.

I would also like to thank all parents and extended family members for all their support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated by myself and the staff.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone connected to St Colman's Bann PS a very safe, happy and fun-filled summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Mr Tighe.