

# Board of Governors Annual Report 2019/20



## Happy Children Achieve More

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS (From December 2018)

#### Transferors

Mr D. Swann (Vice-Chairman)  
Mrs C. Milligan  
Mrs C. Craig  
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Rev D Lockhart (from May 2020)

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Mr JR Beggs (Chairman)  
Mr N Neill

#### Parents Representatives

Mrs E O'Dornan  
Mr C Brown

#### Teacher Representative

Mrs C Thompson  
Secretary to the Board of Governors  
Miss D. Hawthorne

### Governors' Annual Report 2019/20

The Pupils, Staff and Governors would like to thank the whole school community for supporting them throughout what started as a normal school year, before descending into the strange and unbelievable year we will all remember for ever more. Staff started the year in August with a series of professional development workshops.

9<sup>th</sup> September – Staff attended afternoon anaphylaxis update training.

11<sup>th</sup> September – Afterschool Horse-riding started for four weeks.

12<sup>th</sup> September – Lunchtime Running Club started.

13<sup>th</sup> September – Afterschool Choir started for four weeks.

24<sup>th</sup> September – The Scholastic Book Fair was delivered. The Book cases stayed for a week and were open every afternoon for perusing and purchasing. It was a very successful week for promoting reading and adding to school funds. Thanks to the P7's who helped man and run the Book Fair each day.

25<sup>th</sup> September – All those who put themselves up as candidates for House Captains made their campaign speeches to the whole school during assembly. Julia (Johnston), Lucy (Agnew) and Carly (Shaw) were elected. Well done ladies! 19<sup>th</sup> October. The aim of our House system is to engender identity, togetherness, incentive and reward. As an Ulster-Scots Flagship our House names celebrate prominent Ulster-Scots families within our area – Johnston (Glynn), Agnew (Kilwaughter) and Shaw (Ballygally).

27<sup>th</sup> September – School Staff attended a Behaviour Management Conference led by Pivotal Education.

28<sup>th</sup> September – The Parents & Friends Association held a very enjoyable Dance in the Blue Circle Club. Thank you all for your organisation and support.

10<sup>th</sup> October – Our Cross Country Running Team entered the Flahavan's NI Athletics Primary School Cross Country Series – We had a great time and everyone ran really well. Thank you Mr Brown for helping with the transport.

14<sup>th</sup> October – Our Glynntastic Runners began a nine-week couch to 5k programme, supported by Miss Hawthorne, Mrs Crowe and Mrs Allen. We had the most fantastic time together, with the ladies and gentlemen releasing their inner strength and determination.

16<sup>th</sup> October – We held our Harvest Assembly.

24<sup>th</sup> October – The monthly House competition was to make a fruit/vegetable character. There were some really fabulous, creative, extraordinary creations. Judging was very difficult!

22<sup>nd</sup> October – All children, P1 to 7, received their flu vaccinations in school, all went well, phew!

25<sup>th</sup> 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.

7<sup>th</sup> November – Highland Dancing started with Kathryn Stewart as part of the PE Dance curriculum – all children took part throughout the year.

15<sup>th</sup> November. -This year for Children in Need we decided to dress in stripes and stops and we'll raise lots. £115 was donated to Children in Need.

29<sup>th</sup> November – This month's House Competition was a handwriting competition; we have some beautiful writing in our school!

## Another successful year at Glynn PS

**Percentage attendance  
2019/20  
95.1%**



2<sup>nd</sup> December – The Primary 7's were delighted and privileged to be invited by The Glynn Community Association, to plant part of the orchard being created in Glynn.

4<sup>th</sup> December -The children took part in the Glynn Village Tree lighting and Carol Service. The choirs from P1 to 3 and P 4 to 7 each performed.

5<sup>th</sup> December – The Cross Country Running Team went to Lisnagarvey High School for the second in the Flahavan's Primary School's Cross Country Running event. Thanks again Mr Brown for helping us with transport; it was greatly appreciated.

6<sup>th</sup> December – The December House Competition was early as the competition was to design a Christmas Tree decoration for the Village Christmas Tree.

11<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner was a very festive occasion as usual.

7<sup>th</sup> December – This year we had an Open morning for the boys, girls and parents due to start school in September. It was a lovely morning meeting new and old friends.

7<sup>th</sup> December – We had a wonderful, magical afternoon at our marvellous Christmas Tree festival. The Staff and Community put a lot of thought and effort into trees representing lines from Christmas songs and carols. The Parents Association provided teas in the Village, where Santa also paid a visit.

13<sup>th</sup> December – We all went to the McNeill Theatre, Larne for the Christmas pantomime production of Sleeping Beauty.

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December. -The Village Hall was packed to capacity on two occasions as this year we performed our Christmas productions twice. There was a festive atmosphere as the whole community joined together to experience and celebrate Christmas Glynn style, with P4 to 7 performing 'The Little Fir Tree' and P1 to 3 performing 'A Lad in a Manger'. We were delighted to have the children and Staff from Hansel & Gretel Pre-School join us this year once again and perform wonderfully. Donations kindly given between the Village Carol Service and our productions, was given to the charity chosen by the P7's which this year was Tiny Life NI, £386. Thanks for your help and support.

20<sup>th</sup> December We all put on our special jumpers or dresses for Christmas jumper and Movie Day.

9<sup>th</sup> January- The P7's had a visit from Dr Reid and Mrs Stevenson from Larne High School to invite them to the Open Night.

7<sup>th</sup> January – Afterschool Board Game Club started.

9<sup>th</sup> January – Afterschool Bible Club started.

24<sup>th</sup> January- The P7's had their special Chip Lunch (*the day before the results!*).

30<sup>th</sup> January – Larne Primary Schools' Football Association Indoor 5's took place and our glynnatsic girls made the semi final. Well done girls, a fabulous day. Thanks to the supporters who certainly made themselves known!

31<sup>st</sup> January – Primary 2 & 3 started their Forest School programme of outdoor education. Each week they put their wellies on and headed off to Jubilee Park. Thank you to Mrs Wylie for coming along to help out with supervision.

31<sup>st</sup> January – The House competition for January involved a Quadrathon – singing, coding, craft and sport. A great afternoon was had by all.

6<sup>th</sup> February - Larne Primary Schools' Football Association indoor 5's. Another fun day with lots of effort and plenty of team spirit.

14<sup>th</sup> February – Staff had an afternoon of developing their Whole School Nurturing Approach skills with a workshop on Theraplay.

25<sup>th</sup> February – After schools Multi- skills started for six weeks.

24<sup>th</sup> February – The Primary 5's had a workshop on Safety in the home provided by the NI Fire & Resuce Service.

27<sup>th</sup> February – The February House competition was the Great Glynn Tray Bake off – judging was extremely difficult and filling. Hard decisions had to be made!

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Art Club started for 5 weeks.

5<sup>th</sup> March- We all dressed in our pyjamas for snuggles and stories on World Book Day.

5<sup>th</sup> March – Brenda from the Education Authority came along to demonstrate some Theraplay sessions with children from primaries 2 to 4.

12<sup>th</sup> March-The School Photographer visited school

13<sup>th</sup> March – The Senior Choir travelled to Ballyclare Presbyterian Church to take part in the Ballyclare Music Festival. It was very enjoyable and our choir preformed beautifully. Thanks, as usual, to our loyal band of supporters who travelled with us.

20<sup>th</sup> March—Of course this was our last day of 'in school' learning as we were all locked down! Unbelievable!

26<sup>th</sup> June—We had a fabulous drive through leavers' event for our Glynntastic Primary 7's.

## Music

The Choir worked hard in rehearsals ready for another year of performing and festivals. Friday 13<sup>h</sup> March Ballyclare Music Festival, our choir preformed really well. This was really our last event of the year as Lockdown came the next week. Larne Music Festival was, of course, cancelled. We are now thinking about song choices for next year – which Musical will get the Glynn treatment next? Thanks Mrs Thompson, Mrs McMaw, boys and girls for a great musical year.

## Board Game Club

Our first year of Board Game Club was a great success with the boys and girls excited to attend and working on the Team work, logic and strategy skills. Cluedo, Lego, Connect 4, Bingo, Dominoes, Scrabble to name but a few and, of course, the fabulous Beetle Game Day. Thanks boys, girls, Mrs Best and Miss Hawthorne.

## Bible Club

Once again this year we had after school Bible Club. The after school programme was, as usual, well supported with over twenty children attending each week to explore bible stories, learn memory verses and take part in fun quizzes and games. Thanks Mrs Taggart and Mrs McMaw, boys and girls.

## Art Club

What could be better than an afternoon exploring and creating with different craft materials. Thank you boys, girls and Mrs Taggart for a great after school club.

## 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". Sporting activities available to the pupils are as follows: athletics, football, rugby, hockey, netball, swimming, cricket, dance. All children in Key Stages 1 & 2 participated in P.E. All pupils in P 5, 6 & 7 participated in the school swimming programme travelling to Larne Leisure Centre every Tuesday morning throughout the year.

### FOOTBALL

As always we looked forward to a new footballing year with enthusiasm.

This year our football team participated in just one competition run by The Larne Primary Schools' Football Association: the indoor 5's (Red & White Cup), before our footballing year was cut short. We took part with enthusiasm, grit and determination. I was very proud of how the children kept going, developing their footballing and emotional resilience skills. As always we played as a team, with good spirit. Our girls took part in the Girls' Football Tournament held in Larne Leisure Centre. Our girls played extremely well and had a very enjoyable time, reaching the semi final in glynntastic style. Thanks Miss Hawthorne, Miss Finlay, boys and girls for another enjoyable footballing year.

### HOCKEY

Miss Finlay co-ordinated Glynn PS hockey this year. Once again the girls approached the season with enthusiasm. Unfortunately this tournament too was cancelled. Thanks to Miss Finlay, boys and girls.

### SWIMMING

All children from Primary 5 to 7 participate in weekly swimming lessons. Some children have their first experience of water, while others are honing their existing skills, but we all work together to develop our own swimming skills and, most importantly, have fun.

### HORSE RIDING

This year we again offered Horse Riding as an after school activity, a fee was paid by each child. Starting in September for 4 weeks, 8 children along with Mrs Ingram and Miss Hawthorne, travelled to the Islandmagee Riding Centre for lessons on riding and horse care. The children absolutely loved their experiences and several are still riding, having taken up the hobby after their school taster sessions. The children all completed the course and received their certificates. Thanks Mrs Ingram, Miss Hawthorne, boys, girls and the Staff from Islandmagee Riding Centre for a wonderful After School Club.

### MULTI-SKILLS

Multi-skills aims to teach and develop skills that can be used in all sports and physical education activities. Miss Finlay devised a tailored programme to be followed to best suits the needs of the children who attended. The children asked for this club to be run twice for P4/5 and for P6/7. Everyone really enjoyed this club. Thanks Miss Finlay Boys and girls for a very enjoyable and worthwhile club.

## Education for Mutual Understanding

In order for all children to further develop an open, understanding and caring attitude towards others, we believe it is essential that the children interact with children from different locations and backgrounds. We participate in various sporting activities, football, rugby, hockey, where the children work alongside children from different schools.

## 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 five-stage approach for the identification, assessment and provision of special educational needs, as set out in the Code of Practice. Responsibility for pupils within stages 1 – 3 lies with the school (with help from external agencies) and with the EA, NE Region and the school at stage 5. Stage 4 involves further assessment. Throughout the year we liaised with parents and professionals providing, receiving and sharing information and advice and facilitated support within school.

## 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. Areas covered included Whole School Nurturing Approach, SEND Framework, Behaviour Management, Fire Safety update, Heartstart, Forest Schools, Safeguarding/Child Protection, effective use of data (pupil tracking), literacy, maths processes and TS & PC's. Staff also attended the Pivotal Education lecture in September organised by the East Antrim Principals' Association.

## 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 2019 89. We had 18 new children join us in Primary 1.



### STAFF

Principal  
Miss D. Hawthorne  
Class teachers P6&7  
Mrs C Thompson & Miss D Hawthorne  
Class teacher P4&5  
Mrs S McMaw & Mrs S Best  
Class teacher P2 & 3  
Mrs P Taggart  
Class teacher P1  
Miss M Finlay  
Classroom Assistants  
Mrs T. Ingram, Mrs L Ringland, Mrs Z Wilson,  
Mrs E Robinson, Mrs A Crowe.  
Senior Clerical Officer  
Mrs N. Allen  
Supervisory Assistants  
Mrs T Ingram, Mrs L Ringland, Mrs I Parke,  
Mr McRoberts.  
Caretaker  
Mr M McRoberts  
Dining Supervisor  
Mrs S.Paisley.



Anticipated End of Key Stage Assessment Results 2019/20

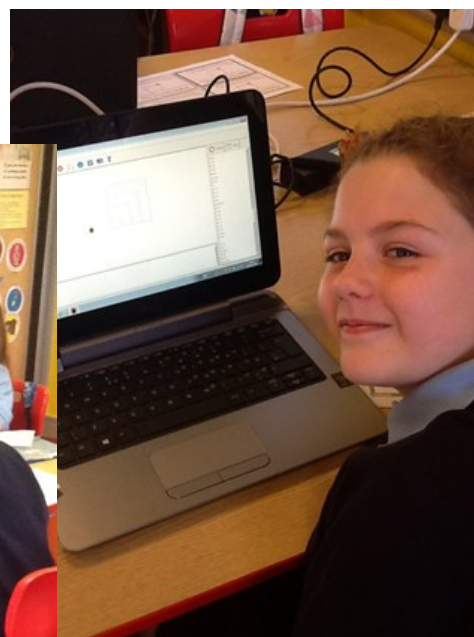
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Key Stage 1					
English					
Mathematics					
ICT					
Key Stage 2					
English			7.5%(1)	85%(11)	7.5%(1)
Mathematics			7.5%(1)	85%(11)	7.5%(1)
ICT				100%(13)	



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

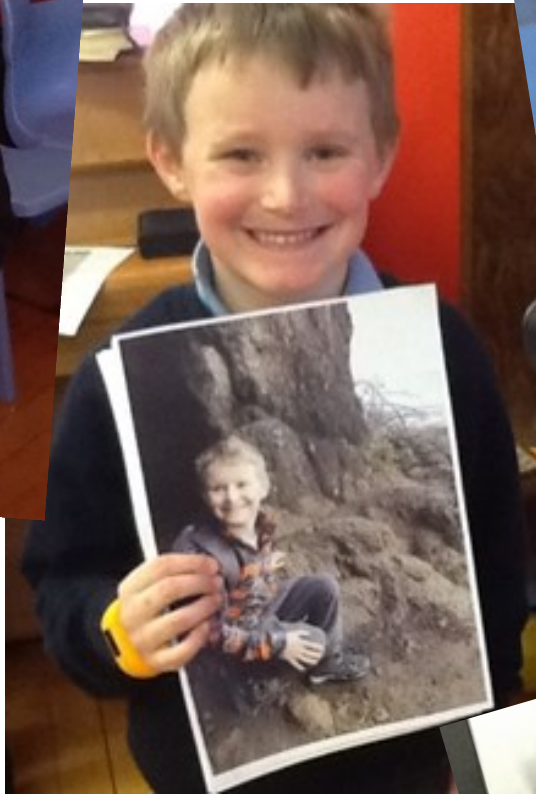
Local Management of Schools Budget Deployment 2019/20	
Total Staff costs	309,813.00
Premises and fixed plant	8750.00
Operating costs	6860.00
TOTAL	325,423.00

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



Private Funds Account 2019/20	
Opening balance 1/4/2019	2716.64
Income	10,404.03
Expenditure	6783.13
Closing balance 31/3/2020	6337.54





**We love to share in the successes of the boys & girls.**





