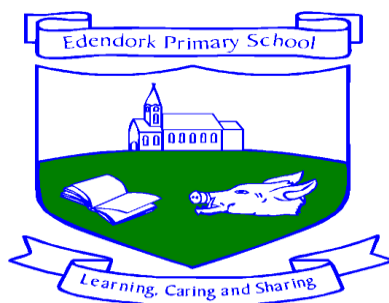
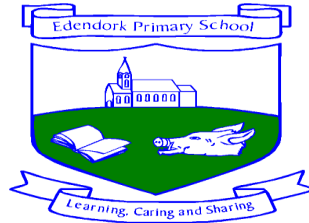


EDENDORK PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Board of Governors Annual Report

Academic Year 2022 - 2023



EDENDORK P.S.

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GOVERNORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021/22

VISION

Together as governors, staff, parents, the local Church and community:

“Inspired by our faith in Christ, as a Catholic school, we will provide a happy, secure, caring, well resourced and stimulating learning environment. We will support and enable our children to realise and achieve their potential. We will pass on to them our Catholic Faith, empowering them to be caring, responsible individuals, contributors to their community, capable of independent thought and well equipped to meet the opportunities/challenges of education, work and life in a dynamic world.”

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I present to you, the Board of Governors’ Report on Edendork P.S. for the academic year 2022/23. It is the intention of the Governors, and indeed the Principal, for you to be always informed about your child’s progress at school and so this report is one of a number of ways in which information is provided.

Despite emerging out of the Covid 19 pandemic and still feeling the impact, Edendork P.S. was a very busy place throughout 2022/23 so this report can only serve as a “snapshot” into all the learning and teaching experiences presented in our school. It is intended this report gives you an overview and creates an opportunity for you to gain a flavour of the work, lifestyle and ethos of Edendork P.S.

If you require information about your own child or have any concern, you should feel free at any time to contact the school and arrange an appointment with the Principal, Mrs Mc Alinden, or your child’s teacher. Requests for additional information or clarification of any aspect of this report should be forwarded in writing to the school.

On behalf of the Governors, I thank you for your support and look forward to your continued interest.

I commend this report for your consideration.

Mr. B. Duffy

Chairperson

EDENDORK P.S.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The year in brackets indicates the year in which each member's term of office ends.

Trustee Representatives

Mrs K. Conlan (Vice Chair)	(2023)
Rev. Fr. E. Mc Camley	(2023)
Mrs. M. R. Mallon	(2023)
Mrs Y. Mc Avoy	(2023)

D.E.N.I. Representative

Mr. N. Colton	(2023)
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E.A. Representative

Mr. B. Duffy (Chairman)	(2023)
Mrs. A. Scullion	(2023)

Parents Representative

Mrs. O. Wallace	(2023)
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Teacher Representative

Mrs. P. Forker	(2023)
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Principal –

Mrs. A. Mc Alinden	(Secretary)
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WHAT ARE THE GOVERNORS MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES?

The Board of Governors has overall responsibility for the effective management of the school. They are required to meet at least three times each year (usually once per term) but in practice, they may meet more often than this. Their range of duties and responsibilities are diverse and include:

- Maintaining and developing the Catholic ethos of the school.
- School Development Planning
- Setting the school's vision and aims.
- Setting the schools plans and policies in relation to:
 - the curriculum;
 - pupil pastoral care and protection – i.e. the arrangements to promote pupil and staff welfare;
 - pupil discipline;
 - special educational needs and disability; and
 - charging for school activities.
- Monitoring and evaluating school performance
- Promoting self-evaluation to sustain school improvement
- Admissions and Enrolment
- Staffing and Finance
- Preparing information for parents including an Annual Report.

SCHOOL AIMS & VALUES

Edendork Primary School believes in promoting the spiritual, personal, social and academic goals desirable for our pupils. We wish to promote in all our pupils such values that will help them to become caring responsible citizens of the future. These Catholic values are inherent in all areas of the school's life. At Edendork, we aim:

1. To develop a strong Catholic ethos underpinning our pastoral care systems. This incorporates fairness, compassion, tolerance and forgiveness, whilst setting standards of respect for others and ourselves.
2. To develop interpersonal relationships fostering mutual respect with and between all members of the school community.
3. To promote close links between home, school, the parish and the wider community.
4. To facilitate and develop the spiritual, personal, cultural, intellectual and physical needs of each and every child at the school and enhance their contribution to society.
5. To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, for the children of all ages within a friendly, supportive and caring learning environment.
6. To provide opportunities to enhance teaching and enrich children's learning experiences across the curriculum using Communication, Mathematics and I.C.T.
7. To integrate thinking skills and personal capabilities in our planning and practice so that children develop skills for life.
8. To foster qualities and values such as personal responsibility, commitment, determination, resourcefulness, openness to new ideas, self confidence, curiosity, flexibility, tolerance, integrity, community spirit and self discipline enabling our pupils to become caring, responsible citizens of the future.
9. To present a variety of learning experiences to our pupils and staff tapping into and developing talents and interests, so that they can progress to the best of their ability.
10. To develop in our pupils a sense of appreciation and preservation of their environment, both at a local and global scale.
11. For pupils to be happy at Edendork, to do their best and to be recognised and valued for themselves.

REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

This review is intended to give a brief synopsis of the life and range of activities presented in Edendork P.S. during the 2022/2023 academic year. It serves as a window into the range of achievements, which have been made. A detailed listing is available in **Calendar**.

In September 2022, 38 P.1 children enrolled in Edendork P.S. thus the enrolment for 2022/2023 school year was 287.

In June 2023, 40 children transferred to second level education into the following schools:

St. Ciaran's Ballygawley	1
St. Joseph's College, Coalisland	11
St. Mary's Grammar Magherafelt	1
St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	21
St. Patrick's College, Dungannon	6

The Curriculum

The broad and balanced curriculum presented involves the presentation of a variety of learning activities, which include opportunities to achieve in the creative areas such as sport, music, and art. In Edendork P.S, the teaching and expression of our Catholic faith and values, are very important elements of our curriculum and permeates every aspect of our school life. A team approach is key in all our plans and evaluations for curriculum development. The role of pupils, parents, all staff and governors continued to be paramount in this process. A whole school audit involving parents, pupils and governors was initiated in May 2023. This began the process of identifying our strengths and informing areas for future whole school improvement/development (School Development Plan 2024 – 2027).

With regards to curriculum initiatives, teachers at Edendork continued to be involved in identifying and facilitating individual need including promoting good health, good emotional well being and enhancing standards of children's achievements in the three key areas of Literacy, ICT and Numeracy. In 2022/23, we invested heavily in and embarked on the Barnardos PATHS Programme (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) which involved teachers in two days of staff development and in-class coaching/support once a month. Classroom assistants and lunchtime supervisors also availed of training and support provided. In Literacy, teachers and classroom assistants embarked on training in relation to developing progressive skills and knowledge of key features for different writing genre within each key stage of the NI Curriculum. Throughout the school, teachers reviewed and revised their practice and employed strategies to enhance children's learning in both literacy and numeracy. Teachers also presented regular learning and teaching experiences enabling children to embed mental maths strategies in each class so that children would apply them more confidently and independently.

An ICT Scheme of Work to be used by all teachers to structure planning and ensure continuity and progression of knowledge and skills in ICT from P1 – P7 was developed. Edendork P.S. Online Safety Policy was reviewed by pupils, parents and staff. In March 2023,

Edendork P.S. was shortlisted to the final 6 primary schools in Northern Ireland for the ICT Excellence Awards.

In Edendork P.S, the teaching and expression of our Catholic faith and values, continued to be a very important element of our curriculum and permeated every aspect of our school life. A team approach is always key in all our plans and evaluations for curriculum development. The role of pupils, parents, all staff and governors continue to be paramount in this process. Developing the Pupil Voice continued to be a priority in all aspects of school improvement during 2022/23 as evident in classroom practice, planning (including IEPs), surveys and audits undertaken by the children in relation to their wellbeing, attitude to learning and whole school initiatives/policies/practice, including projects undertaken by School Councillors, the Well Being Teams, Eco Club with Bs Buddies also being initiated. Children and staff were also audited in relation to their wellbeing. Parent consultation continued to be vital in relation to school improvement. During 2022/23 a review of homework practice and policy was made which included consultation with parents, pupils, staff and governors. A whole school review was also initiated during the third term of 2022/23. The PSG and online surveys (presented via Class Dojo and Microsoft Forms) were invaluable in this consultation process.

Use of School Development Days

22nd August	Classroom Management including meeting & sharing of information from previous teacher
23 rd August	Barnardos PATHS training.
24 th August	High Five Friday (<i>presented by Mrs Forker</i>) PSNI Encompass (<i>presented by Mrs Toye</i>) Assessment: Data Analysis & Target Setting of Literacy, Numeracy & ICT Review of 2021/2022 including evaluations for Literacy, Numeracy, ICT & SEN
25 th August	Classroom Assistants: RISE NI 'Understanding Language' SDP including Three Year overview commencing from Sept. 2022 Priorities for Development 2022/2023 school year Whole school approach to development of action plans for Literacy, Numeracy & ICT (<i>Led by subject co-ordinators</i>)
26 th August	Our Catholic Faith: Revisiting our School Vision. Catholic Ethos & School Motto. Well Being Day
26 th September	Assessment of Children's Learning: Consultation for future planning for learning
8 th Dec. & 4 th Jan	Whole School Literacy Training: Writing Genre (<i>facilitated by Anne Mc Elrean</i>)
5 th January	Jolly Phonics
6 th January	Outdoor Play Exploring & developing an appreciation of other cultures: Chinese

Wellbeing

In 2022/23, the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community, and beyond, continued to be paramount. We vigorously promoted healthy lifestyles, healthy choices, sport and team work. The further development of both a Pupil Well Being Team and a Staff Well-being Team were given priority with High Five Fridays introduced and a gardening/Art/reading area established for outdoor play/recreation. As part of the NI PDMU Curriculum, all pupils continued to develop their knowledge and understanding of making informed choices in relation to exercise, emotional health and hygiene. All pupils received Flourish lessons (RSE) appropriate to their year group with teachers presenting lessons to their classes in Term 2/3 2022-23. With the support and advice of a Barnardos PATHS Coach once a month, all staff were trained in the Barnardos PATHS Programme which was implemented into P1-7 classes throughout 2022/23. The PATHS programme is a universal, evidence based, social and emotional learning programme for 4 – 11 year olds. It empowers all children to develop the fundamental social and emotional learning skills which will enable them to make positive choices throughout life. It promotes positive health and emotional well being. This Programme was presented to Parents/Carers through face to face Key Stage information workshops.

Through DENI Extended Schools funding a healthy break time snack was provided to all children in the first half of term 2. This was greatly received by all. A range of after school activities promoting sporting and physical exercise were made available including dance, martial arts, Gaelic football and tennis. lessons for P1-7 were also provided. There continued to be a need for staff to feel safe, informed and supported in school and have an appropriate home-work life balance. Mrs Forker was trained in Mental Health First Aid and attended Mental Health and Well Being 'Can We Talk' Conference.

Edendork P.S. received £2,367 of Happy Healthy Minds Money which enabled Art Therapy to be presented to four children for eight weeks in the first term. A further injection of £1,957 of DENI Happy Healthy Minds funding enabled the school to access the services of a counsellor to present one to one counselling to seven children for several weeks.

Governors and parents evaluated school communication channels (including Class Dojo, email, texting school Facebook page) as being effective with the relatively "new" school website being well established and used to communicate all information to the whole school community. This includes policies, procedures, guidance materials for parents and children, events which occur in the school, including capturing learning opportunities presented to children. This includes signposting to services which are available to both children and adults. Pastoral Care policies which were updated in 2022/23, in line with current practice and following DENI guidance and consultation with parents/staff/pupils and governors included: Positive Behaviour Policy, Anti Bullying Policy, Homework Policy, Child Protection Policy and Attendance Policy.

To enhance the mental health and wellbeing of both children and staff, the following is an example of programmes/initiatives implemented and availed of in Edendork P.S. during the 2022/23 school year:

- Barnardos PATHS training for all staff
- Edendork P.S. customised Safer Schools NI App launched and promoted
- Acceptable Use of Internet Agreements agreed
- PSNI 360 Programme
- Anti Bullying Week: theme explored 'Reach'
- Safe Internet Day: 'Lets Connect'
- Art Therapy (DENI Healthy Happy Minds)
- One to one Counselling (DENI Healthy Happy Minds)
- Outdoor Play was developed and further enhanced to include a picnic area and growing area.
- P7 Relax Kids workshop
- Extra Curricular Activities presented including Art with Sinead Campbell (P.5 to P.7), Gaelic Football, camogie, hurling, tennis, Street Dance, Martial Arts.
- P.3 & P.4 Bryston Energy Art Project working with artist Hazel Florence Boland
- P6 Drama & Sports in St. Patrick's College
- Staff Well Being Team and Pupil Well Being Teams were further developed.
- Resources acquired from training including Relax Kids, Mini Yoga, Mindfulness, were tapped into and utilised as and when required.
- Equipment and resources including Calming Boxes, sensory areas including Sensory Corridor, books, outdoor play furniture and equipment.
- Daily Mile
- Eco Council 'Schools Biodiversity Project'
- Fire Service Safety Talk (P5)
- Virtual NSPCC PANTS Assembly
- PSNI Halloween Safety
- EA High Five issues shared with staff & parents
- EA & PSNI BEAM project: P.6 & P.7
- Virtual Smokebuster workshop
- FLOURISH RSE programme
- Diabetic, Epilepsy and Anaphylactic Epi-pen training for staff
- Teaching Staff Time Budgets allocated.
- Parents signposted to online/different agencies they can avail of/access for their own mental health and well being via school Class Dojo and school website www.edendorkps.com

Special Educational Needs

All teaching staff continued to ensure data and information derived from assessment (including adult observations), fed into targets set and future teaching for learning. Pupil progress was regularly reviewed. Where there was cause for concern, parents/carers were contacted or parents/carers contacted the school and children were placed on the 'Special Educational Needs Register' according to the current Code of Practice for Special Educational

Needs. No child was registered on Edendork P.S. Special Needs Register without parental permission. Individual Education Plans were written for pupils who were on Stage 2 and above on the Code of Practice. These were reviewed termly with the parents/carers. Advice was sought, where and when required, from external agencies such as RISE NI, EA Speech & Language, Occupational Therapists, EA Educational Psychologist, the Autism Team, Behavioural Support Team, Visual and Hearing Impaired Teams and Behavioural Support Team. EA Spld support was also presented throughout the year to individual children and classroom/general assistants. This support/advice assisted key personnel to enhance strategies presented in facilitating individual children's need(s). A number of children on the SEN register also received support throughout the year from a DENI funded ENGAGE teacher (£6,458). The Reading Recovery Programme was presented to two P3 children and the 'Forward Together' programme was presented to parents of P.2 children who were identified in the Middle Infant Screening Test (MIST) as requiring additional support. Throughout the year, two retired members from the community (including a retired Edendork P.S. teacher) worked in a voluntary capacity and presented individual children with the Solas 'Back on Track' Programme in Numeracy/Literacy/Homework activities. Trained classroom assistants presented small groups of children, from all key stages, with a programme of activities delivering Sensory Motor skills. A Sensory Corridor was also created along the infant corridor. Through clustering with Newmills Primary School, we were able to access Extended Schools cluster funding to access the services of a Speech Therapist who provided children with one to one and small group support once a week throughout term one and into term two.

Throughout the 2022/2023 school year, the special educational needs provided in Edendork P.S. was monitored and evaluated by Mrs S. Shields (SENCO). Edendork P.S. Special Educational Needs Policy is available on the school website or alternatively a printed copy is available on request.

Assessment and Reporting

Throughout the school year, children were observed by their teacher(s) and/or classroom assistant(s) to generate individual attainment and plan learning experiences which were appropriate to individual development. Each year group also utilised a range of commercial and non-commercial produced class tests which were subsequently utilised by the teacher to inform planning for future learning and teaching.

Every child's progress - academic, social, and physical - was continuously assessed and reviewed, with parents being kept informed both formally and informally of their child's progress. Examples of this occurring informally include comments related to homework, class tests, parent contacting the school to arrange a meeting with the teacher (*at any time during the school year*) and vice-versa. All parents/carers were offered a face to face parent teacher interview at the end of September 2022. This was earlier than normal but as we were still operating with post Covid restrictions in 2021/22, the earlier date in the academic year enabled teachers and parents/carers to meet and get to know each other. This occasion

also provided the forum for parents/carers to share what they perceived to be their child's strengths and needs or any concerns/anxieties they had.

At a significant expense to the school, in terms of time and finance, we purchased and administered commercially produced tests. This included CATS4 tests to children in P.4 and P.6. The children's performance in standardised tests enabled teachers and senior managers in the school to make detailed analysis of pupil learning. Information derived from these were utilised for targets to be set for improvement- individual pupil/small group/class/whole school.

Children from P.3 to P.7 were presented with the standardised digital GL tests, namely: NGRT Reading, Progress Test in English (PTE) and the Group Spelling Test. The Progress Test in Maths (PTM) was also purchased and presented to children from P.3 to P.7. Results were then analysed which included tracking of individual progress from previous years. Parents were informed of children's achievement in standardised tests via end of year reports.

All teachers created and disseminated to parents/carers individual written reports for each at the end of the school year. These reports, also known as 'Pupil Records of Achievement' were focused on reporting children's achievements and attainment in the areas of:

- Communication
- Using Mathematics
- Using ICT
- The World Around Us
- Thinking Skills & Personal Capabilities
- Arts
- Physical Education
- Personal Development & Mutual Understanding
- Religious Education

'Interests and Strengths' and an area of 'Focus for Development' were also reported for each child. At the end of June, parents and teachers were asked to evaluate the extent reports were informative. This evaluation will continue to feed into future school practice for report writing.

After Schools and Extra Curricular Activities

In 2022/2023, Edendork P.S. was very fortunate to have received £17,640 from DENI for Extended Schools activities. All resources funded via DENI Extended Schools were utilised to enhance children's and key adults' experiences out of school hours. This included subscriptions for children to access online learning including Mathletics (P1 – P7), Bug Club (P1 – P3), Purple Mash (P1 – P7) and Accelerated Reader(P4 – P7). A subscription for Lexia was also purchased targeting SEN and/or EAL children. Staffing for the Breakfast Club and a Coding after schools Club were also funded and presented. Children from P.5 to P7 also accessed a portal of online Art lessons. The funding was also utilised to present all children from P.1 to P.7 with a healthy fruit break for the first half of the second term. In addition to this, Edendork P.S. "clustered" with another school in the locality, namely Newmills P.S., to access further funding from DENI. Through this clustering we secured the services of a speech therapist who, based on need, presented one to one and small group support to children in the two schools.

In addition to the DENI Extended Schools activities, children from P.1 and P.3 availed of the After School Club organised by classroom assistants from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Through

securing the services of specialist coaches, Street Dance, Fitness Through Dance, Tennis, Martial Arts and Gaelic Games were also presented to the children as afterschool activities. With the exception of Gaelic Games, these activities were funded by parents of participants.

The local Church and school continued to work closely together with the school chaplain Fr. Mc Camley and Dungannon parish deacons being regular visitors to the school. Nine children from P5 and P7 were trained as altar servers for the local chapel. Children were presented with the opportunity to visit the local Church through attending weekly Communion Services and special Masses marking school and Church celebrations. Children in P.4 and P.7, respectively, were prepared for reception of the sacraments First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. The school choir participated in these events with children attending practices organised by teachers out of school hours. A range of instruments were played on both occasions reflecting music taught by the EA and the tin whistle/guitar teachers in the school. Throughout the year, each class was presented with the opportunity to lead Key Stage assemblies. Parents and family friends were invited to attend.

P.1 presented a nativity play to the whole school, their parents, grandparents and family friends. P.3 also presented 'The Little Angel' play with P.5, P.6 and P.7 children presenting the Edendork Community with a Carol Service in St. Malachy's Church. Through the parish Webcam, a live link was also made available to residents in two local nursing homes. Children from P.5 to P.7 enjoyed Cinderella at the Grand Opera Belfast

Mid Ulster District Council continued to subsidise Traditional Music lessons to small groups of children in P.4, P.6 and P.7 which included tin whistle and guitar. The services of a local musician/tutor was utilised enabling all P.5, P.6 and P.7 children the opportunity to avail of tin whistle lessons. The EA Music Service provided tuition to Key Stage 2 children in learning to play the double base, cello, violin, viola, flute and trumpet. Throughout the year, we availed of Tyrone County Board Gaelic sports coaches for football, camogie and hurling. Children from P.4 to P.7 availed of swimming lessons in Dungannon Leisure Centre. In addition to this, Key Stage 2 children participated in soccer, Gaelic football, hurling, camogie and handball tournaments.

Though South West College, children from P.6 and P.7 classes were presented with Mandarin Chinese Language lessons once a week throughout 2022/2023. One child in P7 was presented with one P7 pupil receiving a special award from SWC for her achievement in YCT Mandarin Chinese.

The School Council engaged in activities for school improvement including presenting children with the opportunity of purchasing inexpensive books by having a 'Book Sale' and simultaneously raising money for school funds; organising and presenting all children in the school with an Easter Egg hunt. The Eco Club and newly formed Gardening Club continued to engage the whole school community in various activities throughout the year including recycling of paper and cards, planting a biodiversity garden, weeding communal areas and neglected graves in St. Malachy's Chapel grave yard.. In December 2022 Mid Ulster District

Council awarded the Festive Grant to the local Eden group. A Christmas tree and lights purchased through this funding was sited on the school grounds. The impact of this over the festive season was much appreciated by the Edendork community and beyond.

In the second term, all children throughout the school were given the opportunity to participate in Dungannon Feis. Edendork P.S. therefore was represented in a range of events which included solo singing, speech and drama including “own verse” poetry writing and the Irish Speaking poem. Not only were a significant high number of children awarded with prizes but all the children who participated are to be congratulated for individual effort.

We continue to build on our partnership with the post primary schools in the area. P6 children were presented with lessons in both drama and sports in St. Patrick’s College Dungannon. P.6 children were also treated to being an audience for St. Joseph’s Donaghmore’s school production of Joseph and Technicolour Dream Coat. P.6 and P7 children also availed of the services of ‘Museum on the Move’ to explore themes ‘Meet the Maker’ and ‘Flight’ respectively. Through ENTHUSE STEM funding, P6 children participated in a series of workshops exploring the Vikings. St. Patrick’s College students also further developed their link by students providing classroom assistant support in P,2 to P.4 classes one hour a week for one term.

Edendork P.S. continued to enjoy the loyal support and tireless work of a number of parents who form the Parent Support Group. These parents give their valuable time and effort to help provide our pupils with equipment and experiences not funded by the Department of Education. The Parents Support Group (PSG), hosted various after school activities throughout the year including making of St. Brigid’s crosses, Halloween Disco, Easter Egg raffle, Sponsored Walk and Fun Evening at St. Malachy’s GAC. Many of these events, which occurred after school hours, were enjoyed by young and old from the local community.

School Building & Resources

During the past year a number of improvements were made to the school building by DENI. This included the addition of a new girls’ toilet block and providing an additional staff toilet in the infant corridor. The EA cut down two large trees in the woodland area which were in a precarious position to the mobile room/car park. A Sensory Corridor was created down the infant corridor and a new Interactive Whiteboard was installed in the P1 room. These were initially funded by school budget but the PSG presented a cheque of £3000 towards these costs. Through getting involved with the Radius Growing Wild Schools Biodiversity Project and securing a grant of £9680 from Live Here, Love Here funding A Biodiversity Garden, the school was able to create additional outdoor learning space which now includes a willow dome, growing areas and garden furniture. This continues to be used as an outdoor learning area during Spring and Summer months. £500 of the award money received from Capita for being finalists in the ‘Capita ICT Excellence Award’ was utilised towards securing two Microsoft Surface Laptops for pupils’ usage which cost £620.

‘Fund Raising’

Due to financial pressures many families were experiencing In 2022/23, parents and staff were informed that Edendork P.S. were implementing a no gift policy with anyone having the need to give being encouraged to support SVDP. Despite financial hardships however, the Annual Sponsored Silence in October raised £2991 for school funds. Through organising a Book Sale, the School Council raised £363.39 for playground activities including an easter Egg hunt. Funding acquired was utilised to subsidise trips and activities presented throughout the year including National Book week; the School Money App; transport to tournaments, rewards and awards children received either individually or in groups.

The accumulated efforts of the PSG provided the school with funding towards the sensory corridor and the purchase of an Interactive Whiteboard. This invaluable group of parents also funded the transport for the P.7 end of year trip.

Edge Innovate funded medals and refreshments for Edendork P.S. Football and Rounders Tournaments with both the Edge Innovate and Cullen Cups presented on this occasion.

Security

Edendork P.S. has only one main entrance / exit during the school day, that is via the front door. While we value our role in the community, we are aware at all times that the safety of the children is paramount. No member of the general public or unidentified personnel was permitted on the school grounds or in the school building during the school day throughout 2022/23. All staff and volunteers accessing pupils during the school day were vetted according to EA Access NI arrangements. This included members of our Parents Support Group. All visitors to the school, during the school day, were requested to inform the secretary of their arrival. Parents are not permitted to go directly to their child’s class but report to the office as an unfamiliar adult in the school ground could potentially be upsetting to children. If a parent wished to speak to a teacher or the Principal, an appointment was made via Class Dojo, by telephone or through a written note.

Finance

Since April 1991 the school has been responsible for the management of its overall budget. To this end the Board of Governors has overall responsibility, although on a day-to-day basis this responsibility is delegated to the Principal.

In the current financial climate, last year saw the tightening of the spending belt even further thus, prudent management was the order of the day. The school’s allocation for the financial year 2022/2023 was £996,091. This figure covered the cost of staffing, general running costs plus DENI funded initiatives to assist the school’s response to/impact of COVID. Overleaf is a copy of the Outturn Statement prepared by the school. This statement details the overall budget allocation, its breakdown and the balance that remained at the end of the financial year. *To ensure a wide range of resources are enjoyed by all pupils throughout Edendork P.S., fundraising and accessing funding from external sources has been vital.*

2022-2023 Outturn Statement

SCHOOL: Edendork Primary **COST CENTRE:** 0521
SECTOR: Maintained Primary School **PUPILS:** 287
DE REF NO: 503-2585 **FTE:** 287.00

1. RESOURCES AVAILABLE	School Delegated £
2022/22 Carryover/Deficit	- 5,152
Formula Allocation	912,432
CYP – Extended Schools	26,099
Other Allocations	57,560
Centre Funds Allocated	0
TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE	990,938

2.	ACCRUED EXPENDITURE
Teaching Staff	786,338
Non-Teaching Staff	161,039
Non-Staff Costs	56,242
GROSS EXPENDITURE	1,003,619
Less Income	25,532
Less stocktake	13,632
NET EXPENDITURE	964,455

3. 2021-2022 CUMULATIVE CARRYOVER/(OVERSPEND) -£4,078

Shared Education:

“Learning and working together to build a community based on shared values and respect.”
(Shared Education Vision created by staff and governors from Edendork P.S. and staff from Howard Memorial P.S. August 2017)

Through Shared Education Signature funding, the focus for Shared Education in the 2022/23 academic year was ‘Reconnecting Partnerships’ with and between pupils and staff at Edendork P.S. and pupils and staff at the Howard Memorial P.S. Mrs Sweeney was awarded a temporary management allowance for co-ordinating Shared Education in Edendork P.S.

P.1 and P.2 children from both schools focussed on play-based learning and the topic of ourselves. They participated in a mixture of indoor/outdoor learning sessions at each other’s schools and had the opportunity to make friends and develop communication skills through play. Following six play sessions, children from both schools joined together on a school trip to Speedwell to learn in different surroundings through ‘A Bear Hunt’ and ‘The Gruffalo’ experience respectively.

P.3 children from both schools focused on PDMU and mental health and well-being. Pupils followed a ‘Think’ school resilience programme where pupils got to know one another, made friends and dealt with difficulties. They were encouraged to develop independence and strategies to manage their feelings and worries.

A Shared Education Project, namely ‘A Game of Three Halves’ was presented by Judith Watt from IFA to P.5 children from Edendork P.S. and the Howard P.S. in St. Malachy’s GAC.

All P.1, P.2, P.3 and P.5 teachers completed evaluations based on their Shared Education experience in 2022/23. Unfortunately, in May 2023, both schools were notified that next year’s budget for Shared Education would be cut by 50% and would cease on 1st April 2024.

In 2022/23, children from P.7 were also involved with an inclusion and diversity programme presented by Radius/MUDC which involved them going to the Hill of the O’Neill to explore the culture of the Travelling community.

Sporting Achievements

The sporting achievements of both present and past pupils continue to inject a sense of pride in our school community.

Nine of our past pupils were part of St. Patrick’s Academy Dungannon award winning Camogie Team who won the Fr Davies Cup at the Ulster Schools Camogie Final.

Throughout the school year, all children engaged in the Daily Mile. Tyrone County Board presented camogie/hurling and football coaching. Afterschool activities included Gaelic Football for girls and boys, Street Dance, Keep Fit Dance, tennis and Martial Arts.

Children from P.4 to P.7 availed of the opportunity to attend swimming lessons. Key Stage 2 children were also able to attend and participate in outdoor girls and boys football, camogie and soccer tournaments which were hosted in St. Joseph's College Coalisland, St. Mary's Cabragh, Derrytresk, the Rock and St Patrick's Academy. The Boys Indoor Football Team experienced some measure of success when they qualified for the Tyrone County finals. The Boys Gaelic Football team won 'The Shield' in Derrytresk and were awarded with medals for their effort. In addition to this, the Boys Gaelic football Team won 'The Shield' at the Sean Ruddy Memorial Cup hosted in the Rock and the Girls Gaelic Football Team won 'The Shield' at the Eileen Mc Creesh Memorial tournament also hosted in the Rock. The Edendork P.S. Girls Gaelic Football, Boys Gaelic Football and Rounders Tournaments, sponsored by Edge Innovate, were held in the grounds of St. Malachy's GAC. Nine schools participated in this very successful event and we experienced some measure of success again when Edendork P.S. P7 girls teams were very worthy runners up in both the rounders and in Gaelic Football. Six children participated in a Gaelic games skills competition which was hosted in Primate Dixon Coalisland by Tyrone County Board Coaches. Edendork P.S. Sports Day in June involved children participating in a range of activities including Bat and Bean, Javelin throw, long distance running and relay races.

Presentations

Four children from each classroom were presented monthly with golden certificate awards for effort in class work, home work, behaviour and achievement in Bug Club (P1 -P3) or Accelerated Reader (P.4 -P.7). As every pupil in the school received at least one certificate by the end of the 2021/2022 school year, a sense of pride and achievement was experienced and generated from ALL pupils and their parents. Throughout the year, children from each Key Stage received weekly Best Boy and Best Girl certificates. These were awarded at assembly to children who displayed courtesy, kindness to others and/or a positive attitude to school life. The class who received the most certificates in each Key Stage at the end of the year, were treated to a trip to the local cinema! Last year this trip was won by Mrs Lowe's and Mrs Dunne' classes. A number of children won local competitions including those sponsored by local shops/industries/council. Children achieved awards in a range of activities participated in outside school. These included Dance, Football, Judo, writing competitions, , playing different instruments, art, and included one child in P7 (Robyn Bickley) receiving a special award for her achievement in Chinese Mandarin. A very successful prize-giving event concluded the school year with certificates being awarded to Sports Day winners and for effort in P.E throughout the year. Prizes were also presented to Eco Club leavers, School Council leavers and Gardening Club leavers. In 2020/2021 Mrs Mc Ateer's class won two free Mc Donald's meals for having the highest achievement each month in both Mathletics and Accelerated Reader. In June 2022, Ellie Yates received the Catriona Charlton Cup for Art work, Gareth Sherry won the Powerscreen cup for STEM (Mathematics). Alice Fox won the Mc Ateer Cup for achievement in Literacy. The Mc Caughery Shield was won by Aoife Kelly for progress made in all aspects of school life throughout their time at Edendork P.S.

STAFFING COMPLEMENT

Teaching Staff

Principal	Mrs A. Mc Alinden	
Vice Principal	Mrs P.Forker	P.6/P.7
Assistant Teachers	Mrs R. Toner & Mrs P. Conlan	P.1
	Mrs C. Sweeney & Mrs P Conlan	P.1
	Mrs D. Bowe	P.2
	Mrs A.M. Litter & Mrs Mc Aleer	P.2
	Mrs J. Lowe	P.3 (<i>Assistant Designated Teacher</i>)
	Mr. C. Barkey	P3/P4
	Mrs T. Toye	P.4 (<i>Child Protection Designated Teacher</i>)
	Mrs A. Mc Ateer	P.5
	Mrs L. Dunne	P6 (<i>Assistant Designated Teacher</i>)
	Mrs S. Shields	P.7 (<i>Assistant Designated Teacher</i>)

Non-Teaching Staff

Mr D. Casey	Caretaker
Ms L. Elliott	Secretary
Mrs P. Dillon	Classroom Assistant (P1)
Mrs E. Mc Causland	SEN Classroom Assistant (P1), Lunch Supervisor
Mrs R Gates	Classroom Assistant (P2)/ Cleaner
Mrs T Hamill	SEN General Assistant (P2)
Mrs C. Duffin	SEN General Assistant (P3)
Ms. G. Sonner	SEN General Assistant (P3)
Ms S. Mc Kenna	SEN Classroom Assistant
Mrs A. Gervin	SEN General Assistant (P5)
Mrs E. O'Neill	SEN Classroom Assistant (P5)
Mrs S Casey	SEN Classroom (P5), Lunch Supervisor, Breakfast Club & After School
Ms K Devlin	SEN Classroom Assistant (P.6)
Mrs J. Mc Gahon	SEN Classroom/General Assistant (P7), Lunch Supervisor
Mrs A Mc Nally	Lunch Supervisor/Cleaner
Mrs P. Quinn	Cook
Mrs B Casey	Kitchen Assistant
Mrs L. Goss	Kitchen Assistant
Mrs D. Mc Kee	Kitchen Assistant
Mr I Burrows	Crossing Patrol/Lunch Supervisor
Mr D. Casey	Cleaner (temporary)

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE RECORD

Attendance levels enhance opportunities for educational achievement. In 2022/23, attendance levels at Edendork Primary School continued to remain at a relatively high level and was recorded as being 94%. This was an increase from 93% during 2021/22.

Utilising information from DENI Absence Tier Report, the levels of absenteeism for children attending Edendork P.S. compares favourably to other pupils/students in NI. 54.3% of children attending Edendork P.S. had 0% - 4.99% absenteeism compared to NI average of 45.7%. 2.06 % of children attending Edendork P.S. in 2022/23 were identified as having “severe chronic absenteeism” compared to the NI average of 5.9% and 14.78% of children attending Edendork P.S. had “chronic” absenteeism compared to the NI average of 17.9%.

SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023

Calendar of Events

AUTUMN TERM

September 2022

‘Our Catholic Faith’ Theme implemented & promoted
New admissions to Primary 1
P1 Day 3 Induction
ENGAGE Programme: Withdrawal support commenced
Mass celebrating the beginning of the new school year
(parents & family friends attended)
Solas ‘Back on Track’ programme commenced
Shared Education Co-ordinators planning meeting
Mrs Mc Alinden: First Aid Training
PATHS Programme implemented
PATHS Coaching commenced
Bug Club P.1 – P.3 commenced
Accelerated Reader P.4 – P.7 commenced
Mathletics P.2 – P.7 commenced
Purple Mash P.1 – P.7 commenced
Tutoring commenced through EA Music Service
P.5 – P.7 Mid Ulster Council Music Programme
(tinwhistle & guitar with R. Mc Garrity)
Daily Mile commenced
P2 Medical Assessments
Chinese Mandarin resumed (P6 & P7)
School Photographer
Tyrone County Board coaching for Hurling
P6/P7 hurling Blitz Pairc Chlochóg, Clonoe
Support from RISE NI commenced

P5 Swimming
School secretary training: Accelerated Reader
P.2/P.3 After Schools provided by classroom assistants commenced
Street Dance commenced as an after school activity
Tennis Afterschools commenced
Martial arts After School commenced (P4 & P5)
Afterschools for P7 in English & Maths commenced
Afterschools Gaelic Football commenced
Parent Teacher Meetings

October 2022

P5, P6 & P7 Communion Services commenced with Deacon Andy
St Patrick's College Drama & Sport (P6)
PSG Annual General Meeting
Speech Therapy commenced with M. Merron (Individual/small group)
Flue Vaccination
Maths Week
P7 Relax Kids
P6 ST. Josephs Donaghmore: 'Joseph & Technicolour Dream Coat'
ENTHUSE STEM Project commenced
Spooky Sponsored Silence (£2495)
Diabetes Training
P6 led Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 1 Assemblies (*Parents & family friends attended*)
PSNI presented Halloween Safety (Whole School)
P6 & P7 Virtual Smokebusters Workshop
PSG Halloween Disco
Fancy Dress Non Uniform Day

November 2022

Anti-bullying week: 'Reach Out'
EA online Anti-bullying Survey: staff, parents & governors
Consultation with parents/carers on Edendork PS anti Bullying Policy
Odd Socks Day
Self evaluation of Child Protection (Eti Proforma)
Eco Club visit Howard P.S. for Biodiversity Project
P4 girls & P6 swimming commenced
Shared Education Planning & activities presented (P2)
P1, P2 & P3 teachers & CA Jolly Phonics training
School Photographer
Alter Server training
Art Therapy commenced
School Secretary training; SIMS
P4 led Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 1 Assemblies (*Parents & family friends attended*)

P3 & P4 Art project commenced with Hazel Florence Boland School Photographer
P.3 Shared Education Programme: Speedwell
P6 & P7 PSNI 360 skills for life: 'Mental Health & Well Being'
P6 swimming
Art Therapy commenced (DENI Happy Healthy Minds funding)
CATS Tests administered to P.6

December 2022

Board of Governors Meeting
P4 Boys Swimming
P.1 Christmas Nativity Play(*Parents & family friends attended*)
P.3 Christmas Play: 'The Little Angel' (*Parents & family friends attended*)
P5 _ P7 Carol Service in St. Malachy's Church (*Parents & family friends attended*) & virtually to families & residents/staff of Collegelands Nursing Home and Dungannon Nursing Home
'Santa Run'
PSNI Road Safety Presentation
School Council elections
P.5 – P.7 'Cinderella' in the Grand Opera
Christmas Jumper/Hat Day
Whole School Mass
Confessions P5 to P7

SPRING TERM

January 2023

Mass celebrated by Archbishop in St. John's Church Portadown
Mrs Mc Crory's P2 class led Key Stage 1 Assembly (*Parents & family friends attended*)
P.1 Athletics commenced
P7 Museum on the Move: 'Flight from the Famine'
P6 Museum on the Move: 'Make the Maker'
Afterschools Martial Arts commenced P3 – P7
Chinese New Year celebration
Cuddle Up & Read Week
Non Uniform Pyjama Day – promoting reading
P4 Paired Reading Programme commenced
P7 BEAM eSafety Workshop
P5 & P6 Dairy Council Workshop on Healthy Eating
IFA Shooting Stars: P1 to P7 girls
P1 Shared Education with Howard Memorial P.S. commenced
Swimming lessons in Dungannon Leisure Centre commenced (P7)
Tyrone County Board Football coaching commenced
Fitness through dance commenced as an after school activity

NSPCC Virtual Assembly: 'PANTS'
Well Being Team Meetings commenced
P.1/P.2/P.3 after schools provided by classroom assistants
PSG Making of St Brigid's crosses

February 2023

Catholic Schools Week: 'Walking Together in Faith & Love'
Safer Internet Day: 'Want to Talk About it? Making Space for Conversations about Life Online.'
Well Being Day: 'Dress to Express' – celebrate being yourself
Jerusalem Dance
P6/P7 Swimming commenced
Tyrone County Board Football coaching commenced
P7 BEAM Creative Networks (Online Safety with Constable Sue)
School Photographer
P1 Medical Assessments
P.6 Sports & Drama in St. Patrick's College
Road Safety Quiz
Catholic Schools Bishops RSE launch
Credit Union Quiz in St. Joseph's College Coalisland
P3 & P4 Art with Hazel Florence Boland
P7 Ceramic Art with Leanne
Pollination Garden completed
Children's Mental Health Week: 'Lets Connect'
P7 Cumann na mBunscol Boys Indoor Football
CATS administered to P.4
P3 Shared Education commenced
P3 Health & Well Being Workshop presented by Speedwell
P7 Cumann na mBunscol Girls Indoor Football
Teaching practice commenced for 2 students from St. Mary's College
Cumann na mBunscol Table quiz hosted at Edendork P.S.
World Book Week commenced

March 2023

World Book Day: Non Uniform Day: Dress Up in Character'
Reading Challenge: Class prizes awarded
Accelerated Reader Challenge
Dress Up in Character Day
Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling & Camogie
P7 Swimming commenced
P6 Coding Afterschools activity commenced
P1 – P7 Online Safety Workshop with Constable Sue
Joan Mc Nememy Counselling commenced
Mrs Bowe's P2 class led Key Stage 1 Assembly (Parents & family friends attended)
ENTHUSE STEM Project: P6 Vikings Workshops (3)

P7 Cumann na mBunscol Boys Indoor Football Finals
 World Athletics Day
 P5 Fire Safety Talk from Fire Service
 Diabetic training: School nurse
 Buildings Supervisor & Principal: EA Fire Safety Training
 PSG Table Quiz in St. Malachy's GAC
 P.4 First Confession
 School Council Book sale (£363 raised for outdoor activities)
 P.5 explored 'Egyptians' through 'Time Steps' visit to school
 P.7 Prayer Service
 Non Uniform Green Day
 St. Patrick's Day Outdoor Ceili
 SEN Annual Reviews completed
 Board of Governors Second Term Meeting
 Dungannon Feis commenced: *Edendork P.S. represented 172 times by pupils who participated in 28 events.*
 Edendork P.S. Finalists in the Capita ICT Awards
 NSPCC PANTS Virtual Assembly (P1 – P7)
 Tyrone 9-a-side Blitz in Stewartstown Harps
 Girls & Boys football Tournament in St. Joseph's College Coalisland
 P1 & P2 Easter Art with Kayleigh Devlin
 Mrs Mc Ateer's P5 class led Key Stage 2 Assembly (*Parents & family friends attended*)
 Parish Council Presentation to Altar Servers

April 2023

School Council Easter Egg Hunt
 PSG Easter Egg Raffle
 P7 Derrytresk Tournament: Shield winners
 Whole School End of Term Mass (*Parents & family friends attended*)
 P5 – P7 Confessions
 £215 raised for Trocaire

SUMMER TERM

April 2023

Communion services commenced weekly for one class in Key Stage 2 & P.4 children. Presented by Deacon Andy
 Diabetes Training
 Time To Read Programme commenced
 Visit from RE Diocesan Advisor: M. Hemsie
 P6 PATHS 'B's Buddies' appointed
 World Daily Mile Day

Mrs Sweeney/Mrs Conlan's P1 class led Key Stage 1 Assembly (*Parents & family friends attended*)
Tyrone County Board Gaelic Skills Day at the Primate Dixon
P7 swimming

May 2023

First Communion
Mental Health Week
P1 Shared Education Trip to Parkanaur: *'The Bear Hunt Trail'*
Tyrone County Board Football coaching commenced
Gaelic Football After-schools commenced
P2 Parents Forward Together Programme
P.3 – P.6 Standardised tests commenced
RSE Flourish Programme commenced (P1 – P.7)
Translink Safety Bus
Standardised tests in Literacy administered P.2 – P.7
Edendork P.S.: Allianz League: Boys and Girls Gaelic Football Tournaments (Edge Innovate Cup: Boys) & Rounders (Cullen Cup: Girls) at St. Malachy's GAC.
PSG Sponsored Walk & Fun Day
P5 'Game of 3 Halves': Shared Education in Edendork GAC
P6 fun Day in St. Joseph's Grammar Donaghmore
P2 Trip to Parkanaur: *'The Gruffalo Trail'*
16 surface Pros received from DENI
£500 Award received from Capita (*ICT Excellence Award*)
P5 trip to Cookstown Leisure Centre
Secretary C2K training
P7 Boys Gaelic Football Tournament: Winners of Sean Ruddy Cup
Mrs Toner/Mrs Conlan's P1 class led Key Stage 1 Assembly (*Parents & family friends attended*)

June 2023

Governors Meeting
PATHS Assembly
Confirmation in St. Malachy's Church Edendork
St Joseph's Coalisland Soccer Tournament
Academy Blitz (Girls & Boys Gaelic Football Tournaments)
Shared Education Evaluations
Tyrone County Board coaching in hurling/camogie commenced
Sports Day
P7 Girls Gaelic Football Tournament: Winners of Eileen Mc Creesh Memorial Shield
P5 trip to Cookstown Leisure Centre
P6 Trip: Airtastic & Lisburn Leisure Centre
P6 Hill of the O'Neill: Traveller Living History Exhibition

Launch of EA Library Summer Reading Challenge
 Cabragh Cup Gaelic Football Tournament
 Kaci Wilson received Mandarin Chinese Award at SWC
 P7 trip to Currys Portrush & The Jet Centre
 P3 trip to Caledon Farm
 P4 trip to 'Giants Lair' in Carlingford
 P1 Shared Education trip to Tannaghmore Gardens
 Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 Prize Giving
 Best Boy/Best Girl award Cinema trips: funded by school funds
Key Stage 1: Mrs Toye's P4 class
Key Stage 2: Mrs Forker's P6/P7 class
 Mrs Mc Crory/Mrs Conlan's class: Free Mc Donald's Awards for achievement in Mathematics
 Mrs Mc Ateer's class: Free Mc Donald's Awards for achievement in Accelerated Reader
 Martial Arts Grading (Afterschool)
 Yoga Afterschools for Adults Taster Session
 P7 Leavers Mass
 P7 assembly
 P.6 Girls STEM: Women in Engineering Day hosted in St. Patrick's College
 P1 Induction Day
 Taster of changeover of classes for 2024/25
 Whole School Concert: P4 children, Philomena Begley & local musicians
 End of Year Mass
 Whole School Audit initiated involving consultation with parents & governors & pupils including use of Microsoft Forms.
 P7 Trip to Currys Portrush and The Jet Centre
 Post primary schools' Open Days – P.7 attended
 P.1 (September 2022 intake) Induction Days: Children & Parents
 P.1 teachers visited preschool settings for observations met with nursery teachers/ playgroup leaders
 End of Year Reports issued
 Whole School End of Year Mass