



# How/What Did We Do Last Year? At a Glance School Development Plan Evaluation 2016 –17

This is a quick guide to some of the things achieved during the last school year (2016-17). Not everything we've done is included as we wanted to keep this brief and clear.

## Literacy

Co-Ordinator: Mrs Kerr

- 73% of pupils in Stanine 5 or above (1-9) scale in Standardised Test
- Observed improvement in writing standards following implementation of 'Big Write' programme.
- Preparation in place for drive in 2017-18 on reciprocal reading to drive up reading standards.
- Staff engaged in P7—Y8 Project with colleagues from Lagan College & local Integrated primaries to ease transition to Post Primary School and develop more coherent cross phase approach with literacy & Numeracy.

## ICT

Co-Ordinator: Mrs Foster

- Partnership with Nerve Belfast to improve capacity to deliver creative use of ICT through film & animation
- Group of P6/7 pupils trained as digital leaders through iTeach
- New resources in place through PTA funding
- Staff development on assessment in ICT
- Co-ordinator active participant in local school's ICT cluster

## Newcomer/EAL

Coordinator: Mrs Gowan

- All teachers trained in use of European Common Framework for additional language support
- Multi Lingual Signage on display in all classrooms
- 7 languages featured as language of the month
- Increased use of multilingual resources
- Use of parents and community visitors to increase awareness
- Access to interpretation services for parents attending interviews

National Average for Stanine 5 and above in Standardised tests in English and Maths calculates at 60% of pupils

## The World Around Us

Co-Ordinator: Mrs Gamble

- Science Week held on whole school basis
- Groups of pupils participated in Sentinus Engineering Challenge
- P7 engaged in archaeology project with Belfast Hills Partnership
- All classes engaged in topic work and educational visits linked to WAU topics

## Mathematics

Co-Ordinator: Mr Thompson (now Mrs Gowan)

- 69% of pupils in Stanine 5 or above (1-9) scale in Standardised Test
- Year long focus on investigative maths implemented
- New Numeracy Co-Ordinator appointed (Mrs Gowan)
- Preparation in place for in 2017-18 on Mental Maths/Using & Applying Maths
- As detailed for Literacy with P7—Y8 Project.

## External Evaluation

The school also went through a rigorous external evaluation in the form of an ETI inspection in October 2016, the results of which can be viewed on our own website or at [www.etni.gov.uk](http://www.etni.gov.uk)

## Personal Development and Mutual Understanding ( Including Paths)

Co-Ordinators: Mrs Mercer, Miss Master-son

- Fantastic Forgies in use as whole school positive behaviour scheme
- Paths Scheme implemented P1—P7
- Pupils trained and acting as Paths Ambassadors and Paths Pals
- Paths Friendships Groups in place for 6 pupils.
- Peer mediation and Playground Buddies Training for P6/7 pupils
- School awarded Paths Model School status
- Heartstart CPR training for P7 pupils and some P1 parents.



## Special Educational Needs

Co-Ordinator: Ms Mahon, Learning Support Teacher  
Miss MacKenna

- 23% of pupil population on SEN Register
- New system of 'Provision Mapping' to inform planning an progress of pupils on SEN register rolled out to Y1 & 4
- Individual Education Plans Amended to include 'Pupil Voice'
- Learning Support Teacher trained in 'Maths Recovery' and started with small no. of pupils.
- Classroom Assistants audited on training needs and training programme initiated.

## The Arts

Coordinators: Miss Mahon (Art), Mrs Reiman (Music—now Miss Houston)

- School Choir performances in local community
- Christmas and Summer Concerts
- Ongoing wind, brass and string tuition
- P7 engaged in Clanmil Shared Housing art project



## Pastoral Care & Safeguarding

Co-Ordinators: Ms Mahon, Mrs Kerr, Mr Watson  
School Counsellor: Jenny (Familyworksni)

- Safeguarding policy and procedures updated
- Family works NI engaged to deliver school counselling service funded through FIPS Pastoral Fund
- 7 pupils engaged in 1-1 counselling, 20 pupils used drop in, 20 parent contacts.
- Whole School Pastoral Care Initiatives linked to PATHS and PDMU continued.

## ECO– Schools/Global Perspective

Co-Ordinator: Mrs Salmon

- Eco Council and Club engaged in whole school recycling project
- Fairactive Award Gained (Fairtrade Schools)
- Forest Schools Project Carried out with P2 pupils and P2 Pupils from Rosetta PS
- Achieved Introductory Global Learning Certificate
- Developed Links with Holy Rosary PS on Rights Respecting Schools Award



## Community Engagement

- Piloted 'Walking in Each Other's Shoes' Project with St. Bernard's, Loughview IPS and Botanic IPS
- Supported South Belfast Foodbank with parental donations and staff link. Pupils visited Foodbank
- P7 engaged in Clanmil Shared Housing art project with Rosetta and Holy Rosary PS
- Annual Church Visits



## Board of Governors

Chair: Mr Michael Prendergast

- 5 full board meetings & additional meetings including:
- Met with school inspectors and engaged in inspection process
- Met teacher-coordinators to discuss curriculum provision
- Appointed 2 new teachers, and several non-teaching staff members
- Agreed and oversaw budget
- Met with EA and other local schools re. Development Proposal to relocate school
- Oversaw extension works planning and programme
- Attended numerous school events



## Sport/Physical

Coordinator: Mrs Rocks

- Regular clubs & coaching with IFA, BCSDN and IRFU
- P6& 7 Residential Visits to Newcastle and Castlewellan
- Participation in South & East Belfast Football tournament
- Participation in Belfast City Council Cross Country Running Competition

## PTA

- Held 5 social events
- Funded new Tablet devices
- Funded new playground equipment
- Funded outdoor table tennis tables