



Annual Report

2024 - 2025

Governors' Report 2024 - 2025

Dear Parent,

In presenting this report, I wish to point out, that it is intended to give you an overall snapshot of the working of the school and how Governors and others with responsibility for the school have carried out their duties.

I thank you all for your support throughout the year, this means so much to us. School/Parent partnership is essential for a successful and thriving school.

We are delighted to hold an Annual Parent's meeting this year and welcome you all to attend on Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 7.30pm.

I commend the report for your consideration. If you have any queries regarding the report, please contact Mrs Charlene Goan on 02881671198 or email any queries to cgoan738@c2kni.net by 3pm on Friday 17th October.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L. Sproule
Chairperson

Mission Statement of Killen PS

Killen Primary School aims to:

- Provide high quality teaching
- Meet the individual needs of all learners
- Create a safe, happy and stimulating learning environment
- Ensure equality of opportunity
- Empower pupils to become responsible and compassionate citizens who contribute positively to their community
- Support the professional development of staff
- Build strong partnerships with parents, families and external agencies
- Operate with a strong set of values

Who Are the Board of Governors?

Reconstitution of the Board of Governors 2024-2028 was completed. An election for parental representatives was held in Killen Primary School on 22nd October 2024. The first meeting of the reconstituted governors was held on 28th January 2025.

CHAIRPERSON:	Mrs L. Sproule
SECRETARY: (Non-voting)	Mrs C. Goan
TRANSFEROR REPRESENTATIVES:	Mrs S. Moss Mrs C. Reid (Vice-Chairperson) Mr I Clarke Mrs H Morrison
EA REPRESENTATIVE:	Mrs L. Sproule (Chairperson) Mrs C Keatley
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE:	Mr A. Buchanan Mr A. Patterson
TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE:	Mrs V. Galbraith

What Are Their Main Responsibilities?

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school.

Some of their responsibilities include:

1. The oversight of the curriculum
2. Selection of staff and other personnel responsibilities
3. Admissions policy
4. School maintenance
5. Implementation of new legislation
6. Fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding
7. Health and Safety Legislation
8. Financial Management of School
9. Child Protection Policy

The Governors Financial Plan based upon the school's Budget allocation has been fully implemented and is presented in the Financial Report detailed below.

Killen PS. INCOME / EXPENDITURE 2024/25

£

TEACHING STAFF	383,287
NON - TEACHING STAFF	102,404
TOTAL STAFF COSTS	485,691
RUNNING COSTS	60,581
LESS INCOME	-5,391
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	540,881
TOTAL	<u>540,881</u>
ANNUAL BUDGET	736,081
LESS EXPENDITURE	540,881
2024/25 CARRY OVER	<u>195,200</u>

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INITIAL BUDGET	561,263
ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS	21,003
SAVINGS 2023/24	153,815
TOTAL BUDGET	<u>736,081</u>

KILLEN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHARITY ACCOUNT

Income & Expenditure 1/9/24 - 31/8/25

Bal b/fwd 1/9/21	01/09/2024	£15,874.97	
Income		£10,078.31	
Expenditure			£10,144.99
Closing Bal. 31/8/22			£15,808.29
		£25,953.28	£25,953.28

Income

Interest	£16.01
PTA Fundraising	£7,562.80
Omagh Show	£50.00
Keep NI Beautiful	£200.00
Trips/Transport	£1,203.00
Sundry	£1,046.50

£10,078.31

Expenditure

Fees	£55.19
Fundraising Expenses	£747.00
R. Bogle Trophies	£290.00
Transport	£2,230.00
Trips & Entertainment	£3,798.00
Fruit	£750.00
Window Cleaning	£185.00
Sundry	£1,086.50
Training	£100.00
Resources	£650.92
Competition	
Entry Fees	£150.50
Twinkl sub.	£101.88

£10,144.99

PTA Fundraising

Fun Bun	£530.40
Non-Uniform	£124.00
Break the Rules	£232.00

Christmas Play	£1,234.00
Christmas Draw	£1,250.00
Name the Teddy	£326.00
Teddy Draw	£77.00
Sweets Draw	£68.00
Cash Call Cash	£50.00
Bingo	£872.80
BBQ	£2,457.30
Sports Day Teas	£88.00
Parent Kind Asda Cashpot	£253.30
	£7,562.80

Pay Pal account: Cash Call : £335
Christmas Draw: £480

Diary 2024 – 2025**August 2024**

- 23rd Baker day
 27th – 30th Baker Day
 28th Mrs Galbraith complete numeracy course – reasoning and problem solving

September 2024

- 2nd First Day of Term (Whole school returns)
 11th Ulster Scots singing sessions begin (10weeks) – Mrs P/Mrs M and Mrs G
 Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Goan – Anti Bullying training course
 16th Good relations week
 17th Fire Safety Talk – Y5
 18th Mr Emery visits Y2/3 – Human body lesson
 19th BWDW team meet with Link Officer
 20th Football Competition in Drumragh
 23rd Coulter's – Individual and family photos
 25th Mrs Goan and Mrs Galbraith – Anti Bullying training course
 26th Relax Kids sessions begin – Y1-Y4 (6 weeks)
 27th Staff Development Day – training using interactive panels
 30th Justin Logue – Move to the Beat commences – Mrs Gal & Mr Sproule

October 2024

- 1st Mrs Goan attends SDP workshop
 PSNI visit to Y2/3 – Role in the community
 2nd Mrs McNally completes C2k training
 After School football commences
 3rd BWDW – All staff awareness session with link officer
 4th Yvonne Lecky – Recycling session – whole school
 Democracy and Citizenship workshop – Y5-Y7
 9th Anti-bullying training – Mrs Goan and Mrs Galbraith
 10th Good News Club starts (10 weeks)
 Mental Health Day
 Mrs Galbraith & Mr Sproule – Observation training
 Mrs Palmer – Forest Schools course – Omagh Leisure Centre
 14th Mrs Galbraith – Teacher Tutor Support training
 18th Harvest Assembly – taken by Y6/7
 22nd Cross Country – Castlederg High School
 AGM @ 7.30pm
 24th Jews across the World assembly – whole school
 25th Year 7 pupils travel to apple fair in Castlederg – singing performance
 28th -4th Halloween Holidays

November 2024

- 6th Anti-bullying Training – Mrs Goan and Mrs Galbraith
 7th Observation training – Mrs Galbraith and Mr Sproule

- 8th Book Fair arrives at school
Remembrance Assembly – Derek Hussey and Harry Monteith
- 11th Odd socks day – anti bullying week
- 12th Mrs Palmer – Forest Schools – Team meeting
- 20th Mrs Goan and Mrs Galbraith – Anti Bullying training
- 28th Flu vaccination – whole school
Sus Trans workshops

December 2024

- 3rd Mrs Elliott attended Middletown training - CHS
- 6th Open Day
- 10th-11th School Christmas Show
- 12th Christmas dinner
- 13th Whole school trip to Millennium Forum
- 16th Heather Watson – Christmas Assembly
- 19th Santa visits school
- 20th School Closed at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays

January 2025

- 3rd SDD – Mission and Values Derek Harkness CSSC
- 10th PRSD advisor meeting with Mrs Goan and Governors
- 9th Mrs Cashel from CHS visits Y7
- 17th Mrs Goan and Mrs Galbraith – Anti Bullying policy
- 20th CHS Y7 Big School Day
- 21st NI Road Safety Quiz Y7 Guild Hall
- 22nd Multi Sports After Schools – Mr Sproule
Strabane Academy visit Y7
Year 7 go to CHS for problem solving workshop – Shared Education
- 23rd Omagh Academy visit Year 6 and Year 7
Mrs Goan – SDP workshop
- 31st NSPCC – Y6/7 Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop

February 2025

- 3rd Children's Mental Health week
Parent Interviews commence
- 10th Swimming lessons in Riversdale - Y7
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 12th Dairy Council visits Y5-6
- 13th-14th School Closure
- 17th Student teacher – Miss Keatley – teaching block commences
- 24th Paired Reading commences
- 25th Graduated Response Training – Mrs Goan
- 26th Chinese New Year Workshop – Y6/7 and Y3/4
- 28th BWDW team meet with link officer

March 2025

- 6th World Book Day
Launch of Taking the Next Step – Y7 – Leisure Centre
- 7th World Book Day celebrations
- 12th Taking the Next Step Project – Year 7 – Leisure Centre

14 th	Break the Rules Day
17 th	School Closure
18 th	SDD day – BWDW – Promoting positive emotional health
21 st	Renewable Energy workshops begin Y6/7 and Y5/6 (5 sessions)

April 2025

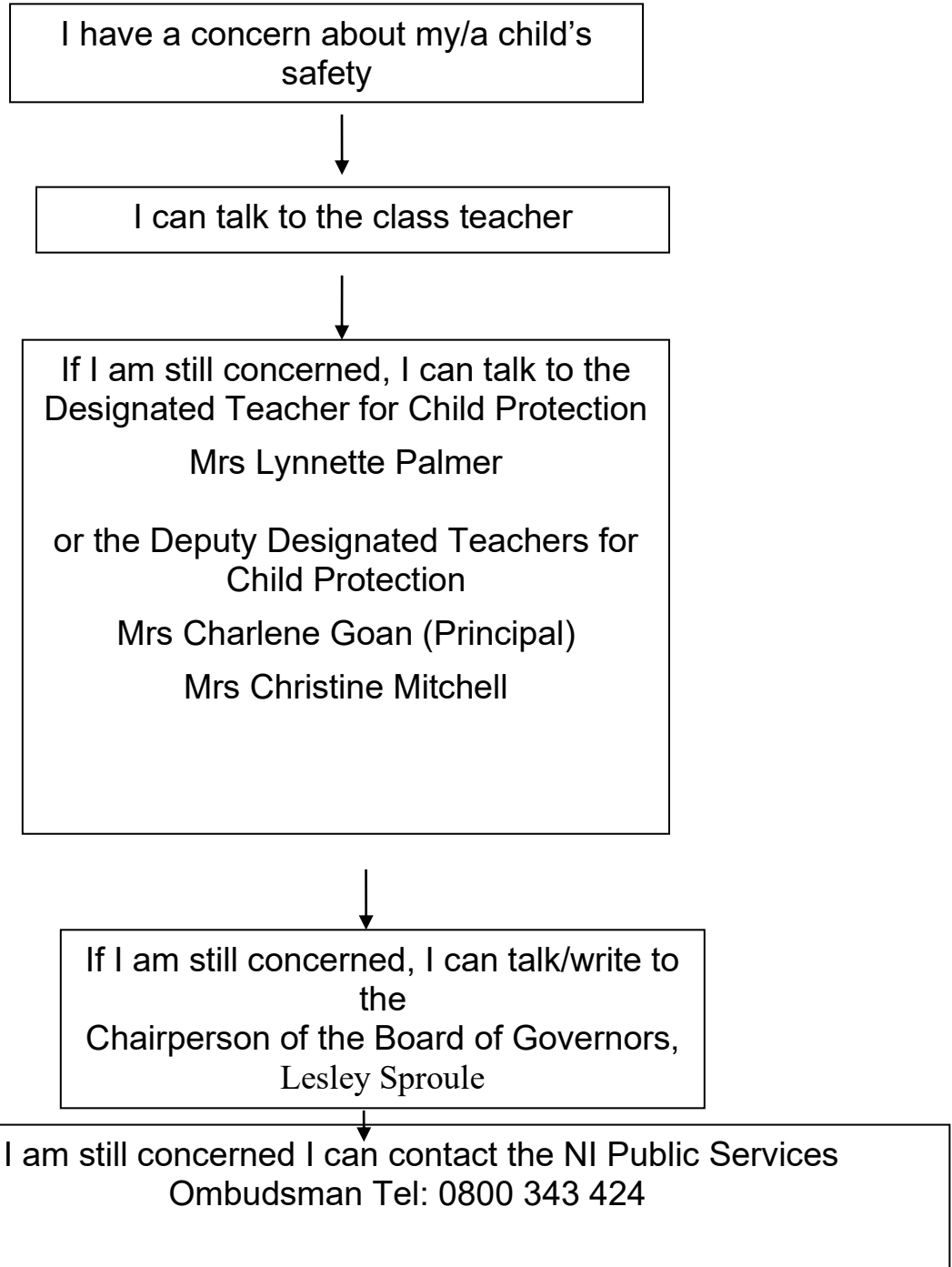
2 nd	Year 7 – Taking the Next Step Project – trip Verbal Arts Centre
4 th	Mrs Palmer's class visit Enniskillen Castle
15 th	Bingo family fun night
17 th -28 th	Easter Holidays
29 th	Shared Education Trip to Folk Park – Y7

May 2025

5 th	Bank Holiday
6 th	After School Start
8 th	National outdoor learning day – all classes participate
9 th	Year 1 and Y3 Shared Education
12 th	Mrs Mitchell completes training on Graduated Response
16 th	Year 1 and Year 3 Shared Education
19 th	Standardised testing commences
20 th	Coulter's – whole school photo
23 rd	Mrs Palmer Connections Link Life training
25 th	Bank Holiday
26 th -27 th	SDD
28 th	Y7 Induction Day – Castlederg High School
29 th	School Nurse – Year 1
30 th	BBQ Year 1 Shared Education

June 2025

2 nd	Year 6 Shared Education – Sew and Grow cookery
3 rd	Sports Day
5 th	School Nurse – Year 1
5 th	Y7 Shared Education – CHS
6 th	Football tournament – Y6/7 Soul of India workshop – Y3/4, Y5/6
10 th	Y7 Transition workshop
12 th	Shared Education meeting CHS – Mrs Goan
13 th	Shared Education trip to Gortin Glens – Y3 Killen Primary School host football tournament - CHS
17 th	Budget Meeting – Mrs Goan
20 th	Y6 Big School Day – Castlederg High School Y1-Y3 Trip to Lurgybrack Farm
25 th	Killen PS Talent Show
26 th	Y4-Y7 Trip to Lisburn Swimming Pool
27 th	Prize Day
30 th	Leavers assembly

Procedure for Parents who wish to raise a Child Protection Concern

**At any time a parent can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Team (Western Trust) Tel: 028 71314 090
or the
PSNI at Central Referral Unit
Tel: 999 (Emergency) or 101 (Non-Urgent)**

REVIEW OF THE 2024-25 YEAR

Enrolment and Staffing

With 17 children accepting places in Year 1 in September 2024 and 15 Year 7 children leaving in June 2024, our numbers were very healthy with 138 children enrolled in September 2024.

- Year 1 Mrs Galbraith
- Year 2/3 Mr Sproule
- Year 3/4 Mrs Palmer
- Year 5/6 Mrs. Mitchell
- Year 6/7 Mrs. Goan /Mrs Alexander

Classroom assistants play a vital role in Killen Primary School in supporting the teachers and enhancing the learning experience for pupils. They have continued to work diligently throughout the year and help to contribute to creating a safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment. Mrs McNally mainly working in the foundation classroom but also throughout the school in the afternoons. Mrs Doherty continued in her role as Special Needs classroom assistant. Mrs. Sproule continued as a general Classroom Assistant alongside Mrs. McCann as general assistant. Mrs. Darragh, Mrs Logue, Mrs Catterson, Mrs McCrory and Mrs. Elliott remained as Special needs assistants. We welcomed Ms Nethery to our team as a general classroom assistant. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Mrs B Haughey in March 2025, in her role as SEN assistant, however she has been back with us between April – June covering absences. During the course of the year, we welcomed Mrs McNulty, Mrs O’Kane and Mrs Cairns to cover absences of staff as temporary SEN assistants. The children contributed to our classroom assistant appreciation day at the end of June – children were invited to tell us why our classroom assistants are so valuable to us – this presentation was then viewed in a whole school assembly to let our assistants know just how much their work is valued.

We welcomed Mr M Gillis to our teaching staff from November – Easter to cover Mrs Mitchell in the Y5/6 classroom. We also welcomed Miss C Gailey to the Y6/7 classroom, who covered Mrs L Alexander’s maternity leave. Congratulations to Mrs Alexander, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl called Florence. We thank Mr Gillis and Miss Gailey for their hard work and dedication during their time with us. It is very much appreciated and we wish them all the best in their new teaching posts.

Miss M Freeburn provided help to our Foundation classes on a voluntary basis as part of her classroom assistant training.

Working in conjunction with Castlederg High School and Omagh Academy we facilitated a number of 6th form students with work experience placements. We also were delighted to provide Miss Keatley, a student from Stranmillis University College with a placement for her teacher training.

Mrs. Crowe and Mrs. Stevenson remain as Clerical Assistants and have continued to be invaluable in all that they contribute to the school.

Teaching Staff 2024-2025

Mrs C. Goan	B.ED Hons)	Principal/Teacher
Mrs V. Galbraith	B. A (Hons) with QTS	Teacher
Mrs C. Mitchell	B. Ed (Hons)	Teacher
Mrs L. Palmer	B. Ed (Hons)	Teacher
Mr J. Sproule	B.Ed Primary	Teacher
Mrs L. Alexander	B.A (Hons) with QTS	Principal Release

Non-Teaching

Clerical Assistant	Mrs D. Crowe Mrs G. Stevenson
Classroom Assistants	Mrs W. McNally Mrs G. Sproule Mrs J. McCann Mrs A Nethery
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Mrs Angela Doherty
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Mrs Kathryn Catterson
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Miss G Freeman
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Mrs L. Darragh
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Mrs C. Elliott
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Miss. C Logue
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Mrs. B. Haughy
Classroom Assistant (SEN)	Ms. S. McCrory
Building Supervisor	Mrs. J Bustard
Cleaner	Mrs J Bustard Ms. G. Gailey
Kitchen Assistant	Mrs J. Bustard
Supervisory Assistants	Mrs L. Lyttle Miss G. Freeman
School Crossing Patrol	Mrs J. Bustard

Ancillary Staff

Mrs. J Bustard continued her invaluable work as Kitchen Assistant as well as being our School Crossing Patrol lady and Building Supervisor. Mrs G Gailey and Mrs J Bustard continued their high standards in cleaning our school in the afternoons.

Mrs. Linda Lyttle and Miss Freeman continued the superb work we have become used to from our Supervisory Assistants, both in the dinner hall and outside supervising in the playground.

Curriculum and School Development

Our school continues to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all of our pupils.

Through consultation with Governors, parents and staff we updated our Ethos Statement:

We at Killen Primary School believe pupils should have access to a safe, happy, stimulating environment in which they reach their full potential, socially, emotionally, and academically. Furthermore, the values of respect, kindness, equality and mutual understanding are the foundations of the school.

With the support of our school community, we continue to realise our vision.

Killen Primary School strives to be a safe welcoming, child-centred, inclusive school family celebrating success for all. We encourage each child to be confident and develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and respect for others in the community.

Our school slogan, as devised by the pupils is:

**Kids'
Pathway to
Success**

We focused on our mission and our core values that we hold in Killen Primary School. All staff attended a workshop, led by Derek Harkness, a member of the Controlled Schools Support Council, on our mission and values. Through this session and further consultation our core values were selected:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Manners
- Kindness
- Inclusivity/Equality
- Happiness

Each term, we will focus on 2 core values through a whole school approach. This will include whole school assemblies and lessons within our individual classrooms. Our core values are displayed within each classroom and throughout the school. These core values are shared principles and beliefs of our school community that will promote good character and foster a positive learning environment.

We currently teach the Northern Ireland Revised Curriculum that has been subdivided into various areas. This is available for download at www.nicurriculum.org. Teachers are mindful that each child is an individual and will seek to provide the opportunities at a suitable level for each pupil to ensure holistic development.

The areas of the curriculum for Foundation Stage (Year 1 and 2)

- LL Language and Literacy
- MN Mathematics and Numeracy
- A The Arts
- WAU The World Around Us
- PDMU Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
- PDM Physical Development and Movement
- RE Religious Education

In Key Stage 1 (Year 3 and 4) and Key Stage 2 (Year 5, 6 and 7), the areas are as above except that PDM is entitled PE – Physical Education at these stages.

Staff will provide pupils with learning opportunities to ensure they receive a broad and balanced education. Staff will ensure that pupils are provided with the opportunity to develop thinking skills – tools that go beyond the acquisition of knowledge to search for meaning, apply ideas, analyse patterns and relationships, create and design something new and monitor and evaluate their own progress.

We thank local ministers for coming into our school and delivering assemblies on a weekly basis. We also thank Mrs Heather Watson for coming into our school and delivering assemblies and Good News Club to the children, aided by Mrs Ruth Kerrigan. Support from our local church and clergy in the community is very much valued and appreciated.

Staff engaged in further whole school training with Mrs Ann McErlane focusing on the area of thematic learning and the World Around Us. All teaching staff implemented a new cycle of thematic units in their classrooms. Each classroom has 2 cycles due to composite classes. This thematic approach puts emphasis on learning and the learner, with cross curricular links. Pupils have been given the opportunity to use specific skills related to history, geography and science. Children are actively involved in planning their learning through participation in carousel activities allowing them to have ownership of their learning. Pupils have responded well to our thematic units and are engaged in the learning process.

We were excited to become part of the Being Well Doing Well Project in 2024-2025. This is a whole school approach to emotional health and wellbeing, which is of utmost importance. This is a 5 year programme, subject to funding, which provides staff with professional development, advice and guidance. We had a busy year – we completed a whole school baseline self evaluation audit, gathered views of pupils, staff, parents and Board of Governors using online well being questionnaires, analysed our results and identified priorities. We established a new BWDW team – Mrs Palmer, is the champion of this team and is joined by Mrs Goan, Mrs Galbraith and Mrs Stevenson. There was a whole school staff awareness session and professional training relating to promoting emotional health and wellbeing. The Being Well Doing Well team has met regularly throughout the year with our link officer.

Mrs Goan attended a variety of strategic workshops which focused on the 3 year development planning process. Mrs Galbraith, our numeracy co-ordinator attended training on reasoning and problem solving – this will be a focus in our school development plan.

We were delighted to update our interactive whiteboards to panels in each of our classrooms. All teaching staff completed training in their use, to ensure enhanced learning opportunities for the pupils. These have been a major enhancement in our classrooms. Thank you to the PTA for funding to help us to replace all panels throughout the school.

Pupils had a variety of visitors into the classroom to enhance their learning as well as the opportunity of participating in a range of trips and educational visits. Year 5, 6 and 7 children were delighted to participate in a variety of workshops on renewable energy and learn all about how it benefits our environment. We were delighted to win the Wright Shield for the quality of our entries in the art and literacy sections of Omagh Show. Opportunities for the children to further develop their understanding of cultures and diversity was facilitated through sessions from outside facilitators on Jewish, Indian and Chinese culture.

We had the opportunity to become involved with the 'Taking the Next Step' Project. The children had opportunities to explore risk taking behaviour, emotional intelligence, resilience, effective communication, self regulation, identity formation and the principles of peace and reconciliation. The pupils enjoyed a trip to the Verbal Arts Centre in Londonderry to participate in an emotional resilience workshop using their own emotional literacy models that they had created.

This year 2 pupils sat the SEAG test. All pupils were accepted by their first preference schools, including Castlederg High School and Omagh Academy. We thank those children, along with their parents for all their hard work. We would ask that parents carefully consider whether their child should go through extra classes and the SEAG test itself if they do not want a grammar school place for their child. This is extra work and pressure for the pupils, parents and teachers involved.

Learning Support and SEN

Within each class teachers endeavour to provide for the full range of abilities by differentiating their teaching, ensuring that pupils have access to all areas of the curriculum and are taught using a wide range of learning and teaching strategies. A measure of individual support is maintained through the use of classroom assistants. Precision teaching, small intervention groups, Toe by Toe, Reading Partnership and lego club are examples of interventions used by the classroom assistants in Killen Primary School. All classroom assistants have completed a variety of courses to enhance their knowledge.

Outside agencies have continued to work with children with special educational needs. Mrs Mitchell has continued her hard work as role of SENCO, in her absence during the 2024-25 year, Mrs Goan covered this role. Mrs Mitchell delivered training to teaching staff on SMART(E) target setting. Both Mrs Goan and Mrs Mitchell completed Graduated Response Training. Classroom assistants completed training on dynamic assessment techniques. RFI portal was opened as a pathway to submit referrals. Two cycles of IEP's were completed for each child on the SEN register and all annual reviews were completed for Stage 3 children. Dr. Monaghan continued her invaluable work, as Educational Psychologist, throughout 24-25.

Anti Bullying

Mrs Goan and Mrs Galbraith completed the EA Anti Bullying Leadership Programme and attended modular training on the approaches of addressing Bullying Type Behaviour in Schools. All staff have completed anti bullying awareness training.

Shared Education

Shared Education provides our pupils with opportunities to meet children from different communities and learn together in school partnerships. Killen Primary School participates in Shared Education alongside a number of other schools in the locality – Ardstraw Primary School, St. Caireall's, Langfield, St. Joseph's and Castledearg High School. We had 4 classes involved in Shared Education this year, which was fantastic.

Year 1 pupils enjoyed exploring outdoor play opportunities and visited St Caireall's to engage in outdoor play activities. We also welcomed their Year 1 pupils for an outdoor play session at our school. Year 3 pupils, using the book 'The Magic Harp' as a stimulus enjoyed lots of outdoor learning experiences and had a trip to Gortin Glens. Year 6 pupils also participated in outdoor learning through the sew and grow project. Year 6 planted a variety of vegetables and enjoyed having the opportunity of participating in a cookery session at the end of the project. Year 7 pupils focused on the area of problem solving, looking at effective use of IZAK 9 cubes as well as travelling to the Folk Park to complete a numeracy trail.

Attendance

Congratulations to all those children who achieved their full attendance certificates. Attendance for the 2024-25 year was 96.2%. The school continues to use the C2k computer system for attendance where any absence is recorded using a variety of codes depending on the reason for the absence. To enable the system to work properly we ask that a written note, phone call to school or a private message via Seesaw is sent to school to explain any absence. This will avoid the school having to contact parents asking for an explanation of absences. The system operates on registration twice daily, morning and after lunch. We remind parents to book family holidays during school closures, not during the school term. We also remind parents of the importance of regular attendance. Please note if a pupil's attendance rate is approaching 85% a letter of concern will be sent home from the school. If poor attendance continues and falls below 85%, the next step in the procedure is that Mrs Goan will liaise with the Education Welfare Officer regarding making a referral. Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential.

Health, Safety and Security

Site security is excellent with the school grounds being fenced off and gates locked each evening. Children access through three external doors which are locked at 9.15 a.m. Playground gates are also locked at 9.15am. Parents wishing to collect their children early must sign their children out using the book available at the office. All visitors access is through the front entrance and visitors must report to reception. A monitored intruder alarm protects the building. Unfortunately, last year we did have an attempted burglary, with damage to our back fence and door, but due to our security alarms there was no further damage or entrance gained to our property. You

may have noticed that we have taken additional safety measures with outdoor lighting remaining on in the school grounds during the night. The waste bins are secured away from the building as a fire prevention measure. There are regular checks of the fire bell carried out as well as termly fire drills.

Accessibility

To facilitate access arrangements, a disabled parking bay is available directly in front of the front entrance and all doors are suitable for disabled access. A disabled toilet is also available. The school building consists of one level.

Outdoor Learning

We are extremely fortunate to have such great grounds in Killen Primary School. Our 'secret garden' and outdoor classroom provide invaluable learning opportunities. Outdoor learning gives children hands on experiences helping them to connect classroom learning to the real world, stimulating the children's curiosity and enhancing engagement in learning.

Mrs Galbraith has upskilled her knowledge of outdoor play with cross curricular links through completion of relevant courses during 24-25.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Mrs Palmer is our designated child protection officer. Mrs Goan and Mrs Mitchell are our deputy designated child protection officers. All members of our safeguarding team have completed refresher training for their respective roles during the 24-25 school year. All school staff completed refresher whole school training.

We continue to liaise with social services to support our children. The Operation Encompass Scheme has been a great asset in helping to protect our vulnerable children. This allows the PSNI to pass on relevant information to the school safeguarding team, following incidents of domestic abuse, so that the correct support can be put in place for the child.

Mental Health

Ann, our school counsellor, continued to work with a number of children throughout the 24-25 school year. Children in Year 1-4 also participated in Relax Kids sessions, which helps to promote positive mental health in children. We thank the McHale family for funding these valuable resources. We also welcomed Justin from Move to the Beat to carry out some sessions with our younger classes which the children really enjoyed. Thanks to PTA funding for enabling this to happen. Our calm room is a welcome resource as well as each classroom having access to a calm box. Worry monsters are also available for children to place their worries in.

Through lessons the message of the importance of positive mental health is reinforced with the children. Mental Health week is celebrated on a whole school level.

Mrs Palmer completed Connections Link Life training and has now become a Connections ambassador.

After School Clubs

We were delighted to have a full programme of after school clubs in operation for the 24/25 school year. These included football, gardening, cookery, multi sports, Good News Club and Cycling Proficiency.

Tournaments/Competitions/ Community

Children participated in a variety of tournaments including football and cross country. Year 6/7 pupils experienced success and both the boys and the girls team walked away as winners of the Drumragh College tournament. Year 7 pupils represented Killen PS in the annual Road Safety Competition. Members of our school community attended the annual Remembrance Day Service, laying a wreath on behalf of the school and also attended the poppy launch. The pupils were delighted to have their art work displayed in the local Royal British legion – with Killen PS also having some prize winning entries. Children entered the colouring competition for the community Christmas Event with prize winners being celebrated at the annual turning on of the Christmas tree lights. We also had pupils attend the apple fair in Castleberg and sing with pupils from other schools in the local area. Pupils provided display work for the VE celebrations which were held in Castleberg. We were delighted to win the Wright Shield for the quality of our entries in the art and literacy sections of Omagh Show.

ECO

We thank Mrs Palmer and the ECO team for their continued hard work. Their project of collecting plastic bottle tops has got the community working hard, resulting in a large number of earth tokens being achieved, helping us on our way to exchange these for some wonderful pieces of furniture. Thanks to Donna McFeely from Sus Trans for working with us this year throughout the school to promote awareness of active travel and a healthier lifestyle. Children were involved in a variety of activities including orienteering, puncture repair workshop, traffic surveys, cycle training and creative writing active travel workshop. We were delighted to be awarded the silver active travel school award for recognition of our work to bring about some organizational, cultural and behavioral changes which help the school community choose to travel in more active and sustainable ways.

We were also delighted to win an award as part of our participation in the 'Big Wheelie' competition which focused on the correct usage of bins in school.

Mrs Palmer has participated in Forest Schools training and is hoping to become part of a Forest Schools cluster in the local area.

2024-25 – Prize Day Winners**Attendance****1 Years Full Attendance**

Charlie Goan
Isla Hamilton
Alfie Buchanan
James Sproule
Drew Graham

3 Years Full Attendance

Sophia Young

Sports Day

Year 1	Vicki Kempston	Alfie Buchanan
Year 2	Sarda Lanka Bandanage	Harrison McCrea
Year 3	Sophia Galbraith	Jacob Young
Year 4	Aalya Stuart	Bobby Morrison
Year 5	Sophia Young	Harry Young
Year 6	Isla Hamilton	Jake Galbraith
Year 7	Emily Speer	Charlie Goan

Swimming Effort

Louie Young

Football Trophy

Adam Ross

Effort

Y1	Leary McDonnell	
Y2	Mrs G Charlie Clarke	Mr S Freya Hamilton
Y3	Mrs P Abbie Bogle	Mr S Mia Galbraith
Y4	Emilie Ferguson	
Y5	Rebecca Rutledge	
Y6	Mrs G Rebecca Irwin	Mrs M Alfie Young
Y7	Leah Clarke/Jack Sproule	

Handwriting and Presentation of Work

Y1	Sarah Watson
Y2/3	Addison Owen
Y3/4	Ella Galbraith
Y5/6	Abbie Ferguson
Y6/7	Amelia Barnett

Lyttle Spelling Cup (biggest improvement in spelling)

Vinudi Jayasinghe

Reading Challenge Shield (biggest improvement in Reading)

Charlie Whyte

Jameson Drama Award

KS1 Sarah Smyth

KS2 Joey Sproule

Faulkner Creative Studies Cup

Sandiv Gunawardena

ICT

Y2/3 Joey Graham

Y3/4 Jake Lecky

Y5/6 Finn O'Leary

Y6/7 Adam Long

Cather Environmental Award

Kyle Humphrey

Darragh Perpetual Shield

Robbie Bogle

Inspirational Pupil KS1

Sammy Hamilton

Inspirational Pupil (Clarke Cup)KS2

Jonathan Condy

Crawford Numeracy Cup

Katie Lecky

Fundraising

We continue to support the work of the 'Poppy Appeal', 'Wings Appeal' and 'Action Aid'. We also held a non-uniform day as well as donating one set of Fun Bun Friday money to raise funds for the Gemma McHale Foundation for the wonderful work that they do. We are so thankful for funding received from the McHale family to enable us to have Relax Kids and retain Ann, our school counsellor.

As part of our PTA fundraising, we were able to hold our BBQ which was a huge success. We also held a Christmas show, sold reindeer food at Christmas, Bingo Night, non-uniform days, sold tea and coffee at our Sport's day, various raffles including another successful Christmas draw! Fun Bun Fridays are also a huge hit with the children. Events such as these are essential to raise much needed funding. We thank everyone for their continued support.

The Governors would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to the Principal and staff of the school for both their high level of commitment and the high standards achieved both in and outside the classroom. Parents must also be commended for their support of the staff in achieving this high level of success.

