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2005 -
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The Headmaster acted as Secretary to the Board of Governors
The full board met on 7 occasions under the chairmanship of
Mr Mulligan.

Among matters considered were:

1. Appointment of staff
2. Correspondence
3. Use of school
4. Pupil issues including care and safety of pupils
5. Staff issues including promotion and redundancy
6. Admission of pupils
7. Government reports
8. School Policies
9. School buses
10. Statutory Assessment

MANAGEMENT

The School Development Plan for 2005–06 set out the
following areas of school activity for development:-

1. Teaching and Learning

- 1.1
 - create computerised mark sheets to include all tests
 - design template enabling all marks to be placed on Assessment Manager
 - set up spread sheets for all subjects recognising different assessment components
 - create departmental comment banks
- 1.2
 - organise MidYIS programme
 - analyse results and identify (i) those pupils who fall significantly below their MidYIS result and (ii) those pupils who begin here at a level significantly below MidYIS expectations
 - analyse rank orders and arrange intervention
- 1.3
 - commence staff consultation to establish baseline position and prepare whole school policy
- 1.4
 - obtain baseline of literacy. Engage all Departments to improve the quality of written work
- 1.5
 - (i) continue the development of mental maths
 - (ii) develop the use of ICT in Maths

2. Finance

- analyse expenditure on temporary teachers and move towards a capping mechanism
- implement new processes
 - work schedule and new working arrangements for Building Supervisor
 - new role for Premises Manager
 - role for Board of Governors

3. Pastoral

- operate structured meeting with VPs and Year Heads and Child Protection Teacher (Monday)
- arrange regular Tuesday meeting Year Head/EWO
- operate regular meeting—Year Head / P / VP
- introduce weekly meeting—VP/SENCO
- introduce monthly meeting P / VP / SENCO
- prepare booklet on external support
- re 3.2 train staff in use of SIMS.net and prepare training manual
- introduce bullying register
- organise Contact Youth counselling
- participate in Student Council Pilot Scheme
- examine Drug Education policy
- introduce updated Discipline Policy

4. Public Relations

- produce CD of choir and orchestra
- re-produce school flyers
- re-design parental material

Statutory Assessment

The school's Statutory Assessment results at the end of Key Stage 3 were once again top of the class, indeed top in Northern Ireland. In all three assessment subjects Killicomaine finished top in our category of school. This is the sixth year in a row in which Maths and Science have been top. The statistics below are presented in the format required by the Department of Education.

Percentage of pupils achieving Levels 5,6,7 and 8

	Killicomaine	N.I. average
Maths	89	71
English	83	69
Science	80	68

Percentage of pupils achieving Levels 6,7 and 8

	Killicomaine	N.I.average
Maths	65	46
English	67	43
Science	61	43

Clearly our results are well above the national average and in numerical terms mean that 104 pupils in English, 101 in Maths and 95 in Science (out of a year group of 156) achieved the top levels.

In Maths and Science 13 and 15 pupils respectively achieved the “blue ribbon” of a level 8, twice the national average. In addition every pupil obtained a level in all three subjects; in other words no pupil failed. This is once again a tremendous achievement and one of which the school and its pupils are justly proud.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT

The school continued to offer the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Our Curriculum is continually developing to meet the needs of our pupils.

Educational Visits

As is usual, a wide range of educational visits took place

- 180 pupils visited the Ulster American Folk Park to study life as it used to be, and our ancestral connections with the USA
- 10th year pupils carried out their Geography investigation in Belshaw’s Quarry, a geological Nature Reserve outside Lisburn
- 9th year pupils visited the Folk Park at Cultra to study the use of materials and energy sources through the ages
- over 180 pupils visited Dublin, Carrickfergus and Londonderry on separate historical visits
- 60+ pupils went on the annual ski trip to Italy and 30 pupils travelled to Paris.

Music

The choir and orchestra continued to play a full part in school and community life; participating in the carol service, prize night and open night. The choir and orchestra completed work on their CD which was on sale in December 2005 and also in December the choir appeared on the last ever George Jones Christmas Show in the Ulster Hall.

CHARITIES

Last year the school collected over £7000 for Action MS and £544 for Children in Need. The usual Poppy and Wings Appeals also took place.

SPORT

Girls’ Hockey

A lot of girls played a lot of hockey! On occasion the school fielded 7 teams with the usual mix of commitment and enthusiasm.

Boys’ Hockey

All teams are participating in the mid Ulster League and N. Ireland knock-out competitions.

Soccer

All teams took part in the Mid Ulster League and N. Ireland Cup Competitions.

Rugby

The U13 and U14 rugby teams played host to King Henry VIII School from Abergavenny for five days in March. The teams competed hard throughout the long domestic season.

Netball

Going back to the girls. The year 8 netball team participated in the Bank Junior Tournament. The 9th and 10th year teams participated in the Bank Netball League and were both awarded joint Runners-up in the League

Cross country

The Minor Boys' Team won the Championships, so qualifying for the Ulster Championships.

Athletics

Alex Herron was joint 3rd in the Minor Girls Ulster High Jump

Tennis

The Minor Girls were runners up in the NI Plate and the Junior Girls reached the semi final of the Plate. The Junior boys reached the final of the subsidiary competition.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A wide range of extra curricular activities was offered.

Scripture Union, Craft, Computer, Drama, Technology and Art Clubs met regularly. Louisa Maxwell won the Craigavon Road Safety Public Speaking Competition and represented the area in the NI final at Stranmillis. Killicomaine won the Craigavon and Banbridge Home Safety Quiz.

STAFFING

The staff of the school consisted of 27 full time teachers and 7 part-time. This year saw the retirement of Mrs Harrison and Mrs Clougher who had taught in the school for 31 and 29 years respectively.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Three Science Labs will undergo major refurbishment in early 2007. A new Learning Support Unit will open in early 2007.

SPECIAL NEEDS

More pupils with designated special needs have entered the school and they are currently being assisted by a total of 11 classroom and domestic assistants.

ENROLMENT

The enrolment in the school on 31st October 2005 was 500, a decrease of 5 on the previous year. The attendance average was 93.69%.

FINANCES

During the financial year 2005-06 the school spent £1,732,476 with a deficit at 31st March 2006 of £73,342. The main areas of expenditure were as follows:-

Teachers' salaries	£1,398,821
Non Teaching salaries	140,276
Fuel	47,700
Maintenance (grounds, buildings, fixtures)	14,403
Books, materials, equipment	34,381
Advertising & printing	13,007
Cleaning/waste disposal	64,287
Postage & telephone	5,819
Hire of equipment/facilities	2,384
Transport	3,093
Travel expenses	522
Contact Youth Counselling Service	6,000
 Miscellaneous (training expenses, licence fees photocopying, sundries)	 1,783
	 £1,732,476

School Fund/**Special Collection** (beginning of September) £10,020

The School Fund finances the following activities which the school would be unable to provide without this vital contribution from parents.

Main items of expenditure	
- Minibus expenses	£3166
- Sports expenses including affiliation fees and coaches	£2376
-Merit System Awards	£ 598
-Prize Night expenses	£ 542
-Picture Framing	£ 388
-Minor Repairs	£1150
-Educational presentations e.g. Love for Life	 £ 243
	 £8463

The Board of Governors wishes to express its appreciation to all parents who contributed. As you can see all children benefit from the school fund and all expenditure is absolutely necessary.

The Board of Governors commend this report to you.