



Tummery Primary School



PROSPECTUS 2024

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 TummaryPrimary

Dear Parent,

Céad míle fáilte go mBunscoil an tIomaire. Is pobal scoile bríomhar, cairdiúil muid atá suite amuigh faoin tuath ar An Droim Mór. Is iad na páistí atá i gcroílár phobal na scoile.

A warm welcome to Tummary Primary School. We are a lively, friendly school community that is situated in the countryside of Dromore. The children are at the heart of the school community. On behalf of the Board of Governors, I extend a warm welcome to you and your child. The school promotes an ethos of caring and high achievement and offers a deep commitment to the children in our care – Is iad na páistí atá i gcroílár phobal na scoile - with children at the heart of the school community.

My vision for the future of this school is to see it as a vibrant element of the Catholic Community it serves while doing the very best for all our pupils. We aim to develop in our pupils the values necessary to become caring and responsible citizens of the future. It is essential to have good all round relationships and children working in a happy and secure environment. Indeed the success of our school and the high quality of education that it provides can be attributed to good co-operation among staff, pupils, parents, governors and the local community. Our prospectus will give you an insight into the life and work of our school and what we have to offer your child. Of course this booklet cannot convey the real atmosphere of our school. Please view our promotional school video on the school website: www.tummeryps.com. I cordially invite you and your child to arrange a visit to the school at a convenient time. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With sincere good wishes,

Mr Conor McCrystall

PRINCIPAL



Mission Statement

'Grow, Learn, Achieve, Believe'

We in Tummery Primary School have a responsibility for the Pastoral Care, general welfare and safety of the children in our care and we will carry out this duty by providing a caring, supportive and safe environment, where each child is valued for his or her unique talents and abilities, and in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential.



Our Aims

We aim to foster a caring, supportive environment where our children will be encouraged to become responsible and contributing members of society, while appreciating their self-worth and taking into account each child's individual needs and abilities.

To support this aim we, in Tummery, shall endeavour to:

- ▶ focus on the development of the whole child
- ▶ develop within the child the skills necessary to promote self-discipline
- ▶ promote positive attitudes to learning
- ▶ encourage enjoyment and fulfilment in learning experiences
- ▶ encourage self respect and respect for others
- ▶ encourage respect for property
- ▶ develop a sense of honesty and fair play
- ▶ develop a sense of responsibility



General Information

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Catholic Maintained • Co-Educational • Age Range 4-11 • Roll 40

Tummery Primary School is a small rural primary school set in a pleasant environment four miles west of Dromore in Tyrone. The building was originally constructed on this site in 1916 and replaced a much older school which had existed since the early 1800s. It was extended in the late 1950s and a mobile classroom was added in 1990. A dining/PE room was added in 2004. In the spring of 2006 the site was extended. The school's current enrolment is forty pupils with small class sizes. With these small numbers the teacher is able to ensure each child receives the amount of time he/she needs.

The school enjoys excellent support from the local community. Parents are kept informed of children's progress using an effective communication app, by a formal meeting in the middle of the first term and by an end of year report. Meetings are held with parents of special needs children each term and all parents are encouraged to contact the school as necessary.

We, the Governors and staff of Tummery P.S. believe the school is an integral part of our community. We are firmly committed to the aims of Catholic Education and seek to establish an environment where Christian values permeate the whole life of our school. Pupils to be admitted and their parents, are invited to an open evening in June to view the class environment, meet the staff and to discuss with the teacher all matters concerning their child's admission.



Members of The Board of Governors

Representing the Trustees:

Mr Sean Maguire
Mrs Niamh O'Neill
Mr Harry O'Neill
Mr Gerard Hannigan

Representing the Education Authority:

Mrs Katrina Henderson (Chairperson)
Mrs Susan Casey

Representing the Department of Education:

Mr. Brian McCarron

Representing Parents:

Mrs. Edel McQuaid

Representing Teachers:

Mrs. Morwenna Gormley

Principal (Non-voting):

Mr Conor McCrystall (Secretary)

The Board of Governors of Tummery is very active and highly supportive of the school; the principal and staff greatly appreciate their assistance and guidance.



Staff in Tummery

Teaching Staff:

Principal – Mr Conor McCrystall
Teacher – Mrs. Morwenna Gormley
Teacher - Miss Catherine Boyle

Ancillary Staff:

C. Assistants - Miss Shauna McCusker & Mrs Donna Donnelly
Secretary– Mrs. Marian Donnelly
Bus Driver– Mrs Deírbhíle McLaughlin
Building Supervisor– Mr James McShane
Kitchen Staff– Mrs. Jennifer Allen



Associated Staff Support

Fr. Dolan / Fr MacEntee – School Chaplains
Mr J McShane–Tin Whistle
Mrs F Colton–Singing
Mr M McKenna–Football coaching
Mr T Sludden–Football coaching Dromore GFC
Mr C Cross–Dance tutor

A photograph of two young children in a garden. One child is holding a stick and pointing towards a plant. The background is filled with green foliage and a wooden table.

Daily Timetable

The school is open to pupils from 8.30a.m

Year One/Two – 9.15am – 2.00 pm

Year Three – Year Seven– 9.15am–3.15pm

Morning break – 10.45am–11.00am

Dinner break – 12.30pm–1.15pm

In order to assist with Primary One entry, Primary One children stay to 12.00pm for the first week of September, progressing to 1.00pm on week 2 and 2.00pm from week 3 onwards.

We offer Foundation Stage After-school facilities 5 afternoons a week.



Attendance

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school and arrive on time for class. We have an excellent attendance record, which is a result of parental contribution.

We advise parents not to send children who are ill to school. Should a child be absent for any reason, parents should provide a note of explanation, or telephone the school.

We ask parents to arrange appointments outside of school hours, where possible. If you find it necessary to collect your child during school, please inform staff in writing or by phonecall.

The average attendance for last year was 98%



Holidays

Information about school closures will be sent out to parents at the beginning of the school year. You will be informed by letter of any exceptional closures.

Owing to inclement weather, and to ensure pupil and staff safety there may be emergency closures.



School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform, which we feel reflects the individuality of our school and offers all children a common form of dress. School jumpers with a school logo can be purchased from the Select Kidz Omagh.

Our uniform consists of:

- ▶ Navy trousers/skirt/pinafore
- ▶ White polo shirt
- ▶ Navy jumper with school logo

Please label all your child's belongings clearly with his/her name.

School Meals

School dinners are available at a cost of £2.60 per day. A menu is available early in the first term. We ask, if possible, that children bring in their dinner money for the week on a Monday.

If you believe that you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact EA-W Free Meals Dept. on 028 82411411 for an application form.

Transport

Parents are able to apply to the Education Authority for a concessionary rate for EA transport into Dromore Town. We have morning transport to the school.

Visiting Arrangements

Once your child begins school there are many opportunities for staff and parents to meet.

These include:

- ▶ formal and informal meetings
- ▶ Christmas festivities
- ▶ workshops
- ▶ open days
- ▶ parents' evenings
- ▶ Sacraments

Other meetings can be arranged if necessary, outside of teaching hours.



Charging and Remissions Policy

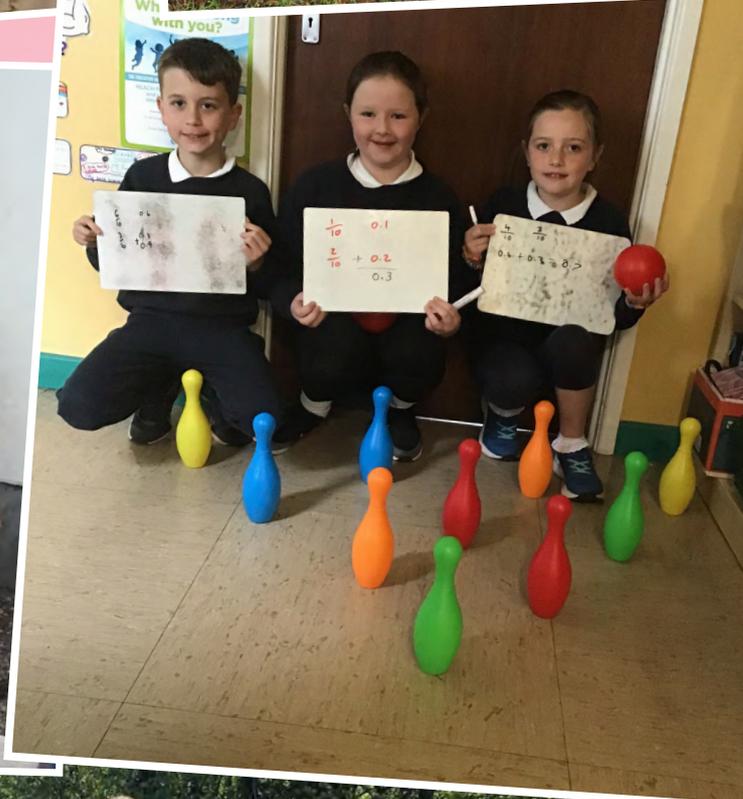
The Board of Governors reserve the right to invite voluntary contributions from parents to cover the cost of school activities which might otherwise be impossible to fund. They will ensure that no child will be deprived of the above facilities because the requested payment has not been made and the school feels he or she would lose out because of such deprivation.

Telephone Calls

If you find it necessary to make calls to school, we ask that these are made before class begins or after 3.15 pm. This will avoid disruption. In an emergency, messages can be passed on during the day.

Admissions

In selecting children for admission to the school, we will apply the criteria as set out by our school on the EA website.



The Curriculum

It is our aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, enabling every child to work at his/ her own pace according to his/her age, aptitude and ability. The curriculum comprises all the learning experiences that the school provides for its pupils. It includes, not only the statutory requirements but all those other learning experiences and activities which will help to achieve the school's vision for its pupils. Since Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school, we aim to reflect the message of Christ in all of our curriculum.

Stages of the Curriculum

- ▶ The Foundation Stage – Years 1 and 2
- ▶ Key Stage One – Years 3 and 4
- ▶ Key Stage Two – Years 5, 6 and 7

Structure of the Curriculum

The curriculum for the three stages is set out in six Areas of Learning. Although the Areas of Learning are set out separately, teachers will, where appropriate, integrate learning across the six areas to make relevant connections for pupils. The Areas are:-

- ▶ Language and Literacy
- ▶ Mathematics and Numeracy
- ▶ The Arts
- ▶ The World Around Us
- ▶ Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
- ▶ Physical Education

The Cross-curricular skills

- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Using Mathematics
- ▶ Information and Communication Technology

Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities

- ▶ Managing information
- ▶ Thinking, Problem-Solving and Decision Making
- ▶ Being Creative
- ▶ Working with others
- ▶ Self-Management

At the heart of the Northern Ireland Curriculum is an emphasis on the development of pupils' skills and capabilities for lifelong learning and for operating effectively in society. By engaging pupils in active learning contexts pupils will develop personal and interpersonal skills, capabilities and dispositions, and their ability to think both creatively and critically.

CURRICULUM POLICIES ARE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS AND ANY PARENT WISHING TO HAVE A COPY SHOULD CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VISIT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.



Enhancing the Curriculum

Literacy

All pupils from Primary 3–Primary 7 have access to Accelerated Reader. There is an extensive library for children to choose books at their level and they are encouraged to read to achieve their target. Lexia is also used for children in Primary 2 – Primary 5. This educational app develops oral language, reading, spelling and writing skills. Pupils are also given the chance to participate in the poetry section of the West Tyrone Feis.

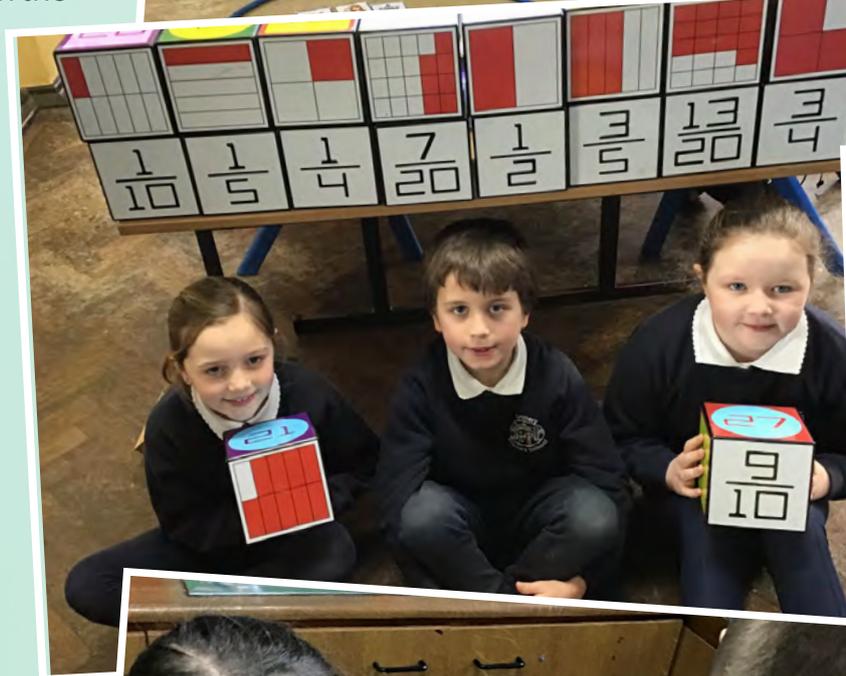


Numeracy

Children participate in lots of activity based learning; developing knowledge and skills for Using Numeracy. We use lots of ICT to support the learning and Mathletics is used throughout the school.

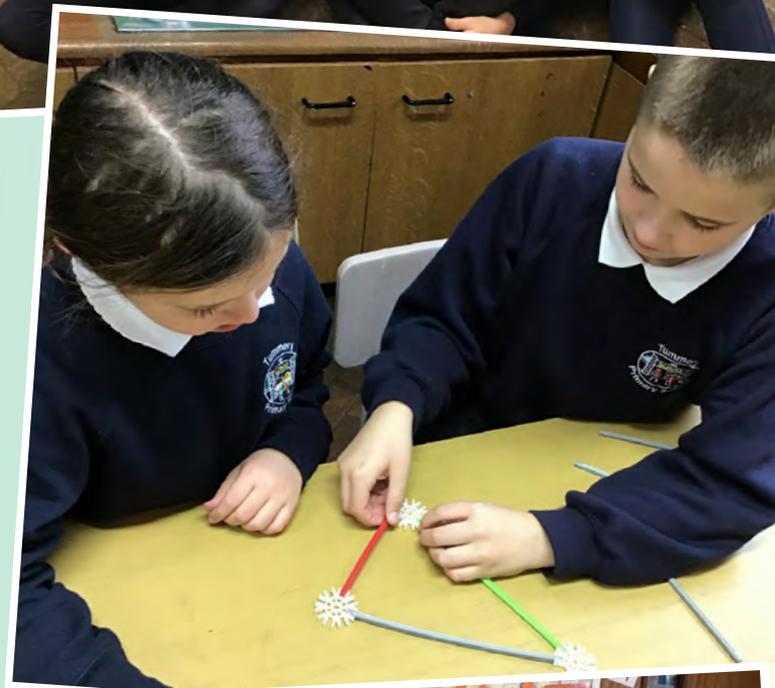
Izak9

The school actively use Izak9. This resource is great for encouraging problem solving and working together.



Music

We have Mr McShane who helps the Primary 3–Primary 7 pupils learn tin whistle. The pupils who are learning the instrument perform at school masses, assemblies, Christmas shows and other events in the school. They are also encouraged to participate in the West Tyrone Feis. Mrs Colton provides weekly singing opportunities for all the pupils in the school. She works alongside Mr McCrystal in preparing the choir for events. The pupils represent the school when singing at First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the parish as well as the monthly children's choir mass.



Art

Pupils participate in the Credit Union competition and the Art section of the West Tyrone feis. Mrs Gormley leads Art throughout the school. We are very fortunate to be involved with Trillick Arts Group and their funding support for 'Celebrate the Earth'. This project allows us to enhance art in key stage 2.



ICT

The school have great ICT resources. Each class has an interactive whiteboard/ touchscreen and there are laptops for pupils to use. There are also a number of I-Pads that the pupils use to participate in ICT work to enhance learning. Coding has become very popular in the school and the school has recently purchased Sphero balls as well as a drone to facilitate this. The school have recently purchased 5 new I-Pads. This means that each child from P3 – P7 now has access to their own ICT equipment. Children in Key Stage 2 complete activities using Google classroom and upload their work onto their own profile on Google Drive.



Extra Curricular Activities

We aim to provide opportunities for children to develop a range of skills in a less formal setting through extra-curricular activities such as After school Art and Craft clubs, Homework club, Code clubs and PE club.

The children have the opportunity to develop their sporting skills through the services of sports coaches.



PE

Macartan McKenna is our football coach from the Tyrone County board and he facilitates training on a weekly basis for all pupils. The children represent the school at various indoor and outdoor blitzes throughout the year. We have had pupils represent the school at half time in the Allianz League when Tyrone are playing a home game.

Chris Cross provides weekly dance tuition for all pupils and helps prepare routines for the Christmas show. He also teaches some ceili dances to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Mr. McCrystall. Pupils in Key Stage 2 avail of a eight-week swimming programme in Omagh Leisure complex.

Pupils in Primary 6/7 complete Cycle Proficiency training led by Mr McCrystall. The school have signed up to Sustrans—sustainable transport.

This is a three-year programme and will involve all pupils in the school. Tiarnan Sludden visits the school weekly to provide training in all classes kindly supported by Dromore GFC.

Irish

The Irish language is an integral element in our school environment. The school community are encouraged to speak Irish throughout the school day. Last year 2 pupils achieved a silver fáinne each.

We are taking part in the pilot scheme of 'Scoil Spreagtha' with Gael Linn. On European Day of Languages this year, we had a visit from Gael Linn and Meon Eile who recorded the children using their Irish through story, poem and song as well as some interviews.





Positive Behaviour

We thoroughly believe in the importance of good behaviour and promote a high standard of behaviour at all times. We expect our children to always 'be the best they can be' in every aspect of school life. We believe in the development of confidence, self-esteem, respect for others and self-discipline. We encourage and celebrate good behaviour and positive achievements in all children. We place great emphasis on positive reinforcement of good behaviour.



R.E. Programme

As a Catholic school, Religious Education is central to the everyday life of Tummery and embodies everything we do. We base our programme on Diocesan policy. Our parish priest plays an important part in the promotion of religious education within our school and pupils follow the Grow in Love programme. Teachers prepare children for the Sacraments of Penance, The Eucharist and Confirmation.

Homework

We consider homework to be a vital element in the process of learning. It allows reinforcement and consolidation of work covered in class and aids the children in their development of healthy study habits. Children should complete homework in a quiet space, free from noise and distraction. Homework varies within the Key Stages and may consist of written activities, reading, learning or other practical work depending on the age of the child. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's homework, so strengthening the educational partnership between parents and teachers.



Resources

Children in Tummery have access to a wide variety of new and up to date educational resources in Numeracy, Literacy, ICT, The Arts, PE, PDMU, World Around Us and RE. Resources are increased in each area of the curriculum on a yearly basis. Outdoors we have a large grass and tarmac play area, play frames along with many outdoor toys.

Pastoral Care / Child Protection

We recognise that happy children are the best learners and so we provide a comfortable and safe learning environment. Good relationships are fostered between children and staff and the close home school partnership means parents can inform the school of any circumstances which may impact on their child. The class teacher will be alert to the pastoral needs of his/her pupils.

Any concerns will be brought to the attention of the Principal or the Designated teacher. The school's Positive Behaviour (including Anti -Bullying), Child Protection, Special Needs, Medication and Health & Safety Policies are each an integral and vitally important aspect of the School's Pastoral Care arrangements and are available on request.

All schools have an obligation to ensure the safety of the children in their care. If a child makes a disclosure to an adult or if an adult has concerns about a child, these will be reported to the school's Designated Teacher.

The school has a Child Protection Policy which lays out procedures to be followed when concerns arise. Bullying is a highly distressing and damaging form of abuse and is not tolerated in school. Staff are vigilant at all times to the possibility of bullying occurring and will take immediate steps to stop it happening, to protect and reassure the victim.

We are an Operation Encompass school.

Outdoor Learning

We are committed to children getting the opportunity to experience learning outdoors in the beautiful surroundings of the school. We have enhanced our outdoor area with a new polytunnel, seating, bug hotel and various outdoor resources. We continue to enhance our outdoor area.





Special Educational Needs

The educational needs of each child will be catered for by his/her class teacher, who will be supported by outside agencies where applicable. Personalised Learning Plans are drawn up as required with specific targets for the child's development. Pupils' progress is monitored regularly and relative information is communicated to parents. Our school has established links with a range of external agencies and we have been awarded the Autism Impact Award. This demonstrates our commitment to meeting the needs of all our pupils.

Reporting

Parents' meetings are held during the first term. If parents wish to meet with their child's teacher at any other time, we ask you to make an appointment for a suitable time. At the end of each school year all parents will receive an annual report for their child.



Home-School Links

We use Seesaw in school which facilitates open communication with parents. We value their opinion and actively involve them in their child's education.

An open policy to parent meetings – phone and make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher at any point during the school year (Tel: 028 82898455)

Regular information letters and newsletters are sent home and available to download from our website (www.tummeryps.com)

Open communication with parents using See-Saw. Parents really enjoy seeing pictures of their children during the school day and work that they are completing in class.



Links with Outside Agents

In Tummery, we have strong ties with our parish. We participate in Catholic Schools Week and we have regular visits from our priests.

We have established links with St. Dymphna's GFC, with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council and Dromore Historical Society.

We fully support and assist with the work carried out by the school nurse, doctor, educational psychologist, peripatetic teachers, EA and CCMS.

Shared Education

We actively support, promote and are involved in Shared Education with the pupils of Dromore Controlled and St. John's Dromore. All the pupils get the opportunity to work together in a variety of lessons and subjects on a weekly basis. These learning experiences offered are fantastic opportunity to develop the children's learning. The older pupils get to experience a residential trip with the other schools.

Friends of Tummery

We have a very active Parent support group who meet regularly to discuss ways to help and support the school.

Close links between home and school are vital to the successful education of the children in our care. Last year the PTA organised a Santa Sunday and from monies raised we were able to paint some of the interior of the school and purchase PE equipment.



Conclusion

I hope our school prospectus will give you an idea of the rich experiences and varied life your child will have whilst attending Tummery Primary School, Dromore.
You can be sure of our caring commitment at all times.

Forever In Our Heart

Down a quiet road just outside Dromore,
Is a small country school with a big welcome at the door.
Every child here will greet you with a smile on their face,
Enjoying their days at a more relaxed, happy pace.

Out in the country, surrounded by green,
For a primary school it seems so serene.
Teaching from this building for over 100 years,
A place to have fun, learn and forget any fears.

The teachers work hard here to push every child to their best,
Discovering their strengths becomes a 7 year quest.
They teach here in a positive and kind-hearted way,
Encouraging music, sports, art and child-like play.

Tummery is not just a school but a community for all,
Parents pitch in, standing proud and tall.
Baking, making tea and supporting any event,
Making the time to be there with each invite they are sent.

The years pass by and soon the time will come,
For the kids to be brave and make a new school their home.
Primary seven will end and soon they will part,
But Tummery will forever have piece of their heart.

Written by Charlene and Oran



"I like playing football in the yard and field with my friends and learning maths."
Tommy P6



"I like playing farming with James on the ride-on tractors."
Peggy P1



"I enjoy playing football on the field and making things in the mud kitchen."
Dara P4



"I enjoy playing 1 minute maths on the iPads. Playing on the wooden bridges is fun."
Bláithín P3



"I like playing in the home corner best. I love washing the dishes and cooking"
Eoin P2



"I like Tummery because it is well resourced. I like History, reading and maths. Everyone is so happy in this great school environment."
James P7



"I enjoy learning Irish language conversation and sharing it with others."
Nico P5



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