

Drumlins IPS

Ballynahinch



Last year marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of Drumlins Integrated Primary School in Ballynahinch. The school was established in 2004 in response to a plea from parents in the area for the opportunity to have their children educated in an integrated environment.



The school opened with 12 pupils in the primary 1 class and over the subsequent years has grown to over 180 pupils in 7 year specific classes. It is a testament to the atmosphere in the school that all original members of staff are still in post, and staff turnover is extremely low.

The school community will celebrate in various ways over the year but the first celebration focussed on the most important people - the pupils. Staff and pupils enjoyed a special fun day with party games, special activities and a whole school tea party in the playground. The birthday candles were blown out by the oldest and youngest pupils in the school.



The school has gone from strength to strength, overcoming obstacles and difficulties along the way to deliver a top class education with an integrated ethos. The perseverance and dedication paid off when the Minister for Education, John O'Dowd, announced earlier this year that Drumlins would benefit from a new school building as part of capital expenditure.

Work has begun on the new site and all are eagerly anticipating the move. However, swapping the existing mobile accommodation for a new, permanent site will not change the school's commitment to 'Learning together, respecting each other, understanding our differences'.