

## **( Chairperson's Report for Brookeborough Primary School PTFA 2021/2022)**

I present to you tonight, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, a report for the year 2021/2022 for Brookeborough Primary School PTFA.

The aim of the committee is to raise funds which are beneficial to all pupils attending the primary school, helping to provide resources and events which financially the school may not be able to provide without our support.

The year 2021/2022, had been significantly disrupted by Covid Restrictions so things had been limited, hence this report may appear shorter than normal, in relation to face to face PTFA meeting and events, however planned meetings were still able to take place through Zoom.

Our bank balance commenced at £6645.40 and we raised £2646.78 during this year.

In the Year 2021/2022 we financially supported funding for the Accelerated Reading Programme and Athletics programme. This offers exciting learning opportunities for online quizzes for children in numeracy and literacy.

Overall agreement to fund the transport to swimming lesson continued ( Covid restrictions permitting)

A grant from the Council was used to fund the bouncy castle for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations in June22 and an exercise event.

As a committee, we would like to thank those who take a lead role in filling in and applying for this type of funding for our PTFA.

Although fundraising was limited during this year the Christmas Hamper Draw 2021 was very successful raising £963, the committee decided to make smaller hampers rather than two larger ones, the committee was extremely appreciative of the generosity of our parents in relation to donations for this event and the purchase of tickets. Those who won the hampers were delighted. The local community also supported us really well with this event.

Our first face to face event took place at Easter at Colebrooke Park in 2022. This was extremely successful, thanks went to Lord Brookeborough for allowing us to use his estate grounds for our walk, to Mr D Satchwell, for kindly agreeing to carry out an important role for us on the night and to Colebrooke Parish Church for allowing us the use of their hall. This event raised £664.

The PTFA organised a very successful and fun night out for the children at the end of the year for their Summer Fete, thanks to go to Mr Potters from Fermanagh Fun Farm for bringing some animals along and to the Oak Healthy Living for loaning the Crazy Golf course. The children really enjoyed having the opportunity to come back to school with their parents and friends after what had been a year of restrictions. Thank you also must go to Mrs Henrietta Willis for providing the delicious apple tarts.

We would like to pay thanks to all of those who have been on the committee for this year 2021/2022 and many have been in the position to have been able to stay on in our current year 2022/2023. Thank you to parents and staff who have supported this and volunteered to give of their time.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs B Clarke who finished as Chairperson in January 2022 and for the effort that she put into this role. Barbara was an enthusiastic member of the committee for many years and was eager to see the retention of this group in our school environment and so stepped up to the role of Chairperson. We acknowledge the time and effort that she so generously gave to our PTFA. Thank you also goes to our treasurer Shelly Hamilton for her service to the PTFA for the last 7 years and to all the support that she has provided carrying out this important role on the committee so efficiently. Thank you Shelly. Shelly will now be standing down from this position.

We may not be in as strong a position finally as normal and in reflection of the current climate, we have to be considerate of our fundraising targets. We may look for other ways that parents can be included and supportive with regard to helping the PTFA.

For the forthcoming year we are hoping to be able to continue to fund the Athletics programme and we have supported the transport to swimming lessons for the children.

We look forward to another big Easter event and thank the wider community and businesses for continuing to support our school support group.

I now present this report and ask for it to be adopted.

L. Gould Teacher Rep. Date: 1/03/23

PL Prosed: Date: 1/03/23

W. Smith Seconded Date: 1/03/23