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Brookeborough Primary School PTFA

Chairmans Reports by Joy Carson

October 2022 to October 2023

This report is for the year Oct 2022 to Oct 2023

The aim of our group is to raise funds for the school to enable children to participate in activities and events above and beyond what the school may be able to provide our children.

The success of this year's fundraising is not only owed to the committee but also the parents, staff, friends, businesses and the wider community which has supported us through out the year.

Our meetings started slightly later last year so there was very little activity for the first quarter, however after our first official PTFA meeting held in Feb and then our AGM in March we gained great momentum for the remainder of the year!

Last year we said goodbye to some long standing members within our PTFA, Shelley Hamilton (Treasurer), Carrie Reynolds, Tracey Madill and Arlene Liddle (Committee Members). We also welcomed two new committee members, Lyn McDowell and Alison Little. We welcomed our new secretary Amanda Smith, Treasurer Melaine Johnston and Chairperson Joy Carson

Our first main fundraising was the very successful Easter Raffle. The prizes were kindly donated by local businesses (vouchers, flowers, easter eggs) and the school family and staff who donated cleaning products. Not forgetting the much sought after W5 family pass. The total raised was £853. We all agreed it was a very beneficial fundraiser.

Prior to the Easter holidays Cash for Clobber bags were distributed to the pupils for a collection after Easter. The total raised was £184.

We were successful in receiving a grant from Ulster Scots to help hold a Kings and Queen's walk around Colebrooke Park to celebrate Kings Charles III coronation. What a night this was, it was lovely to see all the children out dressed as Kings and Queens enjoying the evening. Brookeborough Flute Band led the parade around Colebrooke Park and everyone enjoyed a delicious BBQ and ice-cream on their return. £547 was collected by voluntary donation on the night. A special thanks to Lord Brookeborough and Colebrooke Church for their support with this event.

We applied for the Live Here, Love Here grant and were successfully awarded £500 to spend on raised beds, soil, plants etc. This has now been purchased.

In July the PTFA provided two bouncy castles for the End of Term Fun Day held during school.

In September we held another Cash for Clobber event which raised £72.

Last month we held a very successful harvest hooley, it was great to see all the kids having fun and enjoying their night. A tuckshop was provided on the night. The total raised was £175.50.

Again, we have put in an application for the Teiges Hill grant and for the British Science Week. Updates will be provided when we hear the outcome on these.

The PTFA liaised closely with the teachers to apply for resources that will make a huge impact on children's learning and wellbeing.

Our goals this year are to:

- Continue to pay for Athletics
- update some of the old Ipads within the school
- bring in more musical instruments
- Apply for more grants / funding etc

I would like to thank Mr Edwin Humphry's for independently examining our accounts.

Thank you to all members of the committee, Alison, Jenna, Linda, Lyn, Shirley, and a special thanks to Melaine as treasurer and Amanda as secretary. Thank you for your willingness to help and for all the fun we have had over the last year. Thank you for supporting me in my role as Chairperson.