

P.T.A

The P.T.A had a very enjoyable and productive year, raising much needed funds for school. The very enthusiastic and hard working committee organised the following events.

- Autumn Term Disco, Supper with Santa and Rickety Wheel
- Spring Term Disco, Break the Rules Day and Fashion Show
- Summer Term Sponsored Walk and Drumachose Has Got Talent

As always the money raised was used for the benefit of all our pupils. Funds were used to cover costs for Jo Jingles, M&M Theatre, Sports Day medals, reading resources, leaver's hoodies, numeracy resources and numerous class trips.

The Governors thank all the committee members for their huge support over the past year.

The financial statement reflects the invaluable work by the PTA committee.

Other Events

September

The start of another year and another round of clubs. We welcomed new members to the PTA Committee under the Chairmanship of Roy Nutt. Our P5 classes visited Riverwatch in Londonderry and our P6 pupils participated in Orienteering workshops.

October

We welcomed ETI to school in early October. The Year 3's visited the Country Park in search of the Gruffalo and held a meeting for parents in regard to Phonics. Classes participated in the Halloween Lantern Project and our Year 7 pupils visited RADAR in Belfast to explore many important health and safety issues. The annual book fair arrived raising funds to purchase more books for our Accelerated Reading Programme, M&M Theatre performed 'Beauty and the Beast' and the choir led our Harvest Celebrations. The first round of Parental

Interviews took place and the first PTA event, our Halloween Disco was a roaring success.

November

Our Shared Education Programme commenced with Termoncanice Primary School, pupils in years 1, 5, 6 and 7 collaborating together on various projects. We had a visit from the Royal British Legion holding a special assembly to celebrate Remembrance Day. Our P4's visited Springhill as part of their WAU topic, the P5's welcomed the Fire Brigade and the P6's began a series of workshops facilitated by Hope UK. The school participated in 'Antibullying Week' with special assemblies and class activities. The week finished with our now annual BLUE DAY. Our school Open Evening took place for prospective P1 parents and we finished the month with a Non Uniform Day for the Rotary Tree of Remembrance.

December

The school began the month celebrating the 'Outstanding' report from ETI, stating that we have a high level of capacity for sustained improvement in the interest of all the learners. The P1 and P2 Christmas Show 'A Wriggly Nativity' played to full houses. The PTA organised a very successful 'Supper with Santa' and the choir went on their travels performing at numerous venues around the Roe Valley area. The annual Carol Service took place in Christ Church and a number of year groups visited various events including LCDI, Ice Skating, Cinema, Riverside Theatre and Brunswick.

January

The new year began with the P3 Trip to Carrickfergus Castle and the start of the P3 Paired Reading Programme. Race 2 of the Springwell Cross Country Championships took place in Limavady with boy and girl teams representing the school. The staff took part in Defibrillator training and our Foundation Stage Staff visited a school in Belfast to observe STEM activities in P1 and P2.

February

The Book Fair returned for the second time and a very successful Valentine Disco was organised by the PTA. The netball team commenced their league matches ending equal 1st overall. The hockey team took part in the Coleraine Blitz and

cricket coaching was introduced for our P5 pupils. Auditions commenced for 'Drumachose has got talent' with entries from every year group.

March

The final of 'Drumachose has got talent' took place to a full hall with P1 pupil Isaac Gallick and P2 pupil Logan Pinkerton winning the public vote. The PTA held a Fashion Show with pupils, parents and staff showing off their natural talent on the 'catwalk.' The P6's took over from the P5's for cricket coaching and the P4's visited Armagh Planetarium as part of their space topic. Our P7's embarked upon the Young Enterprise Initiative with the help of Leona Kane. They planned, designed and sold their products after much consultation. The school hosted 30 Principals from Jerusalem who were on a study visit to see how our Shared Education Programme works.

April

The P7 school trip departed for a fun filled week in Scotland. The N Ireland Water Bus visited P5 and P6 and the P7 pupils completed their animation movies.

May

The school hosted an e-safety week with a parental workshop for parents facilitated by the Dry Arch. We held our celebration day in the Leisure Centre to say thank you to all the pupils for their hard work during the inspection and throughout the year. The Netball team participated in Final's Day in Londonderry and the weather favoured us for our annual Sponsored Walk. Our Kwik Cricket won the local competition and we had talks from NSPCC and Rural Health & Safety.

June

The year came to an end with a very busy month. We held P1 Induction, Sports Day, Swimming Gala, Mini World Cup, Public Speaking and our P7 Leavers Assembly. The swimming team won the inter-schools gala at Roe Valley Leisure Centre, the boys football team won the Limavady Youth tournament with the girls defeated in their final. Our P6's participated in Peace 4 After School Event and our P4's organised an amazing 'Superhero Day'. Pupils had tremendous success at

the Roe Valley Speech and Drama Festival. Special mention must go to Rebecca Carson (P2) and Harry Butcher (P3) who won their respective classes. Unfortunately, the weather put pay to the Fun Night but what an amazing year for Drumachose Primary School.