



GLASSWATER PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No: 101878

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Annual Chairperson's Report

September 2022 – August 2023

This year we welcomed Ms Creighton as our parent – teacher representative and we would like to offer a special thanks to Ms Crieghton for all her encouragement and support throughout the year. A special word of thanks also to all the staff at Glasswater, teaching and non-teaching, for their continued support and enthusiasm. The PTA has really felt part of the team in the school, and we thank you, Mr Milligan for making us feel welcome, supported and valued.

September 2022 was our first school year after Covid with limited restrictions and we felt we could plan our fundraising for each term more freely. Events and items were organised throughout the year to both support the school financially and to ensure all the children all had fun and made happy memories.

These events and celebrations simply would not happen if it wasn't for the dedication, passion and encouragement from a wonderful group of parents and grandparents who have worked so hard and given up their time for the benefit of all the children in Glasswater. We truly have a brilliant team who have a heart and enthusiasm for our whole school community. So to those of you who are able to make the meetings and

are on site for the school events and to those who help from home and engage in the communications over WhatsApp, bake and send things into school – a huge THANK YOU!

Term 1 – October – December 2022

- Harvest / Halloween. Our Autumn at Glasswater item invited the children to carve a pumpkin. The pumpkins were displayed in the yard and lit up one evening. Families were encouraged to drive or walk by to see the display. Photo booth area created in the hall and the porch was decorated. We had a scarecrow trail around the village for the children and each child was given a gifted toffee apple. A money donation was taken on the morning of the crazy hair day / dress up. FUNDRAISER & TREAT
- Just Giving was set up. FUNDRAISER
- Static Cycle in November. FUNDRAISER
- Christmas film afternoon and each child was provided with a treat box of sweets / crisps and drinks. TREAT
- Tea and Coffee stall at the war memorial community Christmas event. FUNDRAISER
- Refreshments for children, families and staff after the Christmas Carol Service at Lissara Presbyterian Church. TREAT
- Santa Visit on a tractor where all the children received a selection box gift on the last day of term. TREAT
- Interactive white board £1000 given towards it.
- Athletics Subscription donation made £365.40

Term 2 – January – March

- Smarties tubes – fill the tube with 20p FUNDRAISER
- Each child was given an Easter egg TREAT

Term 3 – April – June

- Pizza Table – make your own pizza kits to make at home. FUNDRAISER
- King Coronation – PTA gifted each child with a Fox and Fred Gift and an Ice-cream treat. TREAT
- Started appealing for Sponsorship from local businesses for the Fun Run. FUNDRAISER

- Community 1K and 5K Fun Run. FUNDRAISER
- Refreshments for the children, families and staff at the Summer Music Concert. TREAT
- Assisting with the P7 BBQ and paying for the bouncy castle and P7 ties. TREAT
- Donation made for outdoor play area development £1775.03

Ongoing Fundraisers throughout the year

- Easy Fundraising
- Uniform Shop
- Just Giving

A wonderful year for the children again this year. Thank you for making my first year as Chairperson a very happy and positive one. Thank you to last years outgoing chair, Kathryn for her handover and support throughout this year. To Sarah for her all her determination and work with the accounts and all her effort liaising with Danske Bank. Thank you to Rachel for her encouragement, knowledge, and support as our super secretary. A special thank you to the wonderful Sara in the school office. No task is too big for Sara and she has been a brilliant support and friend to the PTA. Finally, to each person on our amazing committee – without you all – such things mentioned above simply wouldn't happen. THANK YOU ALL.