

Chairperson's Report – AGM 7/11/2023
School Year September 2022 – June 2023
Ballymacrickett Fundraising Committee
Chairperson Gemma Stewart



During the period Sept 2022 – June 2023 the committee continued to meet regularly to discuss and plan fundraising events and confirm the allocation of funds for projects within Ballymacrickett Primary School.

This year existing members Joe Mulholland, Eimear Brock and Kerri Forrester have stepped down from the committee, I will be also stepping down this year. We have welcomed new members Theresa Mulholland, Deborah Bradley, Janet Walls and Aine Logan. The existing committee members remaining are Paul McDowell, Michelle Doone, Aiveen Kavanagh, Marie Shannon, Jade McCourt and Claire Kemp.

Committee Members have worked hard to maintain annual events that are enjoyed by the children and their families and indeed the local community. The committee is supported by Paul McDowell and the entire school staff, without their support fundraising events would not be as successful as they are. Their support is invaluable. The Committee is appreciative of local businesses who kindly donate prizes for the Christmas and Summer Ballots that are promoted through school fayre events. The ballots are a solid source of regular income.

The school Sensory Room has been furnished from committee funds which in today's environment is an essential resource within the school. We thank Paul and other school staff for overseeing this project, ensuring this most needed resource is available for the children.

From the income detailed in the treasures report for this period and funds carried over, we as a committee have agreed to fund the renewal of the Accelerated Reading Program for P4 – P7 for the next 3 years, once reviewed by the teaching staff. This program encourages the children to read independently during quiet reading time in school, as well as pleasure at home, leading to comprehension activities on completion of each book.

It has also been agreed that funds can be contributed to the development of sectional outdoor play, highlighted in a recent audit by Playboard NI. This will provide a wider range of play resources to increase and improve opportunities for play throughout the school from Nursery to Primary 7.

A new event, Quiz Night, has been confirmed for the upcoming year and is scheduled for April 2024.

Thank you to everyone and I wish the committee every success going forward in the years to come.