

St. Ronan's Primary School Parents Association

Trustees' Report

2017/2018

Charitable Purposes of St. Ronan's Parents' Association

St. Ronan's Parents' Association is a charity which must work towards the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that we have had regard to the legal requirement to have regard to the Public Benefit Guidance published by the Charity Commission.

We work towards the public benefit by pursuing two goals:

- Improving relationships between home and school
- Advancing the education of pupils in the school

The Parents' Association achieves these goals by arranging and attending social and educational events, by fundraising, by providing educational equipment and subsidizing human resources and by supporting a range of school activities.

Members and Trustees

All parents who have children at St. Ronan's Primary School are automatically members of the Parents' Association. All parents are very welcome to join in with any of the activities of the Association and to enjoy the opportunity to be a part of a warm and welcoming school community. A Committee of elected Trustees, all of whom have children attending St. Ronan's Primary School, is responsible for managing the charity and organizing its activities. The Trustees during 2017/2018 were:

Sarah Gilbert	Co-Chair
Julie Stamm	Co-Chair
Laura McCloskey	Treasurer
Rachel Hogan	Secretary
Martin Doyle	Trustee
Ursula Bristow	Trustee

The Committee would like to thank all of the parents who attended Parent's Association meetings during the year and who assisted and supported in running the annual activities and made donations of raffle prizes. Thank you to all of those parents, family and friends who supported and enabled the pupils to join in with the social and fundraising activities arranged. Thank you to all of the parents and friends who spoke at our P7 Career's day to tell the children about their jobs. All of these essential contributions of time and resources, which ultimately enable the pupils to benefit educationally and socially, are very much appreciated.

Particular thanks are given to Roisin Brannigan and Stephanie Haughey, parents who have provided very significant support to the Parents' Association and the school throughout the past school year.

We would like to thank the school Principal Mr. Donaghy and all the dedicated staff of the school who have provided support and encouragement, including putting in significant time and effort as well as working late nights to enable us to run events and hold meetings on school premises.

Parents' Association Events 2017/2018

Our year began with the AGM and the election of Committee members. Our treasurer changed from Martin Doyle to Laura McCloskey. Our Co-Chairs and Secretary remained unchanged.

Activities for the year were part of a now familiar regular calendar of events and included:

1. Halloween Disco
2. Speaking at P1 parents' induction night
3. Christmas Cards
4. Christmas Movie Night
5. Sponsored Cycle
6. Career's Day
7. Summer Fayre

This year we made some changes and added a new event to our fundraising efforts.

Fitness Freddy:

Fitness Freddy is a fitness expert who came into school to enrich the children's knowledge about health and fitness and to lead fun sports activities for everyone to enjoy.

Summer Fayre:

The Fayre was extended from the Assembly Hall out into the grounds of the school. Everyone enjoyed the benefit of a beautiful hot summer's day and a much-needed consignment of ice-pops whilst sheltering under a gazebo kindly provided by parents. It was wonderful to see all of the parents and children gathering together around the various stalls in the sunshine and taking time to get to know one another and catch up with old friends whilst getting a few bargains. Martin Doyle's "sweetie skewers" and all of the lovely baked goods provided by parents and children were a magnificent success as always. Thank you to all of the parents who made donations of bric-a-brac to our Summer Fayre, helped in organizing the set up and running of stalls. Thank you to our staff and P7 pupils who helped us to get everything ready and took charge of the stalls with us.

Sponsorship:

At our Summer Fayre, for the second year running, a fantastic raffle of vouchers took place. Participants paid a small sum to enter the raffle and winners were able to

purchase the vouchers at significantly less than their face value. We were delighted with the generous support we received from local businesses that provided vouchers and raffle prizes. We are also very fortunate to have received sponsorship from local businesses by way of drinks and treats for the children to enjoy at our events throughout the year. A list of local businesses who contributed their support is attached to this report.

What we bought:

Over the last three years our fundraising has contributed to and bought: iPads, sports equipment, an educational App and Spanish lessons for all students. At Halloween, Christmas and Easter we provide sweets and Easter eggs for all children. The funds contributed to the cost of transport to take children to and from school and sports events as well as providing other school treats for all pupils. Without these funds, school would not be able to provide all of the educationally enriching experiences which the children currently enjoy. We plan on contributing £6000 of surplus funds to the school following the fundraising efforts in the year to September 2018.

Plans for the Coming Year

The Parents' Association plans to run all of its usual calendar events again this year and to meet regularly to discuss ideas and opportunities for the coming year. We would warmly welcome input and suggestions from parents about how best to continue to develop our Parents' Association for the benefit of pupils and the wider school community.

Financial Statements

We approve the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer, Laura McCloskey, for the year from 1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018.

Financial Review:

As Trustees we can confirm that there were no funds held by the charity that were materially in deficit at the end of the financial year. We can also confirm there were no funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee.

The charity operated on a positive cash balance, with a surplus of funds totaling £4671 and plans to contribute £6000 to the school from funds raised during the year 2017/2018. Funds raised were largely in line with the previous year, Income from fundraising activities fell slightly by approximately £125 in this financial year, however, all of the events performed within expectations and which we hope to run again next year with the sponsored cycle being the most successful.

Principal Address of the Charity:

St Ronan's Primary School, Ashgrove Avenue, Newry, BT34 1PR.

Charity Constitution:

The charity is governed by its constitution and its governing document which was adopted and approved by its Trustees.

Local Business Sponsors

Academy Salon
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Café Krem
Canal Court
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