

Chair's Report 2018

It gives me great pleasure to present my final Chair's Report!

At the AGM last September we welcomed three new members onto Committee, and I thank them, along with our existing members for all their hard work organising and running events.

As usual, our first contribution was at the annual Harvest Service in October when we served tea, coffee, scones, tea loaves, shortbread and flapjacks! This was well received by all who attended!

In November, Claire and I attended the PTA Conference in the Titanic Centre in Belfast. This was a very informative day. It was good to hear how other PTAs work and we enjoyed talks on a wide range of topics.

We were thrilled when one of our parents, Jill Morton, from Jill's Cakes NI agreed to do a cake demonstration and workshop evening in December. We had a great evening of fun and who knew that some of our parents were so creative. We had some great raffle prizes donated by local businesses. As usual we served tea, coffee and biscuits on a busy Open Night and the tea, coffee, scones, shortbread and mince pies were well received by the Senior Citizens at the Christmas performances. We were delighted by the response to our pop up shop 'Elfridges' which opened its doors for two days only, in December. We thank our parents for their generous donations of 'unwanted' gifts and the pupils just loved shopping for beautiful gifts for their parents.

The final event of the autumn term (and the highlight for the pupils) was the Christmas party night. The pupils had a great night of fun and games, hotdogs and buns and we were delighted that as Santa was unable to attend that evening, he sent along two of his best apprentices. We thank them for their willingness to help out!

Early 2018 we were granted charity status by HMRC which means we are now able to collect gift aid on our donations.

In March, the PTA ran the annual Book Fair and once again, we served morning coffee at the Spring Concert before Easter.

Our main fundraiser last year was our Sponsored Walk which took place at the end of May. This was very generously supported and we raised an amazing £3627.

In June we provided tea/coffee & biscuits at a very soggy Sports' Day and tea/coffee and traybake were served at the P1 parents' information evening.

And our final event of the year and probably the highlight was Fun Night! We usually spend the week before fun night looking at every weather app wishing the rain away - this year we were checking just how hot it was going to be! It was a fantastic evening, very well supported by our parents, new parents, past pupils & friends.

Finally, a few thank yous....

To the staff (teachers & classroom assistants) who faithfully attend and support every event, thank you. Without them we wouldn't be able to run some of our events.

Thank you to the parents of Moneymore PS - our members, to those who helped in any way during the past year and supported our events.

Once again 2017/2018 was a very successful year and I hope 2018/2019 will be just as successful, if not more so. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone (on and off committee) who has supported me in my role as chair.

Elaine Cameron
Chairperson