

## PTA Financial report for the AGM – September 2023

In September 2022 the PTA started the school year with a bank balance of **£8381.80** and closed in August 2023 with a balance of **£8652.68**. During the year the PTA engaged in various fundraising activities and was able to make contributions to several worthwhile endeavours.

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR SEPTEMBER 2022 – AUGUST 2023 WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Event	Date	Income	Expenditure	Postage/Other Expenses	Profit
Pumpkin Competition	7/11/22	£ 112.20	£ 35.91	£ -	£ 76.29
Christmas Cards	21/11/22	£ 1,576.00	£ 1,113.88	£ 12.60	£ 449.52
Break the rules 2022	25/11/22	£ 896.00	£ -	£ -	£ 896.00
Elf collection	15/12	£ 188.83	£ -	£ -	£ 188.83
Santa day	16/12/22	£ -	£ 34.66	£ -	£ (34.66)
Christmas hamper raffle	19/12/20 22	£ 344.00	£ -	£ -	£ 344.00
Easter raffle	27/04/20 23	£ 258.94	£ -	£ -	£ 258.94
Summer Fair	02/06/20 23	£ 1,361.48	£ 377.06		£ 984.42
Other		£ 506.98			£ 506.98
					£ -
<b>Total</b>		£ 5,244.43	£ 1,561.51	£ 12.60	<b>£ 3,670.32</b>

## CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

We made a contribution toward Software Licensing for IXL learner and GL Assessment software which BPS school children and teachers make use of. We also funded various enrichments for the school children which included a cinema excursion, a sports day treat and Christmas fun day. We made a contribution to Helping Hands which is a preventative education programme developed for primary school aged children. We also arranged a staff appreciate lunch to thank the BPS Staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year as well as a going away gift for our long serving head teacher Mr Elliott.

## CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE PTA

Date	Description	Cost
13/1/23	School Cinema trip	516
16/12/2022	Santa day	34.66
13/01/23	Helping Hands	152.05
31/01/23	Software fee	2600
15/06/23	Mr Elliott gift	60.68
09/06/23	Sports day treats	18.6
23/06/23	Staff Appreciation Lunch	204.62
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3586.61</b>

Our income for the year exceeded our expenditure and we ended the year with a healthy bank balance of £8652.68. We anticipate similar fundraising efforts in the coming year and that similar contributions will be made. In addition to this, the school will require a number of new computers which we intend to assist the school in purchasing. We look forward to another successful year of fundraising.

Yours Faithfully

Gemma Watters

## **BROWNLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Welcome everyone to our Brownlee Primary School PTA Annual General Meeting and a very special welcome to our new Principal, Mr Montgomery. We look forward to supporting you in your new role.

I've been a part of the Brownlee PTA for exactly 1 year now. Those of you who were here last year will recall the turn of events that resulted in my rather sudden and unexpected ascension to the chair. A big thank you to the previous Chairperson Mrs Stenson for her help during the hand over period and for her continued support and guidance.

The year started off just as any other... apart from the fact that the Chairperson had no idea of what to do. We had a brand-new chairperson, brand-new secretary, and brand-new treasurer. (What could go wrong?) The past year has certainly been a steep and rewarding learning curve.

We kicked off our fundraising year with a pumpkin carving competition which appears to a firm favourite amongst many of the children. Before we knew it, Christmas was upon us. With the help of Vets for Pets Longstone (thank you Anna) we managed to arrange a lovely Christmas fun day for the children. We had Santa and snow and treats, and hot chocolate

and we even had a naughty giant Elf, lovingly named Alfonso (thank you Gillian) popping up and causing all sorts of mischief in and around the school. We were able to raffle that naughty little fellow off and I'm mightily relieved that my daughter did not win him. Teachers contributed to a Christmas raffle and Gillian put together two of the most beautiful hampers I have ever seen. We had some very happy prize winners.

In the weeks leading up to Easter, a massive chocolate Easter egg courtesy of Vets for Pets Longstone found its way into Ms Spences office! There it sat. Torturing passersby with its delightful chocolaty presence. We raffled it off and one lucky young lady took it home with a massive smile on her face.

We had the Coronation of King Charles this year and so we decided to celebrate by having a Coronation Fun Day. This was a fantastic learning experience in many respects. The following lessons were well learnt: many hands make light work, teachers are the best, you can't buy too many prizes and every other school might have the same idea. For that reason, we ended up with probably the very last bouncy castle available in the whole of Northern Ireland for that Friday. A terrifying, fire breathing dragon/dinosaur. The children absolutely loved the dinosaur. All except my own daughter who told me off for arranging such an inappropriate bouncy castle.

2023 was also the year in which we said goodbye to Mr Elliott. We were able to give him a very special send off. The PTA reached out to various members of the Brownlee community

and gathered memories and tributes which we bound up into a beautiful book for him to remember Brownlee by. We didn't forget our wonderful staff either and supermom Kate put together a beautiful staff luncheon, flower bar and all.

A very big thank you to every person who helped us with the PTA last year. A special thanks to Gillian and Kate, Mrs McKee and Duffy, Ms Spence, Mrs McAteer, Hr Hodgen thank you for your help. Thank you, Anna for holding out your hand to me and stepping up as my deputy for the year. That simple act gave me just enough courage to give it a go. Thank you, Stephanie, for the many ways in which you help and for keeping such great minutes. They have proven invaluable to a scatterbrain such as myself and Gemma what can I say besides thank you. Thank you for being calm, level-headed, and patient and thank you so much for doing a great job as treasurer.

We have many interesting and exciting ideas for taking the PTA forward this year. Kate is able to give a bit more of her time and she has already started making a great contribution to our planning and preparations for the year. Our hope is to involve more parents with the work we do, and we have some ideas of how to make this happen. I encourage anyone who is part of the Brownlee family to come on board and join us. We understand that life gets busy, and people are constrained for time. We will never ask you to help us with more time than you are comfortably able to give. If you're worried about attending endless meetings, then please rest assured that we won't waste your time with a meeting if an email would do. We're committed to supporting the staff of Brownlee Primary School so

that our children get the very best out of their time at this lovely institution and indeed it is true that many hands make light work.

Yours Faithfully  
**Johanna-mari Crawford**  
Chairperson