

Annual Report of the Trustees of St Bernard's PTA for 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

St Bernard's Primary School
Wynchurch Walk
Belfast BT6 0JS

Charity Registration Number: NIC105274

This report had been made in accordance with the Northern Ireland Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The St Bernard's PTA was registered as a charity to fulfil its charitable purposes of:

- Improving relationships between home and school
- funding additional resources for the school
- Supporting links between the school and the local community
- Advancing the education of pupils in the school

Co-Chairs:	Julianne McCafferty & Maeve Green
Vice chair:	Helen Ward
Treasurer:	Carleen Hibberd
Vice treasurer:	Orlagh Watters
Secretary:	Nicola Sweeney
Communications:	Judith Rance
Teacher Representative:	Ciara O'Neill

The PTA had a successful year of fundraising through school and community events. Events started off with the Halloween disco for the children at the school and raised £838. In November, the kids got creative making personalised Christmas cards raising £806. In December, the PTA and school staff, for the first time, organised a Winter Wonderland experience for the kids and their families. This involved: a visit from Santa for storytelling in the grotto; an elf room where the kids were given gifts and got to make reindeer food; arts/crafts and games rooms, both hosted by the teachers; face painting; some festive stalls; and refreshments in the canteen. This raised £979.

In the Spring, the PTA organised a pub quiz for the parents and friends of St Bernard's and thank you to parents and local businesses for donating prizes for the raffle at the event. In total, £1604 was raised. As always, the summer fair was a great day with inflatables, games, face painting, stalls, BBQ, tuck shop etc for the kids, parents and local community and it raised £2501.


During 2022/23, the PTA donated £4510 to St Bernard's Primary School for the purchase of the final 2 interactive whiteboards for P1. The PTA supported first holy communion and confirmation by buying cakes for each class and organising the tea in the hall after the mass. The PTA subsidised the P7 disco at a cost of £121 and all p7s were given a notebook as a leaving present.

The AGM was held on 16th October 2023 and the new committee is as follows:

Co-Chairs:	Julianne McCafferty & Maeve Green
Vice chair:	Celine Bradley
Treasurer:	Nicola Sweeney
Vice treasurer:	Miriam Mone

Secretary: Helen Ward
Teacher Representative: Ciara O'Neill & Niamh Rye

The trustees are delighted with the feedback from the events of 2022/23 and the generous support of the parents and children by volunteering their time and money to make these events such a success. They are further pleased by the running of the PTA and confirm the accounts, agreeing the balance for the end of the financial year as of 31st August 2023 as £7860.95.

Signed 

CARLEEN HIBBERD

Outgoing Treasurer