

Friends' Of Oakgrove Integrated Primary School and Nursery
(Parents Council / Group)

Address: 19 Limavady Road
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Northern Ireland Charity Number: 107705

Trustee's Annual Report: 6th Sept 2021 – 5th Sept 2022

Purposes of the Charity

1. Improved relationships between home and school. The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through having an active PTA that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support. The benefit is for children at Oakgrove Integrated Primary School and Nursery
2. Advancing the education of pupils in the school. The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding. The benefit is for children at Oakgrove Integrated Primary School and Nursery

These purposes are described in our Constitution, which was adopted on 22nd June 2016

Activities and Achievements:

Since our last report life has been returning to "normal" but it has been a slow process. Our PTFA meetings have continued on Zoom during this time. While not ideal, it's been great to have the technology to allow us to keep getting things done.

In December 2021, the PTFA were able to help at the Nursery Open Day, providing tea, coffee and a warm welcome to prospective families. The Santa Breakfast went ahead in class "bubbles" as it had the previous year, with treats provided to each classroom and a special visitor to celebrate the occasion.

We have provided Graduation Gowns for the Nursery, new pads for the Defibrillator and contributed to the P7 Year books.

We applied for a £500 grant from St Columb's Park House, initially with the idea of tarpaulin "sails" for the Science Garden to increase the use of the outside space. The application was successful, though after further consideration, the money was spent on the design and installation of a willow tunnel in the area to enhance the space and improve facilities for the children. This also created links with the local community and will hopefully lead to further collaboration with St Columb's Park House.

The Parent and Toddler group got started again towards the end of the school year, meeting on a Friday morning in the Nurture centre and providing a very welcome space for families to meet.

The return of the Summer Fair was a real turning point in our "getting back to normal". The planning started before we knew it could really happen, but we were delighted when it was able to go ahead in June. There were activities provided for all age groups; from laser tag to merry go rounds and animals to hold, refreshments available and a second-hand uniform stall. This gave the opportunity for the school families to come together again in a relaxed and fun environment, strengthening links between home and school. The Platinum Jubilee Fund received by the school was a great help towards the cost of this event.

Private Benefit: Charity trustees (PTFA committee members) are parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

Charity Trustees:

Orlagh Robinson
Shona McCurry
Catherine McLean-Gorman
Edel Sweeney
Ruth O'Callaghan
Joanne Holland
Michelle Scott

Additional people who served as Trustees during this financial year:

Nicola Ferguson
Marion Thompson

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Requirement statutory guidance.

This annual report has been approved by the current committee for submission to the Charity Commission.

Signed: Shona McCurry
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Date: 30/6/23