

**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: 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016

**Activities and Achievements:**

Since our last AGM we have been getting back to "normal activities", starting with the return of the Macmillan Coffee morning, opening the doors to the local community and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

In December, our Pop-Up Christmas Shop was inspired by the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle theme. New and pre-loved winter clothing, Christmas gifts, books and toys being generously donated by the school community. The event ran for one day, friends and families called in and the school classes came down with their money to buy whatever they needed. This was a huge success, saving people money on their Christmas shopping.

Then the return of Santa Breakfast – this was the first time many of the pupils had had the full experience as we had been confined to class bubbles for the previous 2 years, it was wonderful to be able to get the whole school community together and have Santa bring gifts for all. Thanks to everyone involved in this early morning start and particular thanks to our 2 willing Santa's for visiting our Breakfast and then all the classrooms so everyone got a special treat.

The PTFA continued to support the communication within the school by paying for the Text service, an invaluable link from school to home, keeping everyone up to date about school life. This is expensive but essential to the school and parents.

Also in December the PTFA were successful in obtaining a £1000 grant from the Community Foundation Northern Ireland to support families through the winter during the cost-of-living crisis. This was used for a Winter Warmer initiative which provided a Warmth Hub in the Nurture Centre on Thursdays and Fridays 8:30-12:30 throughout January, February and March. There was a warm space with access to washing and drying facilities, self-service tea, coffee and snacks with newspaper and magazines. Funding was also used to supplement the school Food for All initiative, providing hot dinners twice a week and breakfast and fruit break daily to all pupils from January to March.

Our World Book Day quiz inspired kids to get reading and book token prizes were given to each key stage. At the end of the Year the PTFA gave gifts to our departing P7 children including a Class of 2023 memento of their time at Oakgrove IPSN.

The Summer Fair was organised for 22<sup>nd</sup> June as a school community event, bringing families together for a summer's evening with carnival rides, stalls, games, and food. The weather was kind, and a fantastic night was had by all!

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:**

Eibhlín O'Hagan  
Catherine McLean-Gorman  
Edel Sweeney  
Ruth O'Callaghan  
Joanne Holland  
Melita Hampsey

Additional people who served as Trustees during this financial year:

Shona McCurry  
Michelle Scott

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: Eibhlín O'Hagan

Date: 26/6/24

Eibhlín O'Hagan