

Friends of Maine TRUSTEES REPORT

For the year 2022/2023

Friends of Maine (FOM) is made up of a membership of both Parents and Teachers who give of their time on a voluntary basis and work collectively to raise funds to enable the school to purchase much needed equipment and resources. These resources are implemented to benefit each pupil within the school.

The Charity meets in the School premises at Maine Integrated Primary School, 93 Portglenone Road, Randalstown, BT41 3EH. The Charity is governed by their Constitution (agreed with PTA UK) and all members of Committee are appointed during the Annual AGM. The AGM was held in January 2023 with no change to the Treasurer position and new appointments to the Chair and Secretary positions. The Committee is made up of Parents and Teachers some of whom also act as Trustees for the Charity. Three members are appointed to hold the offices of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

FOM has a two-fold approach to the work in helping the school. Some members serve on Committee and others commit to helping at the Fundraisers by serving refreshments, providing supervision or sending in baked goods or items as raffle prizes.

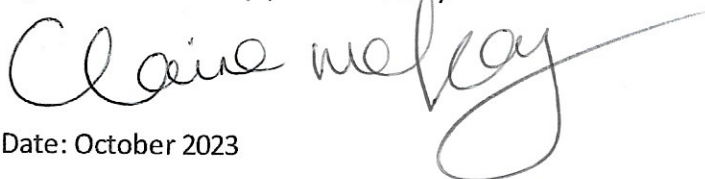
This year we were able to get back to a more normal pre-Covid fundraising setup. We kicked off the year with an Easter disco. We then provided a tuck shop, tea, coffee and buns at our annual sports day with some delicious treats generously donated by the P7 parents. At Christmas time we had the annual Christmas toy shop voucher and hamper raffle which always proves to be a popular fundraiser. We also arranged a very special visitor for the children with Santa Claus visiting and giving each child a selection box. In the spring we held another raffle with prizes from donations from the many wonderful supporting businesses in our community. We finished off the year with our first table quiz which proved to be a roaring success and an opportunity for the school community to come together.

In distributing funds, the Trustees and Committee meet with the Principal to discuss areas where the need is greatest. It was decided to implement a "Funding Request" process to provide improved governance over the distribution of funds. This year we were pleased to fund the P7 leavers hoodies and the Busy Ants maths programme.

In this financial year the income of the PTA was £2,357.53 with an expenditure of £1,731.80.

The following served as Trustees: Mrs C McKay, Mrs J Graffin, Mrs E Woodin, Ms M McKeown, Ms C Adair, Ms S Clarke, Ms R Cregan, Ms C Ferguson, Ms S McAuley

Signed: Claire McKay (Current Chair)



Date: October 2023