

Friends of Denamona Association: Chairperson's Report2022/2023

I'm sure you will all agree, we have had another enjoyable and successful year in our PTA. WE have organised and participated in numerous events throughout the school calendar. At all these events the children, who we do this for, all really enjoyed themselves and there is always a welcoming atmosphere to all who attend the school events.

The first event we held was our annual Craft Fayre on Thursday 10th November 2022. This was the first craft fayre held since events were suspended due to Covid 19. This was a very well supported event with crafters attending from all over the province. Many returning from previous years. The PTA served festive refreshments in the P3 & 4 classroom, which were kindly provided by the parents of the school. Donations went to our chosen charity for the year, 'NI Hospice'. We are on course to again host the Craft Fayre this incoming year.

On Saturday 3rd December, Denamona hosted their annual Open Morning. Committee members provided refreshments. This was a great opportunity to meet prospective pupils and their parents. They all thoroughly enjoyed the mornings events, with the added bonus of getting to see Santa, (and for the adults to check they were on the 'nice list').

There was a lot of excitement about hosting the Christmas Play in the Presbyterian Hall once again. Many thanks to all committee members and families who provided refreshments and helped serve tea and coffee at both the morning and evening performances. Another great opportunity to catch up and chat with parents and family members of Denamona PS.

Denamona received grant funding and were able to host a Health and Wellbeing Event for the pupils on 29th March 2023. This event consisted of Core Kids coming to the Presbyterian Church Hall and putting the children through their paces with some fun activities. Afterwards the children enjoyed pizzas and a selection of fresh fruit. The PTA provided additional funding towards this event. The children thoroughly enjoyed this event and having pizzas with your friends was a lovely treat.

The Board of Governors and the PTA committee members came together on 2nd May 2023 for the Coronation BBQ. This was an extremely well supported event and enjoyable for all who attended. Entertainment was provided by the Barr Band and the school children also performed. The PTA members provided an array of cakes and traybakes, along with serving tea and coffee. The children also enjoyed some sweet treats, with plenty of packets of sweets for every child (even the big children).

On 16th June, it was time to host the annual 'P7 Leavers Assembly'. The PTA provided refreshments for all who attended this event. It was a lovely, and emotional time, for those pupils who were coming to an end of their time at Denamona. We wish all these children well as they move on to the next stage of their education and look forward to seeing all the great things they achieve.

During the 22/23 academic year, the Friends of Denamona Association were also successful in applying for two grants; Fermanagh Rural Grant and Hunters Hill Community Fund. The money awarded for these grants has been put to good use on new electronic devices for the pupils.

The funds raised this year are vital to support Denamona PS in the effort to raise standards and educational experiences for all the pupils. With budgets being cut substantially and bills increasing dramatically, funding by Friends of Denamona is more important and necessary than ever.