

**St Mary's PS Strabane PTFA**  
**Trustee's Report**  
**For The Year Ended 30th June 2023**

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and report of the independent examiner for the year ended 30th June 2023.

**Legal and Administrative Information**

Charity Number: 100621

Address: St Mary's Junior School  
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Trustees: Maureen McGranaghan  
Sinead O'Doherty  
Lisa McDevitt  
Therese Flanagan  
Margaret Roarty  
Sandra O'Doherty

**Objectives and Activities**

The charity's objectives are:

- to improve relationships between home and school.
- to raise funds and assist the school in providing an enriched curriculum for our children and enhance their learning experiences.
- to engage in activities and provide facilities and equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.
- to provide the means for all pupils of the school to avail of extra curricular activities thus promoting positive education, health and wellbeing benefits.

The charity's main activities include fundraising events for the sole benefit of the children.

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**Achievements and Performance**

The main achievements of the charity this year were:

- The PTFA held the following fundraising activities, Halloween disco, Christmas draw, crowdfunding Zumba and Tai Chi.
- During the year the PTFA were awarded grants from Asda, Tesco, Derry City and Strabane District Council and Sports NI.
- These grants are gratefully received and enabled the PTFA to provide funding for additional resources and learning experiences.
- The PTFA purchased two new outdoor classrooms for the children. One is located in the junior site and the other in the senior site.
- We bought new gaelic and football kits and team hoodies. New sports equipment has been purchased to enable the children to try out a wider variety of sporting activities. These include portable basketball nets, tennis racquets and hockey sticks.
- The PTFA provided the children with gardening tools, gloves, watering cans, seeds and soil to enable them to plant and look after their own vegetables.
- The children got opportunities to take part in yoga, Bollywood dance, Chinese fan dance and Ceilidh dancing.
- The PTFA provided the children with a cinema day, Santa visit, and selection box and for nursery a visit from the Easter bunny.
- The PTFA provided funding to purchase prizes from literacy week and math week.
- The PTFA continue to run a uniform bank which is free and available to all parents.

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**Public Benefit**

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance and have regard to this when running the charity.

The charity offers a public benefit as it encourages families from diverse backgrounds to take part in and support events in the school community. The PTFA aims to help support the advancing of education of pupils in the school. 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.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is managed by an executive committee consisting of all appointed trustees. The selection and appointment of new trustees is dealt with by the committee.  
The charity is governed by a Constitution.

**Financial Review**

The charity returned a net deficit in funds of £2,154 (2022 - £6,543 deficit). The results for the year are shown on pages 6 to 7.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level which will ensure that they will be able to continue the current activities in the event of a drop in funding. The charity aims to continue to increase its reserves to ensure the stability of its services and operations.

The report was approved by the trustees on 27/09/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

*Maureen McGranaghan*

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