

Holy Cross Parents Teachers and Friends Association

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100880

Details

Status Overdue

Registered 2014-11-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the Association (the Purposes) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2018-04-01	£6,109	£6,074	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Kevin Dobbins		
Mrs Marah Boyle		

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Holy Cross College PTFA

April 2016 Cashbook

		Details		Money In					Money Out							
				Date	Description	Ref.	Bank	Suusage Rols	Raffles	Other	Bank	Sausage Rols	School Apps	Other	Bank Fees	
		01-Apr	Balance b/f		£5,768.92											
R		13-Apr	Lodgement		£200.00		£200.00									
R		26-Apr	Lodgment - Guest Tea		£1,325.00			£1,325.00								
			Totals		£7,293.92		£200.00	£1,325.00	£0.00							
		30-Apr	Balance c/f		£7,293.92											

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Annual report

Holy Cross College, Strabane

PTFA Trustees Annual Report

December 2017

From 1st April 2016 to 30th March 2107, the PTFA of Holy Cross College, Strabane enjoyed another very successful year. Thanks to the participation and generosity of the pupils, staff and parents, significant funds were raised; £7422.08 in total.

The expenditure for the year totalled £6103.12 which enabled the committee to support a number of trips and resources for pupils in Holy Cross College.

A proportion of the fund was spent on transport for pupils that enabled them to attend events that would otherwise have been unaffordable. This included transport to airport for Science visit to London, transport to the ET festival in Ebrington Square, transport for pupils participating in trip the Pope John Paul Award pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick and transport for several visits to the theatre for students of Drama. The PTFA also helped to support pupils form the college who were travelling to Europe as part of the 'PopTap' to compete in a dance competition in Portugal.

Bursaries were made to students who were going to the Gaeltacht in the summer and for young carers to visit Lourdes. Funding was provided for a CORE youth group retreat in Gortin. Funding was also made available for a student who has been awarded a place on the summer school with the Ulster Youth Theatre.

The PTFA supported a number of ventures by providing equipment for students. This included provision of tents for the pupils completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award, a camera for Moving Image Arts, and art materials for the popular art class facilitated by Mrs Georgina Mc Gonagle which ran after school for parents and members of the local community.

The PTFA provided funding for the registration of Peer Mentors with OCN, so that their valuable training and contribution could be enhanced by accreditation with a recognised qualification. This qualification was provided in partnership with EA worker Gavin Deeney and has supported the development of Leadership skills in the school and in the wider community, where many participants have gone on to take an active role in Strabane Youth Council.

PTFA also funded valuable programmes facilitated by The Young Enterprize Academy.

As usual, the PTFA were happy to contribute to celebrating the success of pupils in Key Stage 3 by sponsoring the awards on Prize night.

Another wonderful evening, (the Guest Tea) brought members of the community together to enjoy homemade delights and were also able to enjoy the best of the musical talent in the school, thanks to the generosity of the music department. Thanks also to our very own Mary Berry (Mrs Mary Mc Crossan) who demonstrated and supervised a workshop on Christmas cake decoration in December.

Mrs. S. Quinn
M. Docherty

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Annual return

The Secretary PTFA
Holy Cross College
35 Melmount Road
Strabane
BT82 9EF

6TH February 2018

Dear Siobhan,

I can confirm that I have checked the accounts provided to me for the Parent Teacher & Friends Association for Holy Cross College. I can confirm that I am satisfied that all is in order and no discrepancies have been found.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully,

Rhona Devenney

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October 2015 Cashbook

Details		Money In						Money Out						
		Date	Description	Ref.	Bank	Suusage Rolls	Raffles	Other	Bank	Sausage Rolls	School Apps.	Other	Bank Fees	
		01-Oct	Balance b/f		£5,121.84									
R		07-Oct	Lodgement	110	£105.00	£105.00								
R		14-Oct	Lodgement	111	£100.00	£100.00								
			Totals		£5,326.84	£205.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00				
		31-Oct	Balance c/f		£5,326.84 ✓									

Cheque 151 from last month has now been presented.

Holy Cross College PTFA

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In the past year the work of the PTFA continued to raise money to support both pupils and members of the local community.

The purposes of the PTFA OF Holy Cross College

The constitution of the PTFA states that the main purpose of the PTFA is to raise funds for the benefit of the pupils and the community of Holy Cross College in Strabane. It also is to improve community relations and to raise the profile of the school in the community.

Public Benefit.

The PTFA have provided funding for a range of activities and resources that have been of benefit to the pupils and also the wider community. These have included:

- Because of the school's location transport costs have previously been prohibitive and so pupils have missed out on opportunities to participate in events and visits. The PTFA has funded the provision of transport for pupils in a range of subjects (Drama, Careers, Art, Geography, Enrichment) to facilitate educational and recreational visits.
- Funding of Duke of Edinburgh Award in the school by providing essential equipment for expeditions (Tents, waterproofs etc;).
- Funding two day G.C.S.E. Geography Fieldtrip to Magilligan Field Centre to complete Controlled Assessment. This has had a very positive impact on the management and quality of the work and also on pupils' chances of success in their qualification.
- Weekly Art (painting) classes for the community have been facilitated by PTFA funding and also by the expertise of one member of the PTFA. This creative opportunity is not available elsewhere in the local area and has been a source of inspiration and also social interaction for the participants.
- Gaeltacht Scholarships have been funded by the PTFA. All pupils attending summer school to promote the Irish language, and to develop their linguistic and social skills, were funded in part by this scholarship programme. This made it possible for all pupils who were interested, to afford this opportunity. Pupils who attended the summer school also benefitted by widening their experience, meeting new friends and growing in independence.
- Pupil Reward Scheme. In terms of Positive Behaviour Management, the Merit System in the school is a central tenant. Pupils are rewarded with Merits for effort, improvement and good behaviour. Pupil Merits accumulate and rewards are given. The PTFA has provided funding for purchase of these rewards. The benefit of this system is felt by individual pupils who are encouraged and grow in both confidence and self-esteem. The school benefits as a whole with high standards of behaviour which provide a positive atmosphere in which all pupils are enabled to maximise their potential and success. PTFA also provided funding for Prizes for the junior Prize giving event.

- The PTFA hosted a Guest Tea for the local community. This event was attended by a number of people from the community who were able to enjoy the talent of pupils in the school and also from a successful local Dance school (Pop-Tap). This event was a successful showcase for local young people and provided an opportunity for building cross-community relationships.
- The PTFA hosted a Christmas Craft Fair for local 'Crafters'. This again was an opportunity to work with individuals from the community and to build cross community relations. It also was an opportunity for work from pupils in the Art Department and Technology and Design Department to showcase their work and sell some of their pieces. This helped to build confidence of the pupils and also raise funds for these departments. Other departments (eg HE) also contributed and staff relations were strengthened.

How the charity has mitigated any harm flowing from it's activities

- Following consultation with the pupils, the PTFA introduced the sale of Sausage Rolls at breaktime. This was an issue of debate within the school with regard to health promotion and healthy eating policy. In line with promoting wellbeing, it was negotiated that sausage roll would only be sold on one day per week. Other more healthy snacks were also made available, and so pupils can now purchase cereal bars, fruit and water.
- To ensure that pupils benefited from PTFA funding, teachers who applied for funding were required to submit an application form which clarified the benefits and and also included how the benefits were to measured/ evaluated.
- The PTFA Committee discussed and agreed before ALL applications are approved.

Siobhán Quinn