

St Mary's PTA Banbridge



Annual Trustee Report for the year ended 30th June 2023

NI Charity No. 101743

Overview

St. Mary's PTA Banbridge supports the operations of St. Mary's Primary School and Nursery. Working with children, parents, carers and the wider school network, we strive to improve the education of the children through providing resources, facilities and activities outside the school environment. We create a forum for communication between parents, school staff and the wider community of Banbridge.

Our organisation is administered by volunteers, the majority of which are current and former parents of children within the school. There is an overarching focus to not only maintain standards, but to improve outcomes, especially for those faced with hardship. We provide a range of community activities for families within our catchment area and have put an emphasis on delivering parenting and adult support activities. The Covid pandemic and Cost of Living crisis has led to an increased need for support; in previous years we have provided online support, counselling support, parenting courses, intercultural awareness programmes, provided educational resources and information booklets.

The PTA have a wider community focus, working in partnership with local sports clubs and community groups to promote community cohesion.

Summary of achievements

In the current financial year St Mary's PTA has worked diligently and has achieved the following:

- Secured a £1,000 grant from Groundworks (Tesco) which was used for free counselling sessions for St Mary's students.
- Provided Gymnastics, Football, Gaelic and Table Tennis coaching for all children free of charge.
- Made a total contribution of £12,000 towards stationery and resources in lieu of the Annual Parent contribution for both the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school year.
- Made a contribution of £1,500 towards a sensory room in the school, this room can be accessed and enjoyed by all children.
- Sponsored a kindness project in the school, rewarding acts of kindness and encouraging the children to become aware of the needs of others in the community.
- Provided financial support to the children's gardening club.

The PTA also sponsored handwriting awards, leavers trophies, the Nursery Fish Tank project, outdoor resources for the Learning Support Class, as well as Easter treats for the children.

The above expenditures were financed by Grants received (£4,000) and through the fundraising efforts of the PTA (£21,056).

Financial Position

At the year end the PTA holds funds in its Bank account of £12,479.81 with outstanding payments of £1,569.15. This leaves a reconciled bank balance of £10,910.66.

£1,500 of this £10,910.66 has been pledged towards reading books for the School Library.

Public Benefit Requirement

The trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance under section 4(b) and continue to take it in to account in decision making where the guidance is relevant.

Principal address of the Charity

St Mary's PTA, St Mary's Primary School, Reilly Street, Banbridge, Co Down BT32 3DJ

Trustees who served during the year to 30th June 2023

Mary Kate Boyle (Chairperson)

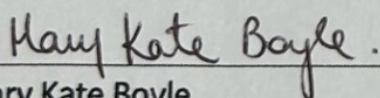
Caroline Robinson (Vice Chairperson)

Denise Quigley (Secretary)

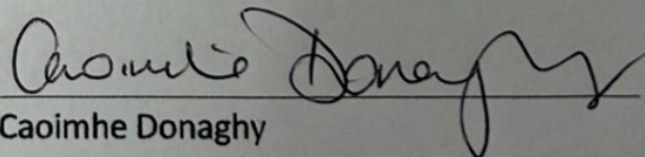
Caoimhe Donaghy Treasurer (appointed September 2022)

Leah Grimes (resigned as a Treasurer September 2022)

Approved by the trustees on 28 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Mary Kate Boyle
Chairperson



Caoimhe Donaghy
Treasurer