

St Mary's PTA Banbridge



Annual Trustee Report for the year ended 30th June 2024

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 £8,250 grant from Halifax Foundation which will be utilised towards free counselling sessions for St Mary's students and in providing Gymnastics, Football, Gaelic and Table Tennis coaching for all children free of charge.
- Made a contribution of £500 towards stationary & resources for the school.
- Made a contribution of £1,000 towards the School Library, this can be accessed and enjoyed by all children.
- Provided outdoor toys & resources for the School Playground.
- 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 school council.

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

The above expenditures were financed through the fundraising efforts of the PTA (£5,511.62).

Financial Position

At the year end the PTA holds funds in its Bank account of £18,614.16 with outstanding payments of £872.31 and an outstanding lodgement of £1,531.35. This leaves a reconciled bank balance of £19,273.20.

Of these funds £8,275 is restricted and £10,998.20 is unrestricted.

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 into 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 2024

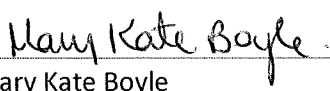
Mary Kate Boyle (Chairperson)

Caroline Robinson (Vice Chairperson)

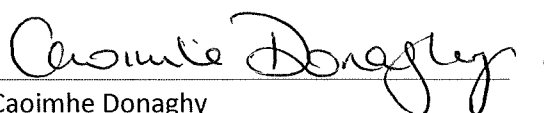
Denise Quigley (Secretary)

Caoimhe Donaghy (Treasurer)

Approved by the trustees on 23 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mary Kate Boyle
Chairperson



Caoimhe Donaghy
Treasurer