

# St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacaville Parents' Support Group

**Charity number 102170**

**Trustees' Report 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025**

## Introduction

The Parents' Support Group (PSG) continued its commitment throughout the 2024–2025 financial year to supporting St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacaville, by raising funds to enhance the educational experience of all pupils. With school budgets under increasing pressure, the PSG's role remains vital in ensuring that children have access to enriching activities, up-to-date resources and opportunities that support their learning and wellbeing.

This year, the PSG delivered a balanced programme of fundraising events, combining long-standing favourites with seasonal activities and regular tuck shop days. Thanks to the continued generosity of parents, families, staff and the wider community, we were able to raise significant funds while also providing enjoyable experiences for the children.

## Smarties Challenge – April

The financial year began with our annual Smarties Challenge, launched on 12th April. Each pupil received a tube of Smarties to enjoy over the Easter break and return filled with 20p coins. This popular event once again proved a strong fundraiser, generating **£1,015.52**. We remain grateful to all families who supported this initiative.

## End-of-Month Tuck Shop Days

Tuck shop days continue to be a simple but effective way to raise funds while giving pupils a small treat.

Events were held on:

- **5th May** – £107.90
- **29th November** – £266.95

Tuck shop supplies for the year totalled **£75.29**, additional supplies were kindly donated by parents and local businesses.

## Break the Rules Day & Tuck Shop – 30th May

Break the Rules Day returned on 30th May, paired with a tuck shop. Children were able to pay for the chance to break a selection of fun, pre-approved school rules. This event raised **£420.30** and was met with great enthusiasm.

## Sports Day & Summer Family Fun Day Fayre – 7th June

Sports Day and the Summer Family Fun Day Fayre took place on Friday 7th June. With the support of parents and staff, the PSG ran stalls and a tuck shop, raising an impressive **£1,287.70**. This event continues to be a highlight of the school calendar, bringing together families, staff and the wider community.

## End of Year Disco & Tuck Shop – 19th June

The school disco on 19th June was another enjoyable event for pupils, supported by a tuck shop. The evening raised **£805.15** and provided a fun celebration to mark the end of the school year.

## AGM – 8<sup>th</sup> October

After the summer holiday, we returned to school and held our AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> October. At this meeting, the existing committee members — Chairperson **Martina Maguire**, Treasurer **Anna Murray**, and Secretary **Lynne Small** — formally stepped down from their roles. The PSG expressed sincere thanks to Martina, Anna and Lynne for their hard work, dedication and contribution to the Parents' Support Group during their time on the committee.

A new committee was then elected by the group. **Anna Neeson** was appointed as Chairperson, **Lisa McGowan** took on the role of Secretary, and **Claire McGuirk** was elected as Treasurer. We are grateful to them for volunteering their time and commitment, and we look forward to working together in the year ahead.

## Halloween Disco – 25th October

The Halloween Disco, held at Coco's on 25th October, raised **£250**. It was a fantastic evening for all of the children. We are very grateful to Michael Hasard for once again offering us discounted access to this popular venue. The children had a wonderful time celebrating together while also helping to raise funds for their school and supporting a valued local business. Supporting local businesses remains extremely important to us and, whenever possible, we aim to use local shops and service providers for our events and encourage our school community to do the same.

## Christmas Activities

The run-up to Christmas is always a very busy time for the PSG and this year was no exception, with a Christmas party, Santa visit, Christmas crackers and the annual Raffle to organise. A huge thank you is owed to **Kevin O'Neill**, who kindly donated crackers for every child to enjoy with their Christmas dinner on 7th December. We also provided **232 selection boxes** for Santa's visit, generously supplied by **Lisa McGowan**. The continued support from parents and local businesses is greatly appreciated and helps make these festive events so special for the children.

### Christmas Disco – 16th December

The in-school Christmas Disco and tuck shop raised **£618.45**.

### Christmas Raffle – 20th December

Our annual Christmas Raffle remains one of our most significant fundraising events. Thanks to the generosity of parents, local businesses and the wider community, this year's raffle raised an outstanding **£4,958.30**.

Associated raffle expenses included:

- Printing: **£195.00**
- Additional supplies: **£34.96**
- Further costs: **£132.06**

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who donated prizes or purchased tickets.

## Other Income

The PSG also received **£20.24** from Easy Fundraising contributions during the year.

## Financial Summary

- **Total income:** £9,730.27
- **Total expenditure:** £362.02
- **Net funds raised:** **£9,368.25**

The PSG began the financial year with **£5,268.58** in the bank.

At the close of the financial year on 31st March 2025, the account balance stood at **£14,636.83**.

Although no donation was made to the school during this financial year, the funds raised will be carried forward. A planned contribution in the next financial year will support enhancements to

outdoor play facilities and the purchase of new STEM resources for every class, continuing our commitment to projects that directly benefit the pupils of St Joseph's Primary School.

## Conclusion

The Trustees would like to express their sincere gratitude to all parents, guardians, staff members and local businesses who contributed time, donations and support throughout the year. The success of our fundraising efforts reflects the strength of our school community and its shared commitment to providing the best possible educational experience for our children.

As we move into the next financial year, the PSG remains dedicated to supporting St Joseph's Primary School, Carnacaville, and ensuring that pupils continue to have access to enriching activities, modern resources and opportunities that help them thrive.