



Report of the Trustees of

Botanic Primary School PTA

Registered Charity Number NIC 102636

Purpose of the Charity – The advancement of education

Current trustees – from 22nd October 2024

- Dr Naomi Carver
- Mrs Joanie Harper
- Miss A Magill
- Mrs S Stewart
- Miss Hannah Barnes
- Miss Sarah Wilkinson

The following trustees formally left their positions on 22-10-24 having served previously –

- Mrs Shaneen McVeigh
- Miss Caitlyn Stockman

This report covers the Financial Period 1-11-23 through to 1-11-24.

The AGM of the Botanic Primary School PTA that was held on 22nd October 2024, chaired by Mr Paul Bowman on behalf of the Governing Body of Botanic Primary School. At that meeting, the outgoing Chair of the PTA – Ms Carver introduced herself, noting that this was her sixth consecutive year as Chair. She currently has 3 children attending Botanic PS – P5, P2 and Nursery, with three of her older children having now finished.

She went on to note;

- The purpose of the PTA remains primarily to raise money for the school. PTA subsidises the cost of travel and admission fees on school trips, class resources and many other things.
- Over the course of the year, one significant investment was funding 'Core Kids' to organise a mini-Olympics. Children had really enjoyed it and there was excellent feedback from parents.
- The fact that the committee had met four times and who the various office holders had been – with all the work 'behind the scenes' noted, especially in relation to obtaining prizes and donations.
- The Hallowe'en Disco had again taken place – with the children in fancy Dress.
- Christmas Nativity had been greatly enhanced by the hospitality provided through the donated buns and some home baking. Proceeds had been split between the PTA and the South Belfast Foodbank. There had been a 'Festive Outfit Day' and one of our recently retired teachers – Mrs Thornhill had come back to run a craft session.
- The traditional Valentine's Day Disco had, for the second time been replaced by sessions with 'Fitness Freddie.' Pupils received a small token when they raised over £20.
- A uniform swop had been on the agenda for a while and became a reality just before Easter. Feedback suggests that parents would prefer items to be priced individually.
- There had been the traditional annual Easter Bonnet competition – with prizes of Easter eggs and chocolate treats for all.
- The Scavenger Hunt had again been an outstanding success – again the P4-7 Sports Day (noted earlier) .
- Cash for Clobber had again taken place and would continue next year.
- A huge thanks to so many people – notably caretaking and administrative staff who really help the PTA so much.

Mrs Carver presented the accounts for the year (on behalf of Ms Stockman who had resigned from her post) which will be subsequently independently audited.

The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement, and it has been previously agreed that the report of the outgoing (now current) Chair would be an effective summary of the previous PTA activities in the period covering the financial year.

The PTA started their financial year with a credit balance of £4378.08 and finished it with a credit balance of £3881.07. This reflected income of £3089.92 and expenditure of £3586.93. There is no other fund held by the Charity and therefore nothing in deficit.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naomi', is written above a horizontal line.

Naomi Carver

Chair, Botanic Primary School Parent Teacher Association

Tuesday 11th March 2025