

Annual report and accounts 2022-2023

Grange Park Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

NIC: 105741

This annual report and accounts applies to the 2022-2023 financial year, which ran from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.

Grange Park Primary School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (usually known as Grange Park PTFA) became a registered charity on 4 October 2016. Grange Park PTFA is governed by the model constitution prepared for PTAs in Northern Ireland by Parentkind. Trustees are elected annually by the members at the AGM.

Principal address: Grange Park Primary School, Grange Park, Bangor, BT20 3QG

The trustees for the 2022-23 financial year were:

Amanda White (principal)
Jennifer Armstrong (treasurer)

Public benefit statement

The Grange Park Primary School Parent, Teachers and Friends' Association carries out its purpose by holding social, educational and sporting events centered at the Primary School for the children, their parents and guardians and the local community to promote the work of the school and encourage advocacy for its mission. Any surplus from such events is gifted to the School in pursuit of Grange Park's academic purpose.

In carrying out their duties, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance. The public benefits of Grange Park PTFA are:

Purpose 1: Improved relationships between home and school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through having an active PTFA that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support.

Purpose 2: Advancing the education of pupils in the school

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding.

These purposes do not lead to harm. The benefits are for children at Grange Park Primary School. Charity trustees (PTFA committee members) are usually also parents at the school which their children attend and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefits are provided to all beneficiaries.

This year's activities

The academic year starting September marked the return of the PTA to its pre Covid format and with that came several new members. There was virtually no PTFA activity from September 21- June 2022.

Events held this year for the children, their parents and guardians restarted in September 2023 with a big focus on welcoming people back into the school grounds.

P1 parents' coffee morning ('Tea & tissues') – this free social event helps new P1 parents get to know each other over coffee and cake, introduces them to the PTFA and encourages engagement between parents and the school. Given the disruption and restrictions related to Covid and feedback from parents of children who had joined Grange in 2022 or 2021 the PTFA felt it was important to extend this to P2 and P3 parents. This led to 'Pastries with Parent's for P2 on 6th October and for P3 on 13th October.

Halloween disco (27th October) – the primary purpose of this event is to provide a fun social occasion for the pupils, while also promoting parental engagement, although it is also a successful fund-raising event. Kids (and parents) were delighted to see the return of this.

The PTFA helped serve refreshments at the P7 open evening at the start of December.

Santa came to Grange Park Primary on 21st December and the PTFA did a brilliant job of decorating his grotto.

We arranged a new event to the PTFA in March 2023- table quiz at the Bryansburn Inn. This was very well supported and expertly led by Gill McComskie and her husband Euan who did a great job as quizmaster.

Another new event was the Easter raffle and movie which was facilitated by PTFA members and teachers to provide a 'big screen' movie in the assembly hall with snacks and the chance to win an Easter hamper.

Following the success of the quiz night the PTFA were keen to host another event for parents only and this led to the return of Neill Wine doing a tasting evening for us, this time with wine. Laura Graham and team did a super job decorating the hall, preparing delicious snacks and serving the wines.

The final event of the academic year was the return of the ever-popular summer fair, in its original format, a Friday evening with everyone welcome. We saw many previous Grange Park pupils return to their old school and they especially enjoyed watching some of their previous teachers getting wet sponges thrown at them!

Spending

We opened the academic year of September 2022 with a bank balance of £ 3180.03.

The focus for the academic year 2022/ 2023 was to get a renewed sense of school community following the Covid restrictions.

The PTFA did not donate any money to the school between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 but instead focused on getting the balance back up to a reasonable level with a view to making a decision on spending in September 2023.

The closing balance was £6,636.36.

DocuSigned by:

A103B824CE644B7...

6/10/2024

Signed off by Julie Templeton (PTFA Chair for 2022-23)