

Rathmore Parent Teacher Association

Annual Report

Year from 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018

Charity Number 106446

The Rathmore Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was established to carry out two tasks:

- Improved relationships between home and school through providing activities which contribute to partnership between the school, parents and guardians, and the local community in furtherance of the education of the pupils.
- Secondly to increase resources that will advance the education of pupils at the school.

Review of the year

The aim of Rathmore PTA members for the year was to ensure, despite some harsh cuts to school funding, that the pupils in our school community have access to interactive IT equipment and resources to create a stimulating, immersive environment to which in turn can support and enhance learning in all subjects throughout their primary school life.

Our goal over the next years is to raise enough money to pay to have Interactive Display boards in every one of the 23 classrooms in the school. A resource which would not be available through the normal school budget.

Throughout the year over 30 parents and teachers volunteered together to provide the year's activities.

Activities through the year were designed to enable participation by pupils, parents, grandparents and guardians as well as the wider community.

These included a Christmas and a Summer Fair, Movie Nights, Christmas parties, and families were encouraged to find as much lost and loose change as possible through Brown Money week. Local businesses across the North Down area provided support to the PTA by providing marvellous raffle prizes. A parent and teacher quiz tested the knowledge of all.

Parents were contributed to the fundraising both through attending events with their families and through a school fund appeal which was put onto an online giving page during the year.

Parents provided a supportive assistance to teachers by providing refreshments at the intake meetings for prospective Nursery and P1 pupils and at the School sports days.

The PTA started its financial year on 1 September with £12,993 of funds within its bank accounts. At its AGM in September 2017 and donation of £12,000 was agreed for the interactive display equipment. Event based fundraising and school fund donations created £14,362 through the year. Costs incurred in providing events were £1765.50 which meant that by the end of August the PTA had funds of £13,591. There were no restricted donations.

At the next AGM in September 2018 a £12,000 grant was made to acquire further interactive display boards and leaving a balance of funds to start the new year's fundraising.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have ensured they have considered and promoted public benefit in the running of the Rathmore PTA. Funds raised are committed to purchasing resources which are additional to the statutory education budget and the PTA's activities are delivered in an accessible way with any event prices structured to allow for participation of all families. The work of the PTA during the year created opportunities for Teacher Parent co-operation and raised funds which were used to buy equipment in support of childrens' education.

Governance

During the year Rathmore PTA became a charity registered with the Northern Ireland Charity Commission. The Rathmore PTA is governed within the rules laid down in its Constitution. Whilst it is an independent charity, the PTA is an integral part of the Rathmore school community and acts within the School's policies and practices to ensure effective safeguarding.

As a member of Parentkind the PTA has in place insurance which is designed to cover a full range of the risks which might present through its work. Parentkind also provides the Committee with access to good practice on PTA activities and governance.

Members of the PTA Committee are elected annually and represent both teachers and parents.

Trustees who served during the year were:

- Vanya Campbell
- Rosemary Mountford
- Tanya Neeson
- Justin Conville
- Julie Hardy (School Principal)
- Andrew McCracken

After the end of the financial year, at the September 2018 AGM, three long serving parent committee members stepped down as their children were reaching the end of their time with Rathmore Primary School. Vanya Campbell, Rosemary Mountford and Tanya Neeson were thanked for the greatly appreciated volunteering work they had undertaken as Committee members and through them over £60,000 of grants for much needed educational equipment had been provided over the previous years. The PTA also said thanks, farewell and congratulations to Justin Conville on his appointment as Principal of another primary school. A new committee was elected to carry on their good work and looked forward to the year ahead.



Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Rathmore Parent Teachers Association.

Report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 Aug. 2018, which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

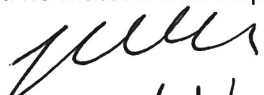
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Janine Clarke

Address:

Date:


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Rathmore PTA Accounts 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018			
Opening Bank Balance			12,993.85
Receipts	School Fund Donations		£4,783.42
	Bank Interest		£1.93
	Easy Fundraising		£39.68
	Halloween Event		£971.50
	Christmas Fair		£1,484.03
	Scratch Cards		£907.26
	Discos		£505.41
	Tuck shop		£223.35
	Cash4Clobber		£256.00
	Brown Money		£1,155.58
	Movie Night		£714.90
	Sports Days		£217.95
	Summer Fair		£2,761.71
	Quiz		£340.15
	Total Receipts		<u>£14,362.87</u>
Payments	Grant for Interactive Display Boards		£12,000.00
	Sports Day		£18.45
	Christmas Fair		£695.01
	Quiz night		£58.79
	Halloween		£122.00
	Movie Night		£155.88
	Summer Fair		£543.37
	Other		£172.00
	Total Payments		<u>£13,765.50</u>
	Closing Bank Balance		<u>£13,591.22</u>
Funds	Unrestricted Funds		<u>£13,591.22</u>
Post year events			

A grant was made in Sept 2018 of £12,000 to acquire further interactive display Boards

A £796.99 HMRC gift aid claim was received related to the previous year's school fund appeal.

Signed



Trustee

Date 7/12/18

Janine Clarke
Independent Examiner
Date


7/12/18.