

Friends of St. Matthew's Primary School

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107597

Details

Status Received

Registered 2020-07-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

Contact

Address St Matthew's Primary School
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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the Association (the Purposes) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by: Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school; Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

What the charity does: The advancement of education

How the charity works: Education/training

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£5,113	£5,184	£0	0
2024-06-30	£4,456	£3,964	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joanne Feeney		
Oonagh O'prey		
Rita Brown		

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Accounts

Friends of St Matthew's Primary School Magheramayo

Receipts and Payments Account

year ended 30 June 2025

	£	£
Opening balance		492
Add Receipts		
Sponsored Walk	1,503	
Christmas Play	2,258	
Car Wash	991	
Raffle - Car Wash	250	
Holy Communion	111	


		5,113

		5,605
Less Payments		
Bank Charges	-	
Paypal	-	
Chrome books	3,100	
Sponsorwalk	123	
P7 Leavers	323	
Equip	578	
Easter Hamper	20	
Holy Communion/Confirmation	112	
Car Wash	61	
Books	24	
Nurture Room	501	
Worry Box	12	
Sports Day	331	

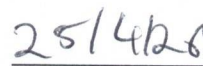
		5,184

Closing balance		<u><u>420</u></u>
Bank Balance		4
Petty Cash Balance		166
Funds Held in School		_____
		250

		420



 Trustee



 Date

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Accounts

Friends of St Matthew's Primary School Magheramayo

Receipts and Payments Account

year ended 30 June 2024

	£	£
Opening balance		1,732
Add Receipts		
Christmas Play	2,266	
Sports Day Refreshments	258	
Donations	200	
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		2,725
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		4,456
Less Payments		
Bank Charges		
Paypal		
Chrome books	3,200	
Girls Football	115	
Christmas Trip/Raffle	460	
Confirmation/Holy Communion Party	44	
Sports Day	53	
End of Year Party	22	
Gifts	70	
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		3,964
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Closing balance		<u>492</u>
Bank Balance		4
Petty Cash Balance		488
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		<u>492</u>

C. Owens

2/6/25

Trustee

Date

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Friends of St Matthew's Primary School Magheramayo

Receipts and Payments Account

y/e 30 June 2023

	£	£
Opening balance		3,820
Add Receipts		
Christmas Play	3,032	
June Play	1,177	
Sports Day Refreshments	213	
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		4,422
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		8,242
Less Payments		
Bank Charges	-	
Paypal	-	
Equipment	3,907	
Football jerseys	500	
Big breakfast - football final	60	
Christmas trip	629	
Play Equipment	1,100	
Board Games	75	
Party Bags - Holy Communion/Confirmation	40	
End of year party	200	
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		6,510
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Closing balance		<u>1,732</u>
Bank Balance		1,338
Petty Cash		394
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		<u>1,732</u>

Fiona McVick

26.4.24

Trustee

Date

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Annual report

Friends of St Matthews Primary School

Charity No. NIC107597

Annual Report & Accounts for year- end 30th June 2023

This is our second Annual Trustee reporting period since we received charity status in July 2020.

Our fundraising aims were to raise much needed funds to improve outdoor play equipment and the teachers were hoping to improve the use of the dinner hall by adding blinds and a TV to use this space as an additional classroom for small group work.

Christmas Play

Our annual Christmas play has always been a huge success. We were delighted when the teachers decided that in December 2022 they would bring back the Christmas play after the break due to covid. The children were delighted to be back in action.

We are always thankful to Liatroim GAC for letting us use the hall for our Christmas play. We expected big crowds as everyone was delighted to have the children back performing. We had two performances, a morning show and a night show. We organised raffle prizes and a cake sale. We asked parents to make baked goods that could be sold after the performances. Lots of local businesses donated raffle prizes.

It was a very successful Christmas Play raising £3,032

After such a successful fundraising event we decided to hold off running another event in the spring term as parents had been so generous at the Christmas play. We had big plans to end this academic year with another big performance.

Sports Day snacks

We had our usual tuck shop and tea/coffee stand during sports day in May. Again another successful fundraising event raising £213.81

Summer Play

The teachers were so impressed with the children's acting skills at Christmas they decided to organise another stage performance at the end of the year. It was decided that the whole school would perform the Wizard of Oz in Liatroim GAC hall in June.

A lot of hard work went into this performance from the pupils and teachers and some fantastic parents within the PTA created magnificent crafts and backdrops to help transform the stage into the land of Oz.

We held this event to give back to the community. Our local community supports the school so much and everyone enjoys seeing the children perform. We didn't hold a raffle or cake sale, only charging an entrance fee to raise some money.

The performance was held in June on a very warm night and the hall was packed. The children were exceptional and the parents were amazed by the performance from the tiny P1s to the amazing P7s who were leaving the school. A total of £1,177.75 was raised on the night.

Expenditure

Funds were still available in the bank account from the end of June 2022. So in October these were distributed to the school as the whiteboards were upgraded and the new football jerseys had been ordered. £2,500 was needed for the whiteboards and £500 for the new set of football jerseys.

£465 was donated to the school to help pay towards buses for the school trip to the panto in the Lyric in December.

As a reward for fantastic performances during the Christmas play we provided a special Big Breakfast the morning after their performances as a thank you for all the hard work. £163.50 was spent on organising this for the children and staff.

The TV was purchased and installed in January in the dinner hall and the teachers and pupils were delighted to make use of the additional space for small group work. £650 completed this project.

A new salt machine and salt was purchased to help clear the grounds around the school to ensure the area was safe for pupils and staff to enter the school safely. Total cost £115.

To improve the outdoor play equipment bikes were purchased for the younger children costing £1,100.

During April and May the PTA put together rainy day boxes for each classroom consisting of board games and activities that would entertain the children during break time and lunchtime on rainy days when they couldn't get outside. Total cost £74.94

Parties were held after Confirmation and Holy Communion to celebrate the P7 and P4 children receiving their sacraments. £40 was spent on party bags and treats for the children.

During June blinds were purchased for the dinner hall costing £641.55. To end the year we had a few more celebrations. An ice cream van came to the school on a lovely sunny day and the children were delighted with the treat, Total cost £200.

Our P7 & P6 girls reached the football finals in June and to celebrate a Big Breakfast was organised to recognise their achievement. Total spent £60.

The academic year 2022/23 was a very successful year for both the school and Friends of St Matthews. We had three successful fundraising events and were able to support the school in various ways to help the staff and pupils alike.

List of Trustees

Mrs Ciara Owens
Mrs Jillian O'Hagan
Mrs Martina Walsh

Summary

All activities organised throughout the year were decided upon ensuring we were adhering to the objectives set and the guidance on public benefit as detailed by the NI Charity Commission.

Our charitable purpose is to advance the education of all pupils in the school by developing effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school. We aim to organise activities and provide facilities or equipment which supports the school and advances the education of the pupils within the school.

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Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of St Matthew's Primary School Magheramayo

Year ended 30 June 2023

I report on the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30 June 2023, which are set out on page 2.

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 Act 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:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. 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.

Fiona McCrickard 26.4.24

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