

Cooley Primary School and Nursery Unit PTA

NIC107644

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year 1st April 2022 – 31 March 2023

The Charity is an Unincorporated Association established under a constitution.

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance.

The purpose of this charity continues to be 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.
- Creating more community involvement and to reduce isolation for people of all ages, disability, gender, race and political/religious belief, within our rural Sixmilecross and surrounding area(s).

The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and fulfil the public benefit elements during the last 12 months.

Activities

I am able to report that we have carried out a number of activities and events during this last year which were well supported and enjoyed by the whole rural community.

In May, the charity were able to support the school by covering the cost of transport for each class to and from day trips to various locations. These day trips were very much welcomed by the children who hadn't been able to go on any such trips for the past few years due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

In November, the charity held a Family Quiz Night which was well attended with a good mixture of young and old at each table. There was a raffle and refreshments served on the night. In December, the charity helped organize and supervise a Movie And Munch Night. Children were able to choose from 3 different films to watch whilst enjoying some tasty snacks. The charity also supported the school in December by providing tea and refreshments for everyone at all of the Christmas Performances and by providing each child with a selection box at Christmas.

In January, the charity organised and ran a highly successful Burns Night Celebration. The school assembly hall was filled to capacity and everyone present was able to enjoy lots of traditional music, song, poetry and dance before supper was served which included the famous haggis! This was the first event of it's kind to be held in the area and feedback from right across the community was very positive.

Our activities do not lead to any harm. The only private benefit from our purposes is that a trustee or family member may participate in the same manner as all other beneficiaries, this is purely incidental and necessary so that the benefit is available to all inhabitants of the area.

Finances

A review of the charities' financial position confirms a successful year. The charity's opening balance was £785.74 and had receipts of £12169.26 and payments of £5946.43 giving a closing balance at the end of the financial year of £7008.57. Grants received and expenditure incurred as a result of the grants, accounted for a large number of our transactions this year. The timing of some of the grants meant that the charity received the grant money in the previous financial year but purchased the items associated with it in this financial year or visa versa e.g. DAERA Rural Micro Grant and Developing Healthy Communities PHA Grant.

The Charity's finances are in surplus and accounts are prepared to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

The charity has been successful in gaining funding through a number of grants – DAERA Rural Micro Grant – musical instruments, Dalradian Gold Grant – sports equipment, Ulster Scots Funding – Burns Night Celebration and Community

This funding is crucial to the charity's survival. The charity also carries out small scale fundraising.

Trustees

The following trustees served during the financial period:

Mrs Elaine Black

Mrs Leigh Lyons

Mrs Doreen Caldwell

Mrs Alix Ormerod

Mrs Roberta Reid

Mrs Dawn Cuthbertson

Mrs Nicola Lyons

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

L. Lyons

Name:

Date:

Leigh Lyons

10/8/23