

Cooley Primary School and Nursery Unit PTA
NIC 107644

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the financial year 1 April 24 – 31 March 25

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, with 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

In line with the purpose of the charity the following activities took place during the year:

- A Summer fete, part funded by FODC, was held for the second year running in the grounds of Cooley Primary School, providing a chance for pupils, family, staff and the wider community to socialise and have fun.
- Facilitation of a Uniform Exchange at the end of the school year to reduce waste and make uniforms as affordable as possible.
- As part of Ulster Scots Leid Week 2024, Cooley PTA held a Scottish Dance and Cookery Demonstration in November, part funded by FODC. Pupils, family and friends enjoyed a fun learning opportunity.
- Cooley Christmas Quiz night was very well supported by pupils, family, staff and the wider community. An evening of festive fun was had with prizes and a raffle, raising funds and bringing people together.
- Support of general school events open to parents, carers and wider family through provision of refreshments and general organisation.

Achievements

Cooley PTA were successful in raising funds through organised fundraising activities as outlined above and through successful grant applications. We were successful in securing funding for the following resources to support and further the education of pupils at Cooley Primary School and Nursery Unit:

- Promethean ActivPanel and mobile stand, part funded by DEARA, distributed by Omagh Forum for Rural Associations.
- Outdoor Classroom part funded by Energia Tyrone 3 Windfarms Community Benefit Fund 2024 (distributed by Community Foundation NI)
- A wide variety of STEM related educational resources part funded by Inishative Community Benefit Fund 2025 (distributed by Community Foundation NI)
- Equipment for Cooley Caterpillars Toddler Group part funded by DEARA.

Our activities do not lead to any harm. The only private benefit arising 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 had receipts of £13,917.03 and payments of £9,697.51 giving a surplus for the year of £4,219.52. This is partly due to the receipt of CFNI grant funding for the outdoor classroom and STEM resources just before the financial year end. This money was spent between May and June 2025.

We have received funding from a number of grants throughout the year, namely DEARA, CFNI and FODC which are crucial to our charity providing resources and activities that support our aims and objectives. Cooley PTA also carries out various fundraising activities throughout the year to help us meet our objectives of developing relationships and creating more community involvement while covering deficits to grant funding.

Accounts are prepared to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Trustees

The following trustees served during the financial period:

Mrs Leigh Lyons
Mrs Sarah Gibson
Mrs Bronwen McCausland
Mrs Elaine Black
Mrs Julie Anderson

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Name:  Date: 18/11/25

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