

Trustees Annual Report for The Charity Commission of Northern Ireland

Year: April 2024 – March 2025

I present the annual report for the Friends of the Fin charity for the year 1th April 2024 to 31st March 2025. This has been a quiet year for the charity as we navigate a change in roles and begin a rebrand of our group. Throughout the year we have continued to work closely with Saint Mary's Primary School, Aghliscnafin, supporting them with their own fund raising to help the advancement of education and development of the school environment for the pupils.

Activities and Achievements

- Fundraising activities include, sponsored walks, smarties tube challenge, raffles, bring and buy sales and other school-based activities to help provide much needed financial support for the school.
- On going engagement with the school has been maintained this year by volunteering for various school events including graduation and coffee mornings to help celebrate various activities and special occasions throughout the year
- The support provide by members has helped to enhance the school environment, helping teachers and pupils share memorable moments during their time at the school.

Impact and Difference Made

The work carried out by Friends of the Fin has made a noticeable difference to the school community

- **Strengthened Community:** By organising and participating in various events we have brought the school community closer by working together with parents and staff.
- **Memorable Experiences:** By volunteering and being involved with school events and celebrations such as first holy communion and graduation, it has helped make the pupils experience more memorable and something they will cherish in the years to come.
- **Financial Relief:** By helping with school fund raising activities it has helped take some of the pressure off the staff and ease the financial burden with the funds going towards much needed resources within the school setting.

Looking Ahead

For the coming year our focus will be primarily to work on getting our new trustees



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and members up to speed with our mission. We aim to rebrand our charity for a fresh start looking to the future where we can become a more cohesive group and build on our relationship with Saint Mary's Primary to support the education and development of all its students.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the trustees, I wish to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to our efforts this year. To those who gave their time, resources and financial help it had been very much appreciated.

We are committed to continue this support in the years to come.

Signed.....

Sandra Rice

Chairperson

Friends of the Fin



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