

# St Patrick's Parent Association, Mullanaska

## Trustee Annual Report

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### Charity Information

**Charity Name:** St Patrick's Parent Association  
**Charity Registration Number:** 109422  
**Year Start Date:** 01-08-2023  
**Year End Date:** 31-07-2024

**Registered Address:** St Patrick's Primary School  
22 Feddan Road  
Mullanaska  
Enniskillen  
County Fermanagh  
BT74 4FD

### Trustees:

President (School Principal)	Dr Louise O'Neill
Chairperson	Linda Strawbridge
Vice Chairperson	Lynda Collins
Secretary	Colette Gibson
Assistant Secretary	Helen Gilheaney
Treasurer	Fiona Thompson
Assistant Treasurer	Fiona McGlue
Other Members	Ciara Bogue (resigned June 2024) Ashling Boyle (resigned June 2024) Nicola Love (resigned September 2023) Janice Moohan (resigned June 2024) Karen McManus Katie O'Neill

### Bankers:

Allied Irish Bank  
2-4 East Bridge Street  
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## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 July 2024

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The trustees of the charity present their Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 July 2024.

### 1. Structure, Governance and Management

St Patrick's Parent Association is an unincorporated association set up in October 2019. The Association became a charity registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland in May 2023. The Charity is governed by its Constitution. The trustees are responsible for the overall management of the charity.

### 2. Charitable Purpose:

St Patrick's Parent Association provides a forum for the parents and guardians of children attending St Patrick's Primary School, Mullanaska to work together, in partnership with the school and local community (school catchment area) to help provide the fullest experience for children attending the school. This is achieved through:

- 1) PA Meetings to plan activities, report on progress and capture learning to inform future development;
- 2) Annual Calendar of Events for the enjoyment of pupils, parents/guardians, staff, families and the local community; and
- 3) Fundraising activities to support education/learning projects in the school.

### 3. Public Benefit

St Patrick's Parent Association aims to advance the education and wellbeing of pupils in the school by:

**Purpose 1:** Developing effective relationships between parents and the school.

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes funding for additional resources for the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through having an active Parent Association that works in partnership with the school and engages parental support.

**Purpose 2:** Engaging in activities and providing facilities/equipment which support the school and advance the education of pupils in the school.

The benefit which flows from this purpose includes increased educational progress and attainment of pupils in the school and links built with the local community. This is demonstrated through pupils having access to resources, events, activities and links with the local community which are not available through direct school funding.

The beneficiaries of St Patrick's Parent Association are:

- 1) Children attending St Patrick's Primary School;
- 2) Parents/guardians of pupils attending St Patrick's Primary School;
- 3) Local community (school catchment area).

There is no harm flowing from the purposes of St Patrick's Parent Association.

Charity trustees (Parent Association committee members) except for the President (School Principal) are also parents of children at St Patrick's Primary School and hence gain benefit in the same way as all other beneficiaries. This benefit is incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to all beneficiaries.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4(b) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the charity in the year ended 31 July 2024.

#### **4. Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

In the 2023/24 academic year, the trustees focused on rebuilding the Committee. Six new members were recruited, with a total of nine trustees making up the Parent Association Committee. The Committee now has an excellent range of skills and experiences at its disposal, which is proving valuable in planning events and fundraising activities.

The first event of the year was a Movie Night for P1-P4 classes in November 2024. The children enjoyed a wonderful evening with their friends, teddies and treats, with donations totalling £382.

Next up, was a Bingo evening which was very well supported by our school families and the wider community which raised a total of £1,534. Thanks are extended to Ciara Bogue Quinn and Peter Bogue, as well as the Cavanacarragh Hall Committee for hosting the event.

Early in December 2023, the Parent Association was selected to take part in the Tesco Enniskillen Blue Token Scheme. Finishing in second place, the Association was awarded a £1,000 grant from Groundwork UK to help with getting interactive white boards for the school.

Later in the month, the Parent Association was delighted to hold its much-loved Santa Sunday event (Santa and Mrs Claus, Craft Fair, facepainting and more). A new 'tinsel trail' walk added to the children's excitement on the day which was headed up by local Olympic rower Nathan Timoney. Thanks are extended to the businesses who generously donated a fabulous array of prizes for the Christmas Raffle. The event brought our school and wider community together, sharing festive joy, making memories and raising £1,705.

The Parent Association organised a tuck shop for the School Christmas Shows bringing in £318 and keeping the children, parents, grandparents and friends happy on both evenings.

In the run up to Christmas, the Parent Association encouraged families to sign-up to its easyfundraising page which donates funds to the school when you shop online through the app. The Parent Association also promoted a Christmas Show Costume Swap on its Facebook page.

Early in 2024 the Parent Association secured a 2-week fundraising slot with Tesco Enniskillen on their Book Stand in-store. The school community donated unwanted books with £277 being collected in donations through this initiative.

In January 2024, the Parent Association was delighted to be able to donate £8,000 to the school to enable the purchase of new interactive white boards, fulfilling the goal to replace all boards throughout the school. This is a tremendous achievement and will help support the learning experience of the children of St Patrick's, Mullanaskea for many years to come.

In February 2024, despite the inclement weather the Parent Association held a mid-term disco at Cavanacarragh Hall. This event was well supported and brought in £620.

Also in February 2024, the Parent Association with the support of many volunteers from the school community spent a busy day in Dunnes Stores Enniskillen bag-packing raising over £1,300. The children who volunteered represented their school with pride and these funds are a credit to them and their families.

In May 2024, the Parent Association members supported the School Eco Council with their 'Big Spring Clean'. All hands were on deck to spruce up the outside of the school, cutting hedges, weeding and cleaning, as well as adding some lovely summer blooms. Members also helped with the First Holy Communion Tea Party held at the school.

In June 2024, the Parent Association supported the P7 Leavers' Disco and Mass. The Parent Association finished off the academic year by holding its Annual General Meeting in June 2024.

By organising a variety of events and fundraising activities, alongside supporting school-led events through the course of the school year, the Parent Association engaged with parents/guardians, teaching and support staff, local businesses and the local community. Feedback has been positive and has highlighted the important role the Parent Association has in supporting a strong school community, with a strong sense of belonging within the local community. Planning for the new academic year has already begun and we look forward to another busy and fulfilling year.

## **5. Financial Review**

The trustees of St Patrick's Parent Association continue to manage resources in an efficient and sustainable manner. Overall, the Charity had a very successful year, seeing its income from fundraising more than double in comparison to the previous period, enabling it to increase its financial support to school initiatives.

## **6. Financial Results**

The charity's financial performance in the year ended July 2024 was consistent with expectations. On 1 August 2023, the opening balance of the Parent Association bank account was £3,579.66. Due to increased fundraising efforts amounting to £7,130, as well as success in the Tesco Enniskillen Token Scheme resulting in a £1,000 grant from Groundwork UK, income totalled £8,130. Expenditure was carefully managed and the charity was able to make a substantial donation of £8,000 to St Patrick's Primary School, enabling the purchase of interactive white boards to support classroom learning. On 31 July 2024, the closing balance at bank was £2,521.38 and in hand £102.80 (petty cash). These funds will be used to support future activities in the next financial year.

## **7. Future Plans**

St Patrick's Parent Association is focused on continuing its role in strengthening the school community by building relationships, raising funds and supporting the overall learning environment and experience of pupils attending St Patrick's Primary School.

**Approved by the Charity Trustees on 30 May 2025.**

**Dr Louise O'Neill**  
**President**

**Linda Strawbridge**  
**Chairperson**