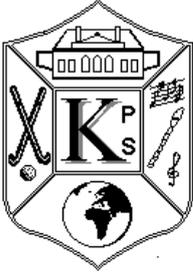


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### **Principal's Report for PTA AGM 2022** **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

I would like to commend the work and fundraising of PTA over the past year. It has been exceptional.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing committee for their commitment, resilience, and passion in ensuring the PTA continues to make a difference for all the children in Kirkinriola Primary School.

The first term of 2021/2022 started with the Kids Coffee Morning Fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. PTA provided buns and refreshments. Mrs. N Dowds organized Dojo taster sessions and these were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In October 2021, Mrs. E McCaffery held 'P5-7 Twilight Forest School' with the help of staff and parents and the PTA ran Harvest discos for P1-4 pupils.

In November the school hosted our annual open day and once again PTA members provided Tea and Coffee for visiting families. All received a warm welcome from the Kirkinriola Family and this continues to play an important role in the choices parents make for their Preschoolers joining our school.

In December we enjoyed the usual festivities and the PTA paid for buses to take the whole school to see Goldilocks at the Grand Opera House, Belfast. Pupils designed Christmas cards to help raise funds in school. The PTA once again provided selection boxes for our Santa visit and a great day was had by all.

After the Christmas holidays, PTA members steamed ahead and prepared to host a new showcase event, 'The Kirkinriola Primary School Spring Fayre and Craft Market'. Due to ongoing restrictions and Covid-19 risk

assessments, the event was held offsite at the Ballymena North Centre. The event was a huge success and many members of the wider Ballymena community commented on how amazing the school's PTA were for putting on such an amazing event.

March was also historic for another reason, as we were visited by the Minister for Education, Michelle McIlveen. The PTA attended a meeting with the minister and once again Mrs. R Campbell made a lasting impression with her world class shortbread. Pupils presented the minister with a bug hotel that was built by a member of the local community. The minister commented on how impressed she was by the ongoing commitment of all involved in the development of Kirkinriola Primary School.

In May 2022 the school celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee with our Shared Education Partner School, St Paul's Primary, Ahoghill. The PTA match funded EA funding so we were able to have bouncy castles, refreshments, and a children's entertainer for the morning. This event was enjoyed by all pupils and will be a day they will always remember.

In June the PTA provided tea and coffee, funded ice creams and bouncy castles to coincide with Sports Day. This enabled families to socialise fully in the school grounds for the first time since the pandemic. It was lovely to see new families being embraced by the Kirkinriola family.

In mid-June PTA members also served tea and coffee at the P1 Induction afternoon. This promoted a welcoming environment in school and offered new parents opportunity to chat with current parents and pupils.

As usual, our final event of the year was prize night with a whole host of entertainment on show by our pupils in 'Kirkinriola's Got Talent'. The PTA provided refreshments for the interval and supported school in setting up and clearing the hall. The PTA also paid for Leavers Bears that were presented to all Primary 7 pupils.

The PTA achieved so much in 2021-2022 and I hope many new families will join up this year to enjoy the fun.

Kind regards,

Emily McCaffery  
Interim Principal