



## **Chairmans Report November 2023- November 2024 - Carol Kirkpatrick**

**Welcome** - A very warm welcome to all of you who gave up their time to come this evening, your support is invaluable. It's of great pride to me how our teachers, parents, guardians and community support our school, and its children. It takes a village, and our village positively impacts our children's lives.

**PTA Objectives** - The object of our PTA is to organise events that enhance our children's school life experience, and where possible to raise money from these events. We aim to involve as many children as we can in these events though out the year. We also try to access funding and grants that can benefit the school.

As Staff, Parents & Guardians of the children at Anahilt Primary school we are automatically members of our PTA.

**Committee** - We have a dedicated elected committee who run the day to day work of the PTA.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	Carol Kirkpatrick
<b>Secretary</b>	Helen Pratt
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gillian Stronge
<b>Principal</b>	Andrew Smyth
<b>Teachers Rep</b>	Amanda Humphreys
<b>Trustee</b>	Jean Barrett Quinn
<b>Trustee</b>	Lynda Brudenell
<b>Trustee</b>	Suzanne Phillips
<b>Trustee</b>	Meaghan Sinclair
<b>Trustee</b>	Andrea Walker
<b>Trustee</b>	Leanne Spencer
<b>Trustee</b>	Vicky McGuinness
<b>Co-Opted PTA Member</b>	Jodi Griffin
<b>Co-Opted PTA Member</b>	Roisin Wilson
<b>Co-Opted PTA Member</b>	Jillian Jones
<b>Co-Opted PTA Member</b>	Stephen Baird
<b>Co-Opted PTA Member</b>	Vonla Gregg
<b>Co-Opted PTA Member</b>	Samantha Bell

**Grants** - We have not Applied for any grants this year, We have received money from one we undertook last year and but we have an application in for one for the coming year. Which I had positive news about yesterday. This is for moving the summer hut from next door over to the school grounds. Many Thanks to Andrew Gowan for guiding me with this and keeping an eye out for grant possibilities for us.

**Fundraising** - Our key aim for 2023/2024 was to continue our theme of creating amazing spaces for our children through our School transformation Project.



**Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

We all know our school needs modernisation to make it a bright, stimulating & welcoming environment which the children will enjoy being in. To this end the PTA have dedicated much time and effort rejuvenating the school.

We have organised 5 main events in the past year and have run various other activities to raise money for our funds.

<b>Project / Event</b>	<b>Money Raised after Expenses</b>
Christmas Fair 2023	<b>£1578.34</b>
Movie & Munch Night	<b>£248.58</b>
Easter Disco	<b>£318.41</b>
Pringles Tin Competition	<b>£1,084.79</b>
Sports Day refreshments	<b>£159.27</b>
Soap Box Derby	<b>£909.60</b>

**Spend** - So, we raised some money? What did we do with it? We bought new blinds, Smartboards, paint, leavers hoodies, P1 book bags, P1 Linen PE bags and much more.

We have painted the KS1 corridor this year, that follows on from the great work in the previous year for the building. We now only have corridor floor to buy and fit.

The library & Store cupboard was another project we got to over the summer months, putting in new shelves, painting and redesigning the spaces. We have ear marked money for Mr Smyth to order the new floor carpet for this and hopefully will get this done in the new year. We are looking to get some comfy seating for the library also, perhaps bean bags and chairs to sit in. Mrs Hannah is working on stocking up the shelves with new books.

**Thanks** - Our thanks go to all who have supported us this year and I know will continue to do so into the future. The Parents of our children most of all, without you we would be in a very different place.

The AMCA team have been extremely supportive throughout and have been on board with what we are trying to achieve and a helping hand with our events.

Mr Smyth & Mrs Brush have been a brilliant support and sounding board to me and the rest of the PTA. The staff at the school have all been very supportive and helpful going out of their way to aid the PTA.

My thanks to the Board of Governors working in the background to support our school and what we want to do to improve it.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to all on the committee who have dedicated much time, effort, money & sweat to our last year. You made it what it is and I am very grateful to you all.

I would also like to extend the committees deepest thanks to Andrea Walker. This is her last year on the PTA, and she has been a great devotee to it. I myself have received much help and encouragement from her and will be lost without her on committee. Thankfully she is only down the road!

Keep up the great work everyone!