



## Welcome

Welcome everyone, thanks for attending this year's Parent Teacher's Association's (PTA) AGM. We are so pleased that we can once again meet in person!

As I'm sure everyone can appreciate, PTA activity and fundraising was limited during the previous 2 years due to COVID 19. Although we know school remained open and teachers worked as hard if not harder than normal, we as a committee did not feel it appropriate to attempt any of our own organised events during this period but we were fortunate to be able to achieve a few grants, partner with Annahilt & Magheraconluce Community Association (AMCA), receive very generous donations and fundraise through various activities. This income allowed us to support the school through one of its most challenging times in recent history.

## PTA Objective

The objectives of the Anahilt Primary School PTA is to organise fundraising events and activities where possible and make these as much fun as possible, to involve as many people as we can, and to access funding and grants for the benefit of the school.

As staff, parents, grandparents or carers of the children of Anahilt Primary School, we are automatically members of the PTA.

## School Leadership

Since we last held a PTA meeting there has been a major change within the school leadership with Mr Reid being replaced by Mr Smyth as Principal. We would like to thank Mr Reid for his leadership and dedication to Anahilt PS, having made a major impact on our children's education and been a strong advocate for the PTA making our lives a little easier!

We are delighted that Mr Reid's replacement Mr Smyth has immediately stepped in where Mr Reid left off and been a steady hand to guide us through the last difficult period of COVID and since the new term has started has begun in a really positive manner and shown leadership and a dynamic approach to education, bringing back many of the popular aspects of the school that had been stopped or at least significantly reduced during the challenging years of COVID, these include more after school activities, Early Birds and we are looking forward to the return of popular events such as the Harvest Festival and the Christmas Fair.

## Committee

We have an elected committee who manager all aspects of the PTA. Current committee:

Chair	Janet Patterson
Treasurer	Alison Wilson
Secretary	Vonla Gregg
Committee Member	Rachel Vaughan
Committee Member	Andrea Walker

I am sad to say that after 8 years on the committee and 5 years of being our loyal treasurer, Alison is moving on as her children are no longer at the school. She will be sorely missed, not only because of the tireless work, excellent financial control and love of the school but from an entirely selfish perspective, I will miss all the craic! Our Secretary Vonla Gregg is also moving on and we would like to thank her for her great assistance.

For the PTA to continue to grow in strength we require new committee members, we have had a number already proposed and I would welcome any others considering joining to please come forward.

We are now looking for input and ideas from members new and old who are also willing to help implement them, and in so doing, support our school. If you do have any suggestions, these can be made at PTA meetings, by email, or by finding us in the playground.

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The AGM is the PTA's only formal meeting of the year, covering committee elections, and the Treasurer's annual financial report.

## Grants

During 2020-22 we benefitted greatly from four grants, two from Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council (LCCC) one for the Pergula and one for the Centenary event and two from Daera for iPads, bubble tube and towards the computer suite. As always we are very thankful to Andrew Gowan for his help with this and the many hours of work he put in to achieve the funding. These purchases will be beneficial to our school and great assets for our pupils.

## Fundraising & Deliverables

In June 2021 we were delighted to launch our brand new ICT suite a massive step forward for the school and ensuring that pupils are able to use PCs without having to share.

The school used some funding from our PTA to recarpet and paint the new dedicated 'Sensory Space'. This facility has been of great benefit to our pupils assisting their general well being.

A spectacular 'Harry Ferguson' mural has been funded by Lisburn and Castlereagh Council through their centenary funding, secured by the PTA. The project is based around celebrating the achievements of a local person who stands out in our history - in our case - Harry Ferguson, creating a community art piece in their honour to mark NI100. Local artist Ruth Murphy-Agnew, was commissioned to do the work and has done an excellent job. A beautiful mural to be enjoyed for years to come.

Fundraising	
2020/21	2021/2022
Christmas raffle	Break the Rules day
Christmas cards	Christmas cards
Break the Rules day	Sale of uniform
Sale of Cookbooks	Sale of Cookbooks
Donations	Donations
Uniforms	Movie & Munch
LCCC Centenary event	Cash for Clobber
DAERA towards ICT suite	DAERA towards iPads
	Sports day refreshments
	AMCA Jubilee Event
	Hire of equipment / refreshments AMCA

Deliverables	
2020/21	2021/2022
P7 Leavers outing	Pergula
Classroom supplies	Christmas Dinner expenses
Christmas school dinner	Wall mural & extra paint
Painting of shed	iPads
Contribution towards wooden gatehouse	Parentkind insurance
Contribution towards polytunnel	Sports day expenses
Gifts during COVID	New sensory room
Sports day medals	P7 Leavers outing

## Finally

Finally, but most importantly, thank you to our pupils, parents, families, friends, staff of Anahilt PS and members of the local community (in particular AMCA for all their efforts) who have all played a huge part in raising funds for our school. It goes without saying, that without all the PTA helpers, who generously bake, man stalls, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be no PTA events and therefore, we look forward to being able to get back to some version of normality this next year.

Looking forward, we have many plans and many things we would love to improve. Please continue to support us whether practically at events or financially by sponsorship or donations. We look forward to working together to raise funds for our pupils and our amazing school.

Thank you

**Janet Patterson**  
Chairperson



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