

Good evening everyone,

Thank you for attending tonight's AGM. For those that don't know me my name is Tracy Bird, and I have had the privilege of serving as the Chair of our PTA over the past year.

Tonight is an excellent opportunity to reflect on our journey over the past year and to share with you the remarkable work that our PTA has accomplished. Together with our committed committee members and the unwavering support of our school community, we have made significant strides in enhancing the educational experience for our children.

In the next few minutes, I will provide an overview of our activities, achievements, and financial standing for the year. I'll also touch upon some of the challenges we've encountered and share our exciting plans for the year ahead.

One of the most exciting aspects of our PTA's work is the numerous events and activities we organize throughout the year. These events not only provide our school community with memorable experiences but also serve as vital fundraising opportunities. I'm delighted to share with you a snapshot of the incredible events we hosted over the past year:

- **Christmas Fayre:** We kicked off the year with the Christmas Fayre. It was a delightful event, featuring stalls, games, and a grotto. It was a wonderful way to bring our school community together. The turnout was exceptional and selling out our chocolate tombola in 30 was incredible. Big thank you to Kelly and her family for running that stall.
- **Three Different Discos:** Our PTA went the extra mile to ensure our children had a blast with not one, but three different discos throughout the year. These events were a hit among the students, providing them with a chance to let loose and have fun.
- **Easter Bingo and Raffle:** Easter brought with it the excitement of bingo and a raffle. Families gathered for an evening of friendly competition and the chance to win some fantastic prizes.
- **Quiz Night:** Our quiz night was a brain-teasing, laughter-filled evening for parents, teachers, and friends. It was an excellent opportunity for everyone to showcase their knowledge or lack of and enjoy some friendly rivalry.
- **Summer Fete:** The highlight of our summer was undoubtedly our Summer Fete. It was a day filled with games, entertainment, and a sense of community that truly exemplifies the spirit of our school.
- **Challenge 2023:** Our most ambitious undertaking this year was the "Challenge 2023." This challenge not only tested our fundraising skills but also pushed us to think creatively and set new benchmarks. I'm delighted to announce that it was our most successful challenge to date, raising £2743.11

In addition to our major events, our regular Friday tuck shop remained a valuable link between our school community and our PTA presence.

These events and community activities would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our committee members, volunteers, and the support of our school staff and parents. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for making these events successful and memorable.

As we move forward, I remain committed to creating more memorable experiences and fundraising events to benefit our children.

In the past year, our PTA has achieved remarkable financial success, here's a brief overview of our financial performance and the positive impact of our events:

- **Total Revenue Generated:** Through our collective efforts at various events and initiatives, we proudly generated a total revenue of over £19'450. This substantial sum is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our PTA members, volunteers, and the unwavering support of our school community.
- **Challenge 2023:** Among our achievements, "Challenge 2023" stands out as the most successful event, bringing in a substantial profit of £2,796. This event not only bolstered our financial resources but also had a direct impact on our local community. It served as a wonderful example of how we can involve our children in supporting local initiatives while fostering a sense of community unity.
- **Mainstay Activities:** Our mainstay activities, including the Tuck Shop, Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre, and School Discos, have continued to be successful.

Thank you to everyone who helped put these events together and volunteered their time in making this the success it was.

Over the past year, our PTA has been committed to enhancing the learning environment and experiences for our children. I am thrilled to share with you the significant achievements and initiatives in this regard:

- **Outdoor Classroom Completion:** One of our proudest accomplishments has been the completion of our outdoor classroom. This project not only enhances the learning opportunities for our students but also provides them with a unique and inspiring space to connect with nature and expand their horizons. It's a testament to our dedication to fostering holistic education.
- **Classroom Awards:** As part of our ongoing support for each classroom, we were able to award £100 to every classroom. These funds have been put to great use, enriching the teaching and learning experiences within each room. It's a small but meaningful way to show our commitment to the educational journey of our children.
- **Restoration of Welly Racks**
- **Permanent Playground Markings:** We implemented permanent playground markings, providing the children with a colourful and engaging space for play and learning. This kind of lasting investment is something I am keen for PTA funds to continue to support.
- **TVs for 3 Breakout Rooms:**

Again, these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of our committee members, the support of our school staff, and the contributions from our generous school community.

In any journey, challenges are inevitable, but I'm proud to say we overcame them. Over the past year, we faced a couple of significant challenges that tested us. Some examples are:

- **Volunteer Shortage for the Summer Fete:** One of our foremost challenges was ensuring we had enough volunteers to run our Summer Fete to run smoothly. As we all know, this event requires a considerable amount of manpower to orchestrate. However, through concerted efforts and outreach to our school community, we were able to rally enough volunteers to ensure the event's success. It was a wonderful example of our community coming together when it mattered most. Including supporting us in the rain!!!

- **Ticket Sales for the Quiz Night:** Another challenge we encountered was related to ticket sales for our Quiz Night. Despite our best efforts, selling enough tickets posed a bit of a hurdle. However, it's important to highlight that even when facing this challenge, we persevered, and our Quiz Night was still a success. It has continued to be a challenge this time around too and is not an event I would be keen to run again. Without sounding negative not everything we do can be a resounding success!

These challenges, while momentarily daunting, didn't deter us from our mission. Instead, we found creative solutions, worked together, and ultimately achieved success.

As we start a new year academic year for our PTA, it's an opportune moment to outline the vision and plan for the future. Here's what we have in store for the upcoming year:

- **Continuing Our Proven Events Calendar:** We are pleased to announce that we will continue with our well-established events calendar that has brought joy, fun, and valuable resources to our school community. Our mainstay events, including the Tuck Shop, Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre, and School Discos, will remain a vital part of our calendar. These events have not only been financially successful but have also fostered a sense of unity within our school and local community.

- **Adding New Dimensions:** In our quest to keep our events exciting and engaging, we plan to introduce a few new additions to our calendar. One such addition is the "Christmas Wreath Making" event, which promises to be a festive and creative activity to enjoy together, there are only 2 spaces left on Tuesday 28th November.

- **Exploring Charitable Opportunities:** Beyond our events, we remain committed to supporting our school through additional means. We will actively explore opportunities for charity grants that align with our mission and goals. These grants will help us continue to provide valuable resources and experiences for our children. We have the Tesco grant ending the end of this month!

Before I conclude, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have played a significant role in the success of our PTA over the past year:

- **Fellow PTA Members:** I extend my deepest appreciation. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support have been the driving force behind our accomplishments. Together, we have achieved great things and I look forward to the year ahead.

- **Volunteers:** A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to support our events. Your willingness to step forward and help has been invaluable.

- **Sponsorship from James Kew and British Gas:** I would like to extend special gratitude to our sponsor, James Kew from British Gas, who supported our Outdoor Classroom and the enchanting Santa's Grotto at our Christmas Fair. His sponsorship has made a significant difference in the success of these initiatives, and we are truly grateful for your support.

- ****The School Community:**** I also want to thank the school community as a whole for their support and collaboration. While they may no longer be with us, I'd like to acknowledge the immense support we received from Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Seviour during their time at our school. Their dedication to our cause was instrumental in our achievements.

Our PTA's success is the result of a collective effort, and it's heartwarming to see how our school community comes together to make a difference in the lives of our children.

Thank you, once again, for your dedication, support, and contributions.

In closing, I would like to express my deep appreciation for your trust, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our PTA. With your support, there is no doubt that the next year holds great promise.

Thank you for being an integral part of our PTA, and here's to a successful year ahead!

Next, Kelly has our financial report