



Chair's Report

About the PTA

Granton Primary School Parent Teachers Association (PTA) is a registered charity entirely run by volunteers. Its steering committee is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The committee currently consists of: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 6 elected members. The officers also act as legal Trustees and are registered with the Charity Commission in addition to a representative from the school staff.

Some of the benefits of being registered as a charity with the Charity Commission include:

- eligibility to [receive charitable donations from local and national companies](#)
- eligibility to [apply to grant-making charitable trusts, statutory and lottery funding organisations](#)
- eligibility for [payroll giving](#) and [company matched giving](#) schemes
- Establishes [a clear set of rules](#) by which your PTA operates

In order to support the school's fundraising priorities, the PTA organises a variety of social events and continues looking for other fundraising opportunities throughout the year, such as sponsorships, match funding, easyfundraising and other such schemes.

Academic Year 2017/18

This year the committee consciously reassessed its priorities with the following aims:

1. To ensure PTA resources, including committee members' time and capacity, are being utilised as efficiently as possible
2. To improve the profit margin on each event and maximise fundraising potential for the school by carefully reviewing profit vs expense on events and slashing costs wherever possible; where there was a significant imbalance in terms of effort vs profit for the school, some events have been reduced or removed altogether
3. To take into account feedback received from parents, carers and school leadership and staff and continue improving community engagement with the PTA
4. To create opportunities for other groups and the students themselves, where possible, to discover for themselves the positive benefits of volunteering and community involvement. The aim is to continue developing this as a crucial part of learning good citizenship for our children.

This approach has led to the PTA's most successful fundraising year. This year almost £6,000 in projects have been supported by the PTA and feedback on the two major events, the Winter and Summer Fairs, has been overwhelmingly positive. Smaller fundraisers, such as the cake sales, have also been well received and very profitable.

Special thanks to those that have supported the PTA:

Oaks Estate agents, who sponsored the estate agent boards for the Summer Fair and SLM who sponsored the boards for the Winter Fair, as well as the many other local businesses for their support on the silent auctions and all the fantastic bakers (and cake buyers) for their generosity.



Working in partnership with the school

The PTA has worked closely with the leadership of the school, communicating frequently with the new Head Teacher and deputy heads, as well as Key Stage leaders on various projects and Committee decisions as they have been made throughout the year. Although some constructive feedback has been raised by parents not currently involved with the PTA's activities, the Committee has endeavoured to respond to feedback positively and build bridges where none yet exist. The Committee recognises there are still areas which could be improved, particularly communication within the school community as well as building capacity through volunteer recruitment, and is actively working towards constructive solutions to issues as they arise.

How the PTA is planning to benefit the school and pupils over the coming year

The PTA remains committed to contributing generously wherever possible to the many enrichment activities to which Granton children would otherwise not have access. The Committee has played an important role in this regard as state funding continues to shrink and intends to continue supporting the school's funding priorities for the foreseeable future. With Granton's 90th birthday approaching, the PTA remains a vibrant part of the Granton Family and is working with the school to mark this tremendous achievement.

Please refer to the Treasurer's Report for more in-depth accounts of the year. Both of these reports will be found on the PTA Website or by emailing your request to grantonpta@gmail.com.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kelli Wolfe'.

Kelli Wolfe
Chair, 2017-18