

## OMAGH COUNTY PS . P.T.F.A.

### End of Year Newsletter 2024-2025

#### Pumpkin Patch - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

The 2024 term kicked off with Omagh County's first ever Pumpkin Patch held in October at the school. A very popular event with children, parents and grandparents all getting involved. The glorious October sunshine we had on the day, made it all the more special.

Adults and children alike enjoyed selecting their pumpkin, carving it, taking a break for a hot dog or burger or an overdue coffee and then rounding off their time roasting marshmallows over an open fire, what's wasn't to love!!

The display of scarecrows made by each year group, painted wooden pallets designed by our own PTFA committee members, bales of hay kindly on loan from David and Christopher and of course our selfie photo frame all added to the fun atmosphere.

A special thanks to everyone who helped stage the event - from decorations, to the collection and delivery of three hundred pumpkins, providing food and helping to clear up at the end- it is true to say many hands make light work!

A brilliant event, well supported by the school community so **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**



#### Toy Sale - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024

This is the third year we have organised our Preloved Toy Sale, and each year it grows bigger and better. There was so much on offer at a great discounted price, it was a shoppers dream. We thank everyone who donated to this event and to all our shoppers who came down on the day to support us and purchase a toy.



### **Christmas Craft Fair - 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The Craft Fair is an annual event on OCPS PTFA Calendar. This year, we had twenty different craft tables booked in, with a range of products on display, so it was a great opportunity to start the Christmas shopping early.

Santa and Mrs Claus also made an appearance on the night, with some very excited children getting the opportunity to tell him what was on their Christmas list this year.

A big thank you to our canteen staff who provided the tasty shortbread and who come in on the night to help. Also to all the committee members who give up their time to decorate Santa's grotto, hang lights and to man the various stations on the night.



### **Cash Call - February**

During the month of February, PTFA members were collecting entries for the first ever OCPS Cash Call, which proved to be a huge success. There was a great buzz around school, with parents all eager to see if they would be the lucky winner of £500 and receive the call from Ms Funston.

**Congratulations again to Kelly who was our winner- Keep your eyes peeled for this running again!**



### **Ivy & Gold Personalised Bracelet Making Workshop**

Whilst the main aim of the PTFA is to fundraise and hold events for our children, so they can experience that 'little bit extra' in their school lives, this year we decided this year we would host a night for the ladies on the run up to Mothers' Day to come along and have a night out. This was very successful and the ideal Mothers' Day gift for some lucky ladies.



### **Jurassic Ark Encounters**

The PTFA were able to fund this brilliant experience for the children in May with Jurassic Ark Encounters kindly organised by the boys and girls in the School Council with help from Mrs Crosbie.

The money raised from the Toy Sale back in November directly funded this event.



### **PTFA Funding Laptop Purchase**

We were delighted to be able to fund thirty new laptops and accessories for the school this year. The substantial amount of money needed for this has been raised over the years by current and past PTFA members. Once again, thank you for supporting our events to allow us to be able gift resources like these which will benefit all our children.



### **Summer Fair - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

The end of the school year is in sight when the Summer Fair rolls around, and this year we saw a record breaking crowd descend on the playing fields to enjoy all the fun and games. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. An event this size does not run itself and the manpower required to keep things running smoothly is no small feat. There were plenty of smiling faces when Roy Carroll made an appearance to take the children on at "Beat the Goalie". Even Ms Funston got in on the act, getting the biggest cheer from the boys and girls as she took (and scored) the first penalty against him!!



**And Finally .....**

A special thank you to our teacher representatives this year Mrs Pollock and Mrs Crosbie and to Ms Funston and Mr McGonigle for all their help behind the scenes. The PTFA are off now for a well-deserved break and will be back again in September to begin a new round of fundraising initiatives to support our wonderful school!