



Twiss Green Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association
Registered Charity Number 1140113



Trustees' Annual Report

2012 - 2013

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is an end-of-year summary which explains how Twiss Green PTFA has met its charitable objects. If you are a member of our school community or you have supported our school by sponsoring us, donating prizes or attending our events, this report is written for you.



CHARITY DETAILS

Members of the Association

Parents, guardians and carers of children at school; school staff (both teaching & non-teaching) and any person over the age of 18 wishing to offer appropriate support or help to the school and who is accepted by the Committee as a Member. All members are entitled to vote at an AGM and be elected to the Committee.

Twiss Green PTFA Committee

The Association is a charity which is managed by a voluntary Committee of charity trustees. Trustees are elected at the AGM. The term of office runs until the following AGM. The four officers are the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Following a year in office, trustees may be asked to continue in their role, or to remain as a trustee without an officer role.

Charity Address

Twiss Green Community Primary School, Twiss Green Lane, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 4DQ

School Management

Miss Lesley McGann (Headteacher) and Mrs Annick Platt (Chair of Governors)

Finance

Bankers: NatWest Plc, 446 Warrington Road, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 5QS

Independent Examiners: Styles and Co Accountants Limited, Heather House, 473 Warrington Road, Culcheth, Warrington, Cheshire, WA3 5QU

Charity Status

Registration Date: 28th January 2011: Registration Number: 1140113

Charity Objects

The object of the Association (the *Objects*) is to advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- 2.1 Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
- 2.2 Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

FOREWORD

I have been at Twiss Green for almost sixteen years now and have never ceased to be impressed with the support we have received over the years from parents, grandparents and friends who are associated with the school. The children at Twiss Green are incredibly lucky to be on the receiving end of an incredible amount of fund-raising that is carried out throughout the year by the Parent, Teacher and Friends' Association (PTFA).

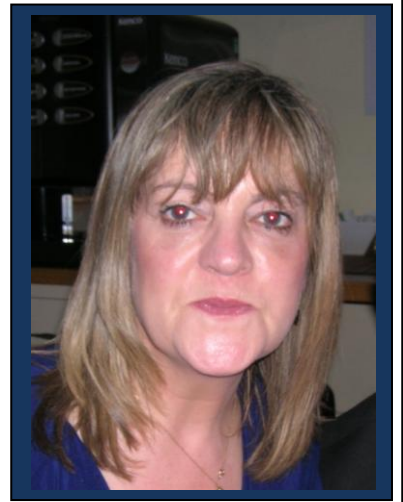
The main objective of the Association is to work in partnership with the school in helping to advance the education of our children. In reality this means supporting and organising events and donating the proceeds to the school in the form of new equipment or improvement projects. In the past the PTFA has enabled us to purchase sports kit, science equipment, computers, play equipment, interactive whiteboards, landscaping improvements, reading schemes – the list is endless. The members have also ensured that the children have been able to take part in educational visits which are extremely enjoyable but can sometimes be prohibitively expensive.

This year the PTFA has provided us with a set of seven iPads which have been used extensively throughout the school in a wide range of contexts. Children in Reception class and Year 1 have used them to support their handwriting and phonics work. Earlier this year the children in Year 5 took them to Whitby and used them to produce documentaries for their Sunshine Assembly (excerpts will be shared with those attending the AGM).

ICT is an essential element of the children's learning and the iPads provide a fantastic facility for supporting teaching and learning. However, the basic skills have to be taught using PCs and discrete ICT lessons take place in the school's Computer Suite. In addition, we ensure that every class in school has a set of six laptops so that the children are able to use and apply ICT skills in all aspects of their learning. We are able to sustain a rolling programme of replacement hardware as a direct result of generous PTFA funding. This year Reception class has been provided with a substantial amount of money to improve their outdoor play equipment and I know that Mrs Durr has yet more plans to improve the outdoor learning environment and will be requesting more help to do this!

School funding in the future may be a cause for genuine concern but with the support of such a fantastic group of people I feel that the future enjoyment and enrichment of our children's school days is guaranteed.

Lesley McGann (Headteacher)



We raise money by recycling fabric with Bag2School.



By registering with Easyfundraising we raise money every time we shop on line



This year we helped to keep Easter teeth sugar-free by providing a tooth brush and tooth paste for each pupil, thanks to Proctor & Gamble, via ex-TG parents, Mr & Dr Harrison

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Our stunning Reception Class wellies; planted with the generous help of Mrs Anderson (of Breakfast Club fame). Just one of the ways in which the PTFA helps to keep the school grounds looking beautiful!



THE PTFA COMMITTEE

A message from Mrs Fiona Sutton-Wilson (Chair)



To round off my second year as the Chairperson for Twiss Green PTFA it will be no surprise that I have one or two things to say. As Miss McGann points out in her Foreword, we are undoubtedly fortunate, at Twiss Green, to have a band of extremely dedicated and entrepreneurial parents who create the bulk of our volunteer workforce. I've never made a secret of the fact that the last decade (oh yes... it's been nearly ten whole years since I became a TG parent) has been such a lot of fun. I've worked alongside some dynamic, brilliant and highly entertaining individuals. As the years have rolled on (and especially the last two in which I have become much more involved in the organisation of the charity) I have realised what dedicated and caring teachers we have in our gang. EVERY teacher at Twiss Green gets involved in PTFA activities in one way or another (either a lot or a little). At one time or another each class teacher has thanked me for the outstanding support they receive from parents. This is truly an incredible partnership. I'm not pretending it's always perfect, or that there aren't sometimes differing opinions, because there are. What we do have is a lot of good will and a common desire to make our extended Twiss Green family the best it can be for the benefit of our children. With so much activity and support, I sometimes ponder on the merits of singling out individuals (mainly because I don't want to offend anyone who isn't mentioned – nor sound like an Oscar's speech), but as I have given myself the editorial power, I'm going to take the risk and mention six people. Apologies in advance for any embarrassment caused.

1. Anyone who knows **Tracie Cotton** will already know why I think she's fantastic. A brilliantly supportive Vice Chair. This year has been such a lot of fun. Thank you Tracie.
2. **Mr Ross**... Mr Ross. What a big difference you have made. Thank you for leading our Jim Jam Jog event.
3. The lovely (and very knowledgeable) **Mrs Anderson** from Breakfast Club. After 21 years as a TG parent and now as a member of staff, her energy and enthusiasm leave me breathless.
4. Our fantastic Treasurer, **Adrian Connell**. Thank you for your constant reminders (not nagging) and for making it all so easy – yippee!
5. My lovely husband **Jamie Sutton-Wilson**, who doesn't do much at our events (apart from Marshalling the Fireworks and letting us spend his money), but he deserves a BIG thanks for supporting my role as Chair for two years. What a hero!
6. Finally, our events can only go ahead with the terrific support we have from our consistently committed Headteacher, **Miss McGann**, who sets the tone for a really good partnership and goes out of her way to make PTFA events run so smoothly in school – even forgiving us when we push our luck a bit too far! Very much appreciated. "I can no other answer make, but, thanks and thanks." Shakespeare, *W, Twelfth Night*, Act 3, Sc 3.

A message from Mrs Tracie Cotton (Vice Chair)

I offer support to the Chair of the PTFA and I, alongside the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary ensure that the PTFA is run effectively. I am registered as a Trustee of the PTFA with the Charity Commission and our aim is to act responsibly with the aims and direction of the property, finances and resources. When my son started at Twiss Green School, I wanted to get involved with the school so I could be kept informed of what was going on. I attended my first PTFA meeting and I soon realised that they need parents to be involved and to help in any way you can, whether it is a little or a lot. The feeling of being welcomed into an amazing community orientated School has never diminished and I have loved the social and fun side of everything I have done. I thought I knew a lot of people before being involved in Twiss Green, but now I have met people that I know will be friends for life.

A message from Mr Adrian Connell (Treasurer)

Our daughter Louisa entered into reception class last September and I was keen to get involved with the PTFA to play an active part in her education. Les Styles had decided to step down after a number of years of service as the PTFA Treasurer, and as a finance professional it seemed a good role for me to assume. One year on, I have no regrets - Les handed over the records of a financially strong and well organised charity which made it a straightforward transition. It has been a great experience for me, occasionally hard work counting up the takings after a big event like the fireworks, but mostly a fun and sociable activity. Being involved with the PTFA is a good way to add to the sense of community we have at the school.

Becoming a member of the committee is a worthwhile activity. Why not consider it yourself?

TRUSTEE PHOTO GALLERY



Mrs Tracie Cotton
Vice Chairperson



Mr Adrian Connell
Treasurer



Mrs Sarah Jameson
Secretary



Mr David Owen
Trustee



Mr Richard Platt
Trustee



Mr Les Styles
Trustee

ACHIEVEMENTS: WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF TWISS GREEN PTFA?

Our main objective is to enhance the education of pupils who attend Twiss Green Primary School. We can do this in a number of ways, but our main activities centre around a busy social and fundraising events programme. By harnessing the best opportunities that living in a close community can bring, we hope to promote an environment in which children and their families enjoy their time at Twiss Green and feel included in the wider Twiss Green family. All of our activities are carried out in agreement with the school and our policies reflect school policies.

This academic year we collaborated with other schools in the local cluster to promote greater community cohesion with two adult social events: the Fashion Show and Inter-School Quiz. Funds were raised for each participating school and positive relationships were developed between the parent bodies. With an element of playful competition, the Inter-School Quiz was very popular and (as the winning team) we look forward to hosting the second annual Inter-School Quiz in the spring!

As well as raising money, it is important that we spend it. To make life simple, we allocate a School Pledge at the beginning of the year through which the Headteacher can purchase smaller items (up to £1000 per item) and enrich learning by organising at least one school trip/visit for each year group up to £500 (at no further cost to parents). Other regular items in the School Pledge include: entertainment at the school Christmas parties; Year 6 leavers' presents; ice pops at sports day; and a number of other items throughout the school year. This means that we don't need a big committee discussion every time money is spent. As well as smaller items we make larger investments in the school, such as the outdoor adventure trails (play equipment) and sand pit. This year we partially funded the refurbishment of the upper juniors' bay, a visit to school by the popular children's author Neil Askey, as well as the iPads mentioned in the Foreword. Finally, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Coronation we arranged to have commemorative mugs made for each pupil, as a gift from Twiss Green, which we hope they will keep and treasure. In the forthcoming year we hope to support the School Governors in contributing to a covered outdoor area in the Infants' playground.

The main thrust of our fundraising activities benefit our own children directly. However, we strive to help our children to learn about the world around them, the needs of others and different ways in which they can make a difference locally and globally. We regularly work with school to raise money for the Mwanjati Village School Trust (a charity established by Miss McGann and a number of parents several years ago); Breast Cancer Care, Comic Relief and Children in Need. In addition, we also support St Rocco's Hospice, the 'Shoebbox Appeal' and Action for Children.

GROUND FORCE AT TWISS GREEN

Who needs Alan Titchmarsh?! Until the end of this year (August 2013), we had our very own Alan... Mr Alan Leech. As part of the PTFA Grounds Committee, Alan has worked alongside Richard Platt, Carrie Anderson, Sarah Jameson, Miss McGann and a dedicated group of volunteers to maintain the school grounds with our own version of Ground Force.

Both Alan and his wife, Hilary, have made outstanding contributions to the PTFA during their time at Twiss Green. In addition to maintaining the grounds they have led many of our major events and have always made themselves available to help where they can. We will miss you, Mr & Mrs Leech. Many thanks and best wishes to you and your daughter as you move on to the secondary school phase.

MAIN EVENTS

Autumn Term

Event/Activity	Yr	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/ closed	Social/ Fundraiser
Tea & Tissues	N/A	Mrs C Anderson Mrs F Sutton-Wilson Miss L McGann	Information sessions for Reception parents.	N/A	Closed	Social
Junior Disco	3	Mrs S McGucken	Disco for Junior pupils in the school hall. Thanks to Pete Ramsden for the disco.	£256.30	Closed	Social
Musical Fireworks Extravaganza	4	Mrs G Murgatroid	An exciting firework display to music; fairground rides and stalls.	£1,317.05	Open	Social / Fundraiser
Ladies' Evening	6	Mrs D Peskett Mrs C Ruffley Mrs L Price	Evening of beauty treatments and shopping for female PTFA members and guests.	£655.58	Open	Social / Fundraiser
Christmas Fair	5	Mr N Fuller	Seasonal Stalls, Father Christmas, children's activities, bar – lovely family event for TG families and friends.	£2,604.56	Open	Social / Fundraiser
Christmas Ball	1	Mrs A Crann Mrs S McGucken	Sparkling event to end the year for parents and teachers alike. PTFA members only.	£91.83	Closed	Social

Spring Term

Event	Yr	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/ closed	Social/ Fundraiser
Spring Disco	R&3	Mrs L Connell Mrs L Price	Infants disco followed by junior disco in school. Thanks to Pete Ramsden for the disco.	£468.36	Closed	Social
Fashion Show	N/A	Mrs T Cotton	Joint fundraising and social initiative with other Culcheth schools. Held at The Village Club.	£289.50	Open	Social / Fundraiser
Inter-School Quiz	N/A	Mrs T Cotton	Joint fundraising and social initiative with other Culcheth schools. Held at The Village Club.	£182.36	Open	Social / Fundraiser

Summer Term

Event	Yr	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/ closed	Social/ Fundraiser
Summer Fair	2	Mrs J Doyle Mrs J Flynn	Social/Fundraiser. Traditional stalls and activities for children. Fun for the whole family.	£3,915.82	Open	Social / Fundraiser
Summer Ball	N/A	Mrs F Sutton-Wilson Ms K Saunders	Fundraising Ball for PTFA members and guests. Held at Leigh Golf Club.	£1,022.88	Open	Social / Fundraiser
Jim Jam Jog	N/A	Mr A Ross	Fundraiser. Fun run to school and around the school field to raise money for sports equipment.	£1,857.05	Closed	Social / Fundraiser

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Activity	Yr	Lead	Output	Net Raised	Open/ closed	Social/ Fundraiser
Uniform	N/A	Mrs J Lorton Mrs R Downton Mrs C Reece	Ordering and delivery of the new TG uniform.	£53.10	Closed	Fundraiser
Pre-Loved Uniform	N/A	Mrs F Sutton-Wilson Mrs C Reece	Collection and sale of used uniform.	£76.54	Closed	Fundraiser
Bag2School	N/A	Mr N Fuller	Recycling scheme for unwanted fabric.	£440.00	Open	Fundraiser
Easyfundraising	N/A	Mrs J Doyle Mr D Owen	Donations made by companies when members shop on line.	£325.02	Open	Fundraiser
Vouchers	N/A	Mrs J Lorton	Supermarket vouchers used to buy sports equipment.	N/A	Open	Fundraiser

EVENTS GALLERY

Thank you to our amazing parent body who work really hard to ensure our events run smoothly.

Thanks also to our hard-working and supportive teachers and non-teaching staff (including the very helpful breakfast and after-school club staff, kitchen staff... and our lovely caretaker). We couldn't do it without you!

The PTFA is a fantastic partnership. We have all had a lot of fun this year, while raising money at the same time.

LET'S HOPE NEXT YEAR IS EVEN BETTER



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is a vital element of our fund raising and social activities. Without the generosity of our sponsors we would not be able to hold such fabulous events, offer such excellent prizes OR be able to provide such enriching facilities and activities for our children. Some of our most generous sponsors are our parents – your contribution makes a real difference!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!

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McDees Coffee Shop
Nicola Hardman Indigo Beauty
Pink Cow and Brown Cow (Courtyard)
Proctor & Gamble
Royal Exchange Theatre
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Simon Warner Piano
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Sopranos Restaurant
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System Trader
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The Raj
Sainsbury's
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Xchange Dancewear



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The views expressed are those of Twiss Green PTFA (charity 1140113) and not Twiss Green Community Primary School. Edited, on behalf of the PTFA, by Fiona Sutton-Wilson.

If you own or work for a company which could sponsor a PTFA event, match fund a stall or make a donation to our fundraising, please get in touch with a member of the PTFA Committee in person or by e-mail. Thank you.