

## Friends of Greenmeadow PTA

### Chairpersons Report

Academic Year - 2024/2025

They say time flies when you're having fun and the last year has proven just that.

New to the Chairperson role in Autumn 2024, I was keen to plan a brilliant year with lots of different events (some tried and tested and some new ones) with the aim of raising as much money for the children at Greenmeadow whilst having lots of fun along the way.

Our Autumn/Winter term was jampacked with different events including the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Greenmeadow Primary School. We committed to giving the children a souvenir to mark the event and a poem written especially for the anniversary. During an afternoon of celebrations held in October 2024, souvenirs and poems were given to children as they welcomed teachers past and present and members of the community into the school. We were also pleased to have local councillor - Mandy Owen, Chair of Governors - Mark Riley, Mrs Moses and a group of pupils who topped off the celebrations with a tree planting ceremony. The PTA were on hand to help with refreshments.

As we entered the new year, we were delighted to be awarded the "High Sheriff of Gwent Award" as part of the community group awards made each year. This was a wonderful achievement for the team and a testament to the time, support and dedication the whole PTA gives to the school.

Alongside the celebrations, we held our ever-popular discos (introducing a new "quiet zone" element) with our very own resident DJ and made exciting plans for both the Christmas and Summer fairs. As always, our family contributions and donations were very much appreciated and both events were a great success.

We also decided to welcome Spring with open arms to Greenmeadow this year and held our first "Spring has Spring" event. The sun was on our side and this proved to be a very popular after school event with tasty treats, fun games with lots of prizes and a fantastic raffle. We also held an Easter competition for the children which showcased their imagination and creativity - we had some wonderful winners.

We have remained present throughout the year, offering refreshments or support where needed (our face painting skills are much better than they were at the start of the year) for different occasions/meetings and it has been lovely getting to know more of the children and their families.

The success of the year meant that we have been able to donate and fund lots of much needed equipment, help towards trips and treats for the children and succeed in keeping the children at the heart of what we do. From costumes and coats to

sports equipment and sensory circuits – we hope that every child has benefited from the fabulous fundraising this year.

A full treasurers report is available for reading and lays out our donations/fundraising in more detail.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as chair and hope to continue as a valued member for 2025/2026.

Charlotte Dewar

Outgoing Chair Person

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