



Welcome Back! We are halfway through the first month back and Friends of Granemore wanted to send an update from our previous newsletter in April 2017.

Pub Quiz. In April we held our Pub Quiz which was a good night's craic and raised a total of £815.

The winning class from the allocated quiz teams was Nursery and they enjoyed a day out to Gosford Park. They were provided with a drink and a treat from some of the proceeds of the pub quiz and Jerome Mc Carthy kindly provided the bus for their journey to and from Gosford.



In May we collected back all the filled Smarties tubes provided to the children as an Easter Treat. And this raised a further £1236.60 for school funds.

Family Fun Day. June 11th We held a family fun day and despite the mixed June weather all children and their families had a great morning. Thank you again to all that helped on the day. The total raised for the family fun day was £838.



Funding Update.

We are delighted that we were successful in securing a significant grant of £10,000 from the Awards for All scheme. This money has funded the work completed on the Nursery garden over the summer months. We are sure you will all agree that is looking great and will be a great asset to the children's experience in Nursery for many years to come.

There were additional funds from the fundraising throughout the year used to complete the garden including the purchasing of the paint for the fence and an additional seating area for outside learning/story time for the children. A total of £1010.00 was used along with the grant to complete the work entirely. Thank you to all those who gave up their time to assist in the preparation and painting of the fence.

And a special thank you to past student Ciara Mone, who kindly used her special talent to paint some artwork to the inside of the fence for the children's enjoyment.



Spending Funds.

With thanks to all who have supported the various fundraising events throughout the previous school year, we have been able to provide the school with a cheque this month to allow them to purchase additional resources to enhance the learning experiences and enjoyment of the pupils in St Mary's PS, Granemore.

These will include new table top activities for each class from p1-p7, the purchase of a mobile speaker system for the use in various events in the school throughout the year and a Wicker Water Shelter for outside the Nursery area.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

We have registered Friends of Granemore School with [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and have raised a total of £682.03, to date, through this site!

It is a really easy way to raise funds for the school, it is **money for nothing!!** You click on the-link

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/friendsofgranemoreschool. Then you select your preferred retailer through this link in order to continue your online shopping. There is a huge range of retailers on this as well as insurance, broadband, mobile phone companies etc. With the purchases you make a donation from the retailer is then made to your cause, Friends of Granemore School. It costs you nothing extra. Please consider this as a new method of online shopping and build up the funds for our school. Check out the easy to use video on our Facebook page.

Upcoming Events.

We have had our first committee meeting of this 2017/2018 school year and it was a productive meeting with a lot of ideas for fundraising for the coming months.

We hope to have our **AGM in October** and we will be back with a date on that shortly and would encourage all parents to attend.


The school have identified a new Literacy scheme they would like to purchase also from our fundraising going forward in 2017-2018 so we will have more information on that once we have enough available funds for it.

We will be operating a **Copper Run** again from the 2nd October until the Christmas break. Children will be asked to bring in coppers whenever they can and place them in a Jar in each classroom which we will collect in December. Many Thanks for all the coppers donated to date, Last year's Copper Run raised a total of **£668**.

Our first major fundraising effort will be the selling of **raffle tickets for a calf!** This calf has been kindly donated by Neil Lennon.



We will have further details on this over the coming weeks with the draw to be made in December.

Any comments or queries we can be contacted through our Facebook page  **Friends of Granemore School**, email: friendsofgranemoreschool@hotmail.com or speak to any of the committee member.