

BOOK BUDDIES TAILS ARE WAGGING AFTER DONATION

Coco the dog's tail is wagging thanks to a £100 donation from Kilmaine Primary School's PTA, made to the Book Buddies programme.

Book Buddies, which is part of the charity Pawzitive, works with pupils to develop their literacy skills and confidence with reading. Running 20 sessions over ten weeks at Kilmaine, volunteer Hannah Dunlop explains how bringing her trusty friend Coco the Shih Tzu really helps the children.

"When the children are reading, they read to Coco which is fun and engaging for them and takes a little pressure off rather than reading to an adult. Their confidence is building all the time and of course, their reading is improving," she said.

This is the second cohort of sessions at Kilmaine Primary School and the Parent Teacher Association made the donation after it heard about the fantastic progress the Book Buddies programme was making with some of its Year 3 pupils.

Said Annmarie Johnston, chair of the PTA: "We are truly delighted to make this donation to the Book Buddies programme. It is so beneficial to the pupils involved and we hope this money will help with running costs and to keep reading materials up to date."

Founder of Pawzitive, Fiona Robertson added: "We are so grateful for any donation but particularly from the schools we work with because the money will go back to helping other children. We'd like to thank Kilmaine PTA for its support. It's fantastic to see how Hannah and Coco are helping to improve these children's literacy skills and reading abilities."

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