



Friends of Gillespie

Gillespie Primary School Parent Teacher Association

Academic Year 2017/2018

Thank you for your support in the 2017/18

We would like to thank everyone for supporting the FOG fund raising efforts in the 2017/18 school year especially those who have given up their time. We couldn't do it without an army of volunteers.



What did we fund?

We are often asked where the funds go from the bake sales, parent socials, summer fair etc. It all goes to the school and your children.

This year we funded the following:

- £1,400** - £200 per class for teachers to use
- £400** - Y1 history off the page trip
- £1,608** - Reading Roadmap
- £55** - Reception class trip
- £1,200** - Little match girl Christmas trip
- £300** - Y3 ancient Egyptians history off the page
- £250** - materials for the gardens
- £240** - Reception class trip bus
- £170** - Y6 trip to Rowans
- £400** - Y5 pottery workshop at Claytime

FOG Needs you more then ever -

With funding cuts still impacting the school we will continue to need your help and commitment next year. If you would like to take a lead in organising one of the events below or have an idea for something else please let the committee know. We can help support and guide you.



Autumn Term	Winter Term	Summer Term	Bake Sale
Welcome Lunch [Vicky Hatchett]	Parents Evening Quiz	Parent Social	Reception
Parent Social	Kids Movie Night	Summer Fair [FOG Committee]	Year 1
Halloween Disco [Vicky Hatchett]		Raffle (Prizes and Selling)	Year 2
Match Day Christmas Carolling			Year 3
Christmas Raffle (only selling)			Year 4
Christmas Fair			Year 5

First dates for your diary next term...



Sunday 23rd September 2018 - 12 noon to 3pm

Family Lunch - Bring food to share with others and bake cakes for us to sell.



Summer Fair Round Up

The sun was truly shining on us and England on Saturday 7th July for the summer fair. The first year under the new FOG committee but thankfully Gary was on hand as our Gillespie summer fair expert. Another great turnout this year helped us raise over **£4400**, our highest total ever!!! This will help FOG continue to support the school and the activities of our children. With Government funding cuts this remains crucial.

Our main shows this year consisted of music and singing from Georgie Pope, Rosie and Sam Strachan and Beya Bouslah; exciting storytelling by Emily from "Tales of the Dragonfly" and a fabulous science show from Andrea Sella. There were a variety of new stalls and Mark gamely volunteered to be put in the stocks and have wet sponges thrown at him – a particularly popular event! England beating Sweden in the quarter final of the World Cup was a fitting end to the day!

Yet again Raffle tickets sold like hot cakes, and we had an exciting new addition of a silent auction for parent pledges this year.

A special mention and huge "thank you" in particular to Jacqui, Nathaly and Jenny for working so hard to obtain such an amazing set of prizes. Also thank you to all the parents who made pledges for the silent auction and those who helped sell tickets.

Finally, of course, the summer fair could not take place without huge amounts of help and support from our amazing school parent and teacher community, so we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped, in particular, to:

- Anita for judging the Great Gillespie Bake Off and providing the prizes
- DJ "Paul Piebury" for keeping the music going
- The BBQ team (Stu, Darren, Joao and Lorenzo) who slaved over the cooker for 3 hours
- The Food & Cake team and everyone who supplied items including excellent Afghan food!
- All the parents who volunteered and worked hard on all the stalls in the blistering sun
- Michelle and Hilary who, not only helped on the day but spent hours sorting items for the tombola and bric-a-brac
- Seema and the girls for the wonderful henna tattoos
- Ruth for the excellent Ethiopian coffee
- Jane, Lynn and Sally for keeping the bar going at the fair and during the match
- Katie for keeping the cash flowing
- Jake and Kate for putting together a fabulous photobooth
- Carol and the Lab13 Committee for the super slime making and science busking
- White Brothers for the apple bobbing apples
- Peche Mignon for the delicious sausage and veggie rolls
- Jess and the crafty Y3 kids, some lovely items for sale.
- and last but by no means least, ALL the parents & teachers who helped out in the preparations and clearing up (too many people to list by name)

Special thanks to **Bennett Mason Estate Agents** for their great support again this this year.



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We are also very grateful to the following businesses for kindly donating gifts to Gillespie Primary School for the 2017 Summer Fair - please support these local businesses as they have supported us.

Arsenal & Tottenham FC	Franks Canteen	Louis Farouk	Screen on the Green
Au Lac restaurant	Godfrey's Butchers	Margaux Salon	Season Restaurant
Barnaby's Hairdresser	Highbury Butchers	Miss Pem	Seasons & Blossoms
Blackstock kitchen	Highbury Library bar	Mrs Lovell	Sobell Leisure Centre
Blighty Coffee	Highbury Vintners	National Geographic	Sylvanian Family
Boden	Highness Tea Room	Odeon Holloway Road	Taste Box
Bourne's Fishmonger	Il Guscio restaurant	Okido kids magazine	To Be Established
Breathe Magazine	Ink 84	Oliver Bonas	Vue Cinema Islington
Butler & Booth	Instinct Beauty Salon	Organica Pizza	Walnut Club gift shop
Cafe Beam	Itto Oriental Food	Otto Bun Restaurant	White Bros Fruit n Veg
Cinnamon Village	Kobun Thai Therapy	Ottolenghi	Willows Farm
Clay Time	La Fabrica	Pia's Sandwich Bar	Windsor Castle
Dear Pizza	La Fromagerie	Prawn on the Lawn	Wonderbly Books
Dotori	Lali nails	Romeo's Bakery	Woodbine
Ebony B hairdresser	Little Angel Puppet Theatre	Rowans Bowling	World Rugby Museum
Elizabeth House	Little Sardegna	Sage Coffee Shop	Yard Sale Pizza
Farang Thai	Londis	Salt the Radish	Zebra Hair n Beauty

Winners Enclosure

Well done to everyone who took part in the various competitions on the day. The winners were:



Great Gillespie Bake Off

Best Sponges: Ellie (Y3) and Alice (Y1)

Best Cupcakes: Hannah Charlton and Catarina Afonso

Best Showstopper: Ellen P (Y2) and Stella, Cici & Daisy (Y4)

Trim Trail Olympics: 9+ winner: Mimi (Drayton Park) and 8 & under winner: Amy (Y3)

Netball: KS2 winner: Inigo (Y6) and KS1 winner: Jude (Y2)

Cracker challenge: Aeden (Y7)

Marshmallow challenge: Lyra (Reception)



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Lines of Communication



Please sign up at www.Classlist.co.uk and download the app. There is a verification process to ensure only parents/carers with children in the school can sign-up.



Facebook Address: **FOGillespie**

**Please note this is a closed group. This means only those who ask to join and are from Gillespie School can access. The general public can not see any of the content.



Twitter Address: **@FOGillespie**



Look out for FOG news in the school newsletter that is sent out every two weeks. If you can't find the letter in the bottom of your child's school bag it can be found online on the school website.



The Giving Machine – the easy way to help raise money for FOG

If you are an online shopper you can help easily help us raise money for FOG. We're not asking you to bake or make. We are just asking you to click.

This year we raised **£218.44** from 19 people who purchased something online - insurance, holidays, gifts.

All they did was go through **The Giving Machine** online portal or the **Shop & Give** app to their website of choice before they shopped and raised free cash for FOG.

Sign up www.thegivingmachine.co.uk using sign up code: **143920**. It is all **totally free**; your shopping doesn't cost any more than normal – it's money for nothing.

Direct Donations & Employer Charity Matching



We must stress there is absolutely no obligation or pressure from FOG or the school to donate any money ever but we have been approached by some families who would like to give on a more regular basis, separately from our regular fundraising events. All donations will be completely confidential, only the FOG Treasurer will have access to this information and is bound not to divulge the details of anyone who makes a donation.

If you would like to do this you can set this up very easily either as a one-off or a regular donation via <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/fog>.

Many Companies will **match** charity donations made by their employees. So, if you are considering donating to FOG its worth asking them the question.

Thank you for all your support from Louisa, Bini, Jon and Fiona.