

Friends of Gillespie (FoG)

AGM 2023

Agenda:

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- Accounts for 2022/23
- Summary of FoG activities in 2022/23
- Appointment of Committee Members/Trustees
- Forward plan and priorities for 2023/24
- Discussion on emerging issues

Introduction



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Friends of Gillespie is the parent teacher association for Gillespie School and a registered charity.

With a simple purpose of ***advancing and enriching the educational experience of all pupils at the school.***

This aim is achieved through year-round, social and fundraising efforts

...which fund additional activities, experiences, outings or improvements to the school.



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Accounts for 2022/23

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Last year we:

- Started with a balance of **£24,564**
- Raised **£31,118** from donations, events, grants and merchandise.
- Funded **£17,606** of school activities and projects in year with more in the pipeline.
- Ended year with a balance of **£37,574**

Looking ahead to the coming year:

- With the same amazing commitment from parents and staff we should be able to match last year's fundraising efforts. We've already got off to a flying start with **£286.23** raised at our first uniform and bake sale and **£1615.00** at the Halloween Disco.
- This means FoG can continue to fund Forest school, strings tuition, classroom budgets and subsidising trips and workshops across all year groups.
- We are also exploring other ways FoG can support the school, e.g. by funding the Reading Roadmap books



Summary of FoG activities in 2022/23

- 6 Bake Sales and Uniform Stalls
- Halloween Disco
- Christmas Cards Project
- Winter Fair
- Auctions (Parent Pledge and Single item auctions)
- Christmas Bucket Shake
- Movie Night
- Quiz Night
- Summer Fair

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FoG funding commitments in 2022/23

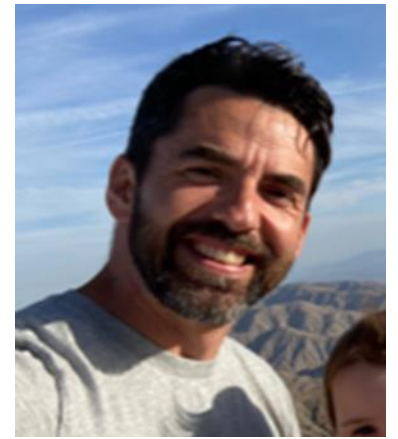
- £200 budget per class (including SEN and Music provision)
- c. £500 towards a school trip per class
- Strings tutor for KS2
- Forest School for Reception and Yr. 1
- Anti-Bullying workshop
- Library supplies
- Recycling bins
- Football strips
- Crash mat
- Gym mats

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Appointment of Committee Members/Trustees

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Forward Plan and Priorities for 23/24

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Direct donations model

Working with the school to identify areas of funding where FoG can offer support and building a celebrated network of donors to maximise opportunities for those connected to Gillespie Primary School.

Communications strategy

Improve how FoG / school and parents communicate with each other, using comms expertise from within the school community.

Developing Local Partnerships

FoG are looking to build on existing contacts between various local PTA's (Ambler, St John's, St. Joan of Arc etc.) to establish a wider support network and build stronger local links.



FoG Events for 23/24

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Autumn Term				
Sat	16-Sep-2023	15.00-17.00	Lunch to welcome new families to Gillespie	Deidre
Fri	13-Oct-2023	15:00-16:00	Year 6 Back to school Bake Sale & Uniform Sale	Y6 Class Reps
Thu	19-Oct-2023	17:00-19:00	Halloween Disco	Vicky Hatchett
Fri	3-Nov-2023	09:00-10.00	FoG AGM	Sean Thomson/Jenny Maresh/James Grant
Fri	3-Nov-2023	15:30-16:30	Yr 5 Bonfire Night Bake Sale & Uniform Sale	Y5 Class Rep
Fri	17-Nov-2023		CHILDREN IN NEED	NON-FOG Fundraiser
Fri	1-Dec-2023	15:00-16:00	Y4 Christmas Bake Sale & Uniform Sale	Y4 Class Rep
Sat	16-Dec-2023	14:00-15:00	Carol Singing Bucket Shake	Jenny Maresh
Wed	20-Dec-23	17:00-19:00	Winter Fair	FoG Committee
Spring Term				
Wed	24-Jan-2024	09.00 – 10.00	FOG Spring Term General Meeting	
Fri	2-Feb-2024		NSPCC NUMBER DAY	NON-FOG Fundraiser
Fri	9-Feb-2024	15:00 - 16:00	Year 3 Valentines Bake Sale & Uniform Sale	Y3 Class Rep
Thur	29-Feb-2024	17:00 - 19:00	Movie Night	
Fri	15-Mar-2024		COMIC RELIEF	NON-FOG Fundraiser
Fri	22-Mar-2024	15:00 - 16:00	Year 2 St Patrick's Bake Sale & Uniform Sale	Y2 Class Rep
Wed	27-Mar-2024	09:00 - 11:00	Open FoG Meeting	

Discussion and questions:

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- Any questions/points of clarification on information shared during this meeting.
- Invitation to raise any issues or points that haven't yet been addressed.
- Suggestions for new activities, partnerships or opportunities that FoG haven't yet considered.
- Anything else!

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