

FroGS AGM 20th October 2021

Present:

Caroline Tomlinson – Head
Saz - Chair
Tanya – Treasurer
Nadia Sherriff
Hannah Hopkins
Emma Wyatt
Layla Jury
Online – Jen Cunningham (Dept Chair) and Emily Maynard

Apologies:

Yvonne Dennis
Libby Gassor
Symona

Agenda

Welcome and Apologies
Chair Report
Presentation of Financial Report/Fundraising 2020-2021
Strategy/Fundraising proposal for this Year
Wish List
Constitution Amendments
Elections
Any Other Business

1) Welcome and Apologies

2) Chair Report

Last year was a very unusual year. We were quiet and respectfully fundraised as it was a very difficult time for many families for many different reasons. Sadly, though understandable many of our biggest fundraising events were cancelled due to Covid19 and Lockdown/School closure. However, we saw a huge amount of support from the school families and village community when we did fundraise which we were extremely grateful for.

We already had online fundraising opportunities which we continued with which included fundraising through Easyfundraising, Vale lottery and Stampastic.

We made the most of parents being at home and having time to have a good clear out by booking in Bags2School which gave us a regular donation.

Whilst the days in School have been less than many of us would have hoped, it was certainly the year for the best cake ever – we are so very lucky to have talented bakers Symona and Jo – it was so lovely to see great big smiles on the children's faces with our cake sales, cookie sale and ice lolly sales.

We got creative and thanks to Stephen Jury we were able to record the Nativity and Sports Day which enabled many parents to watch and share these memories with the friends and families.

When we were back home schooling, we got creative with a Sponsored Walk, Easter Egg Hunt and Smarties Challenge. It was so uplifting to see the Happiness Hereos walking through Grendon, it is safe to say that the Sheriff's won the fancy-dress hands down!

We can't hide that we were disappointed not to be able to have our Christmas Fayre but delighted with the prizes and the amount raised with our raffle! Families were so generous this year and we were thrilled with the amazing prizes donated.

It was a difficult year but we felt strongly that the School needed FroGS Fundraising just as much as ever. We were relieved to have had a little in the bank in reserve and with the money we raised through these events, we were still able to donate nearly £10,000 to the School which is an amazing achievement in these times.

All in all, whilst it has been a very quiet year for our FroGS Team, we are pleased to have raised money for the school and been able to fund such a wide range of projects for the School over this difficult time.

Video collage of all the events and fun we had.

3) Treasurer Report - see attached report.

It was always going to be a tough year to fundraise and so with an income of £5,534.80 we were absolutely delighted in view of the number of events that we were able to run.

FroGS ethos has always been to benefit as many pupils across the school using the monies raised. It was evident that learning from home and in the classroom or wherever a bubble might be that technology was extremely important and so our biggest spend was on 10 Lenovo Chromebooks and also on the renewal of Times Table Rockstars to support home learning.

The playground and climber was a project which was focused on whilst the children were at home and we were delighted to be able to sell the old climber for £500 – a special thank you to a wonderful group of parents who helped the buyer dismantle and remove it. We then used these funds to contribute £2,000 towards the new climber which was very well received by the children when they returned to school.

We were pleased to be able to give donations of £988.45 to support the replenishment of the reading scheme and £477.61 for new art supplies to benefit the whole school. Along with £156.00 purchasing handwriting pens.

The FroGS Team always try where possible to give some of the funds raised directly back to each teacher for anything to assist their individual class learning. At Christmas each teacher was given £25 and during easter the £400.47 raised from the Smartie Challenge was given directly back to the teachers.

We felt it was really important to thank the teachers for their hardwork and support during lockdown so we arranged for the mobile coffee & cake shop to pop past the School with a pick-me-up as a thank you from all the FroGS.

We were also very thankful to Aga Leverett for helping to arrange and for funding the tuning of both of the Schools pianos.

4) Strategy/Fundraising proposal for this Year Sept 2021-August 2022

In the background these safe online fundraisers continue to keep bringing in funds:
Easyfundraising, Stampastic, Vale Lottery
All continue to run and bring in a small amount of fundraising every month

Muddy Boots Stay & Play group fortnightly Wednesday – dates tbc

September 2021

Friday 4th September – School Uniform Shop
Wednesday 29th September – Bags2School

October 2021

21st October – Halloween Disco

November 2021

5th November – School Uniform Shop 9am and FroGS Meeting
5th November - Hot Chocolate Café (9.45-10.45 breaktime)
12th November – Quiz – fundraising for Play Equipment
26th November – FroGS Christmas Mufti – bottle donation

December 2021

3rd December – Christmas Fayre 3.15pm till 5.30pm
(with School Uniform Shop, Christmas Jumper Sale, Book Staff? Christmas Raffle)
7th December – recording of Christmas Nativity tbc– rehearsal date?
8th December Christmas Nativity 2pm & 8pm DVD teas and coffees
9th December Parents Evening – tbc- teas and coffees?
FroGS also arranging with K&Z sheds the donation of a Christmas Tree

January 2022

7th January – School Uniform Shop 3.15pm
12th January – Phonics Evening – work showcase – teas and coffees
28th January Hot Chocolate Café (9.45-10.45 breaktime)

Due to time constraints events were not discussed beyond January.

Fit 4 Change

February 2022

School Uniform Shop

March 2022

World Book Day – book stall for secondhand books?
Discussed about collection unwanted gifts or books around Christmas times, talked about where to store safely until then

April 2022

Easter Bonnet Parade / Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Bingo

Smarties Challenge?? Again

May 2022

June 2022

July 2022

5) Wish List

Glockenspiel which would be used by Mrs Kelsey and all years would benefit including muddy boots – school have purchased and would like to invoice FroGS £239 – All agreed

Trolley to store Chromebooks – School needs a good system to have these all organised ready charged for use, classes can then book out and wheel trolley to classroom will enable these to be used efficiently and safely £1000 – All Agreed

Big 6 Reading – will benefit all years including muddy boots – provide reading books to encourage Diversity - total £300 for the whole school – All Agreed

Online Panto – Cinderella £180 – All Agreed

Play equipment – main thing is storage to prevent damage/loss – would request more detail and pricing please – Quiz night to be the fundraiser for this and all donations to go towards this.

6) Constitution Amendments

The current constitution will need to be updated with the new Head of Grendon School Caroline Tomlinson and we will need to update with any committee changes or changes following the election of roles.

7) Elections

The current committee are willing to remain in place for this Academic Year September 2021-2022 – all in favour – all agreed

Chair – re-elect current Chair Saz Sunthareswaran

Deputy Chair – re-elect current Dept Chair Jen Cunningham

Treasurer – re-elect current Treasurer Tanya Arshad

Secretary – re-elect current secretary Yvonne Dennis

New additions to Committee

Head: Caroline Tomlinson

Teacher – in the past had a teacher representative Caroline agreed to take on this role at present.

Committee Member Saz nominated Nadia Sheriff – seconded and agreed

It has been highlighted that we are keen for new committee members to join and keen to enrol more parents so we have representation for every year group – Caroline approved a flyer which we will circulate.

We really need more parents for just the occasional event and adhoc help.

Hopefully by doing more events it will encourage more volunteers to join us.

8) Any Other Business

Date of next FroGS Meeting – Friday 5th November 9am

- planning of Christmas Fayre – Hannah Book Stall

- confirming the events going forward 2022

Roald Dahl links – professional story telling