

**PTA Meeting
29th March 2022**

Attendees:

Hazel Eccles
Danielle Brawn
Amy Leary
Helen Page
Lucy Cooper
Gilly Stray
Ayanna Rezulska
Julie Fernandes-Tansley
Karen Francis
Marta Skotnicka
Claire Toms
Paula Williamson
Lizzie Jones

Apologies:

Nicole Ho
Julia Milligan
Roxanne Barrett
Jenni Malcolm
Kate Davies
Sam Busher

Hazel and Danielle introduced themselves as new chairs.

AGM minutes approved.

Update from Helen – we are officially a registered charity! Great for gift aid and other opportunities.

100 Club draw

1 st	65	Paula Williamson
2 nd	11	Lizzi Hodgkinson

Events roundup

Crazy Hair Day

Went really well, children really enjoyed it. A fantastic £943.84 raised

Spring Disco

Very successful, face paints and tattoos popular – may need more volunteers here, took a bit too long – use stencils in future, one tube glow in the dark paint. Glow theme worked well, repeat for future discos. DJ Mole great.

£384.57 raised

Uniform shop

Going well, has made over £200 in the first month compared to £360/year previously. Push to get year 6 to donate uniform when they leave, Mrs Stray to send out details of shop to new reception parents.

Online donations of £10 and £50 have been made to the PTA.

Upcoming events

Film night (Y4-6)

80 tickets sold, means we can all go in the theatre
Year 6 not a fan of the film, would want a PG. Difficult finding something which isn't too long but still holds the interest of the older children.
Licensing - need to consider how it's marketed, only advertised in school community, donations only not charged

28th April – Claire Toms helping year 6 with sweet sale

13th May – coffee morning

27th May – cake sale

Ice lolly sale dates – June and July. Year 6 to run all ice lolly sales to fundraise for their leaver's event

15th June – summer disco (R and Y1). Will need to black out the windows to make it dark. 1 hour max. No skittles due to choking hazard.

Comedy/quiz night on 23rd June (provisional date)

Year 6

Claire asked if they can run the lolly sales to fundraise for their disco which is booked for 15th July. £240 out of pocket currently. PTA donation of £10 per child towards school trip. Leavers 2020 never used their pot of money due to covid. Last year funded disco and hoodies. 2020 funded their own hoodies and disco. Need to set a precedent going forward. Whatever raised was on top of donation towards party outside of school.

Karen Francis explained history, has been difficult due to covid last couple of years then only one year 6 leavers before that.

£600 from PTA (£10/head) earmarked for school trip.

Hoodies being paid for by themselves, not subsidised, need to cover costs of disco.

Stalls in Christmas fair and summer fair previously, plus ice lolly sales. Sweet sale and ice lolly sales first opportunity for this year's leavers to earn money. Can do regular ice lolly sales. Good for year 6 to run, every other week subject to weather. Year 6 to run all sales.

9th July – summer fair

Tues 5th – bottle tombola

10th anniversary of school in September – some sort of party, DJ Mole? End of the month to allow time for new parents to settle in, governors, past, past heads etc.

Helen highlighted money spent and wish list items:

Money towards drama workshop – world book day £300

Mr Clements sports teams – more football happening, girls and boys – so we've agreed to help provide football kits £500

Also netball kits – Mrs Wonnacott looking into

Request from Mrs Stray to help fund air conditioning. Educational benefit through improved concentration etc. Just proposal at this stage, would we have appetite to support it? They have got quotes in, engineers have been in, pros and cons, units can be used for heating so can just use electric in future, reduce reliance on gas boiler. Possible solar panels.

Sell on basis of less reliance on gas, increasing appeal to parents. General consensus was that parents would support it.

Happy for school to investigate further.

Karen raised glove football games at playtime – lost gloves. Not suitable playground for football unfortunately. Balls allowed out at lunchtime not morning break. Stones inside gloves? Difficulty with playground equipment, balls getting lost.

We discussed that it would be a good idea to raise the profile of the PTA to the children themselves. Tell them what we do, push message up to parents. Ideas for wishlist. Invests everyone much more in it. Pester power!

Suggested that children could design posters for events, take more ownership. 10th birthday party would be a great one for them to get behind. Make a piece of artwork (like the mosaic)? Each child making a piece of art, parents can buy, amalgamate into one larger piece?

Summer fair – 9th July

By far the biggest fundraiser, haven't had one for a while.

Class reps – if don't do anything else, do the summer fair. Mrs Stray suggested that each year group or class could be given a stall or activity, have to do your stall. Agree stalls then allocate. Nadeene was behind the systems side of things previously. BBQ one year group rather than one class. May reduce the overall number of stalls. Need a couple of people with overriding responsibility for the whole thing. Class reps just get class to sign up.

Themes always work well. Eg. Glasto/world cup for 2020 was planned.

Minions/sonic movies out this year. Different things for different age groups. Free games, eg jenga, sand pit. Near bar.

Teachers getting involved works well. Eg wet sponges at Mr Clements. Teachers have it in their diary. Football. Year 6 running.

Inflatable football pitch in hall worked well in the past. Out of heat. Oaklands College – they provide it.

Go karts possibility - £2-3 per child charged, contribution to PTA. Car park needs to be kept clear for fire access, can potentially use space if can clear it quickly.

Miss Dore – concert, Streetdance, Number 7 music.

Dads in Lime class have offered to play live music

Photo booth was great fun previously, but was free last time, around £170 charge if we did it again.

Watermelon slices on bar.

Pimms

Soft drinks

Cake stall

Guess the teacher baby photo?

Raffle – makes a lot of money. Could be done completely separately now online.

Craft stall – lots of stock downstairs, get someone to run it. More Christmas stuff.

Pots of art

Poles – cover and make minions theme

Splat the rat

Treasure hunt – minions – free with entry (£1), lolly at the end.

Pick a pop – easy

Circulate list to class reps, group stalls together.

Face glitter and stencils – much easier. Festival theme

Stall - children to make, lego, biscuit decorations. Bricktraders sponsored.

Year 6 – name the giant soft toy.

Little Robins – want to be involved, no charge. Gets people in. Let them know what stalls we're doing first.

Possible cashless – tickets only. How would that work with Little Robins?

Science stall – experiments. Rob Crick has offered to run.

Dan (Gabriel y6) golf stall – lots of competition, £10 on floor – ball to stop on it. Near bar. Worked well. Oliver's dad.

Group items together.

Need people with active role

Lucy – easyfundraising. Continue to use and spread the message. Especially from holiday booking. Sainsburys shopping. Could do some sort of competition for the most sign ups, encourage kids to promote with parents.

Helen to remind office we need to spend latest easyfundraising money on books.

Krispy Kreme competition. Check out different schemes offered by business.

Bradford and Howley have renewed sponsorship.

Brochure to sell advertising. Free ad on social media? Less workload.

Banner 2 weeks before.

Keep it relatively low key, first one for a while? Also September party.

Tree grove – funded for the last year, have decided it's not something we're going to continue. Link on shop website promoting it. Looking at other options to green the school. Too removed, could we add more greenery to the school. Listed. Rainwater harvesting tanks. Something closer by so children could visit.