



FRIENDS OF CLEWER GREEN SCHOOL

Summary Report of the Trustees 16th June 2016

This year has proved to be another very active year for the Friends of Clewer Green Association.

We continued with almost all of the fundraising activities that have taken place in previous years, as well as supporting a number of new initiatives.

The year started with the Autumn Fair which raised the most that the Association has ever raised through this event and was supported by some 150 volunteers.

We also repeated the Adult Quiz, Bunny Bingo, Christmas Celebration, School Disco, Phil the Bag – each of which raised similar amounts to Financial Year 2014-15. Cake sales and ice pop sales have been very popular and it is also clear that the second hand school uniform service we provide is very important to families. The energy we put into joining easyfundraising is starting to be rewarded with over £400 now raised to date. We also saw the completion of the new Play Trail which was a major project for the Committee.

In terms of new ideas, we supported a number of new events and fundraising ideas including the Adult Curry Night and Xmas Craft Night. Two teams used great initiative to organise sponsored events this year. The Year 4 Swimathon being an incredible achievement to the credit of every pupil who participate. And the “Clewer Cogs” parent and staff cycle team, who will be taking on a 100 mile sponsored bike ride this July.

From an organisation point of view, we continued to create and document Work Instructions for our key events – an ongoing process of making it easier for subsequent volunteers to own and coordinate events. We have also set up a ‘Virgin Giving’ donation site, which we can now utilise for any future sponsorship event.

We also welcomed a new Committee Member part way through the year, and said farewell to two who departed due to work commitments. A huge thanks to Lucy Jordan and Caroline Randall who supported the Friends in so many ways, and a huge welcome to Chantal van Bragt who joined as Treasurer earlier this year and who became an integral member of the team overnight.

From an engagement point of view, we undertook a parent survey in the spring term which provided us with very positive information. We will circulate a summary in due course. We have also worked hard at enabling families to have more of a say in how funds are spent. Promoting the funding application process has enabled many parents’ desires for additional music provision to be realised. We also initiated a parent/pupil vote, encouraging families to vote on their preferred project to receive funding.

At the time of Annual General Meeting, held on 16th June 2016, we have raised in excess of £14,400 after costs – an incredible achievement and an additional £1,400 on last year's position, thanks to the efforts of the Swimathon team and a corporate donation secured by a dad. This figure is expected to increase further with the Summer BBQ and raffle and the initiative of the Clewer Cogs cycle team.

The majority of funds raised this year have been used to achieve the following thanks to the help of every person who has participated, volunteered or contributed:

- New play trail
- Securing the investment needed to provide specialist music provision next year for all pupils in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 4
- Updating the Ruth Miskin reading scheme for Key Stage 1, supporting the school's excellent reading standards in the Borough
- Pitch markings for the school field
- Additional iPads to support classroom learning and specific projects
- Creation of willow sculptures
- New playground equipment
- Queen's 90th birthday memorabilia
- Printing costs of the Year 4 Leavers' Yearbook
- Small donations to each classroom to fund equipment of the children's choice such as story books and craft equipment
- A donation of over £400 cash to Syria Relief, the Friends chosen Christmas charity in 2015.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over this year as we bid farewell to everyone departing for middle schools. Particularly, a huge thank you and fond farewell to Joint Chair, Emma Falconer, whose son leaves Clewer Green for middle school this summer. Emma is first in line to support every event, her commitment and passion for what she is doing will be sorely missed. We wish her all the very best.

We would like to finish with a very warm welcome to all new parents and staff who are joining us for 2016-17. Welcome! You have just joined a wonderful community.

Sharon Norman
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