



**The Friends of Langshott Primary School
AGM Minutes 19th October 2023**

Attendees

Carina Glasgow (CG)
Jo Basting (JB)
Parus Patel (PP)
Nina Booker (NB)
Regina Miah
Teresa Roberts
Rodney Bonard
Amy Christian
Ehizibue Grace
Annie Munday
Orla McCormack
Sian Burton
Kim Mushonga
Ralph M
Charlotte Greaves
Lindsay Bunce
Sarah Limb

Apologies

Lucy Bonard
Sam Donnelly
Kelly Radford
Sarah Hurstwaite
Laura Wootley
Becky Cresswell
Emily Vucinic
Lucy Saville
Becca Thompson
Lauren Cheetham
Alexis Suggett
Emma Hall
Rebecca Thompson

Welcome and Apologies

CG opened the meeting and thanked everyone for managing to make the AGM. She noted the impressive turnout and new faces.

Chair's Report - Carina

The past year has been a busy one! Post pandemic, the previous year had been one of caution, but I'm delighted to say that this year we managed to have a full calendar of events including a huge Christmas fair, Easter hunt and Summer fair as well as many smaller events in between.

Thanks to all of these events and your continued support, we managed to build on our already healthy bank balance and are thrilled to have been able to spend a large amount supporting the school by purchasing a wide variety of resources including seeds and equipment for forest school, TT Rockstar badges, mood wristbands, outdoor bean bags, butterfly gardens, math and english dictionaries, phonics pebbles, play doh, wet play games, books for classrooms, sports and playground equipment and a new gazebo. We were also able to contribute towards and purchase ten new laptops for teachers, a new projector for the school hall, a brand new PA system and Christmas wish lists from each year group. All of these purchases will be fantastic resources for the children and the benefit will reach across all year groups for many years to come. Our focus has been supporting the school and families in what has been a very difficult year financially for many, and in continuation of this we are pleased to say that we have also been able to double our class contributions for this year to £200 per class which we hope will help further subsidise the cost of school trips for all families.

In the previous AGM, a new Committee was elected. Having previously been Secretary, I stepped down and was then elected as Chair, and Parus Patel was re-elected for the 7th year, joined by Jo Basting as Co-Treasurer. Unfortunately no secretary was nominated so I absorbed the secretary duties within my role as chair with the support of Jo. Today,



myself, Jo and Parus will all be stepping down and we now require replacements for these roles to keep the Charity active. If you haven't already submitted your interest in these very rewarding roles, then please do let us know tonight.

As mentioned, some great events and fundraising returned to the school calendar this year 2022-23, as well as some new ones. A run down of these events included:

- Muftis including Halloween and a great World Cup 2023 celebration with children and teachers wearing red and white, as well as our end of year 'Dare to be Different' day.
- Cake sales for Halloween and Easter.
- Cookie and Doughnut Sale.
- Quiz night for parents.
- Royal Crafternoon Tea celebrating the King's coronation where the children had a royal themed mufti, decorated cakes and participated in royally themed arts and crafts organised by the Friends.
- Easter Hunt.
- Marathon - huge thank you to James Lewis for running the marathon and raising vital funds on our behalf.
- Christmas fair, Magic Show, Santa's Grotto and silent auction which was a huge event and a record breaking fundraiser. Thank you to all who helped make it such a success, with particular mention to Lucy and Rodney Bonard for their fantastic resourcefulness in all areas and to parent businesses Heatherlands Tree Care, Barrington James, Langshott Landscapes for sponsoring the fair as well as many others who donated prizes to our auction.
- Personalised Father Xmas letters and Secret Santa presents delivered to all classes.
- Frozen Fridays which ran for four weeks this year.
- Summer Disco for years Reception - 5 and a separate leaver's disco for year 6.
- Summer Celebration and circus skills workshop which was another huge success despite the rain. Again, special mention to Ice Lime Media, Next Step Nursing, Lara Bertinzi, Ward Holiday Club and Perfecty Green who all sponsored the event.
- Pre Loved Uniform - we moved our pre-loved uniform online this year via PTA events and have recently had a fantastic new shed kindly donated by Lawsons to help us store it. This will be built by Mr Woodwood in the October half term and Jo will continue to oversee this and manage the pre-loved uniform shop going forward.
- We also extended our pre-loved offerings this year by introducing halloween costume, world book day costume and Christmas jumper swap shops which were a popular addition.
- Match Funding from Rebecca Cresswell and Lauren Cheetham.

Huge thank you to everyone - the school staff and teachers, parents, families and of course the children who have made all of these events so much fun and such a success. We can't wait to see what the future holds as, although the current committee will no longer be in post, we hope the Friends of Langshott can run more events this year (it doesn't need to be as many!) and continue to be a great support to the school.

And just on a final note of thanks, Jo, Parus and myself would like to express our immense gratitude to everyone who has helped us organise the events this year for our children. Without the support of the wider Langshott School community these events would not be possible, so thank you all for your time, support and spending power. As ever it is greatly appreciated.

- **Treasurer's Report - Parus**

Discussion of treasurer's report and infographic (attached). PP went through the 22/23 accounts. We managed to raise a record-breaking £17,222 this year which is incredible and up on the previous year. PP showed an



infographic as to what we have raised and where it has been spent and this is attached. Due to this bumper year and also healthy previous years of fundraising, this means we have just over £23k carried forward at the end of our financial year. We have paid out a record £14k on the resources and equipment for the school and doubled our class donations for this year to subsidise school trips and activities for parents. Expenses for all events were about £1k

- **Any events for this year**

Halloween Mufti and cake sale kindly organised by Amy Christian and Becky Cresswell.

Election of 2023/24 Committee

Carina stepped down as Chair, Parus and Jo stepped down as Co-Treasurers. Lindsay Bunce was elected as the new Chair and Teresa Roberts and Kim Mushonga were elected as co-treasurers. It was also mentioned that Rebecca Thompson had expressed interest in being secretary which will be discussed with the new trustees at a later date. NB thanked them for stepping up and also thanked Carina, Parus and Jo for their commitment and hard work on behalf of the school. Jo mentioned she would be happy to remain on in post to ease transition which will be discussed after the meeting.

- **AOB**

Brief discussion of recent parent survey regarding re-allocation of £10k raised in previous years for MUGA which is no longer going ahead. Results indicate the majority of parents would like the funds re-allocated towards playground equipment and the Friends are currently in discussion with the school about how this could be spent. Suggestions include a climbing wall and safety surface, outdoor table tennis table, seating areas and general equipment.

Meeting was closed