

January 2024

Dear Team GR Families

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the winter break. Last term we began our fundraising efforts for this school year with the Family Quiz Night and the Christmas Fair. We will update how much we raised at these events soon. We (FOGR) would also like to share with you a summary of our fundraising efforts from the last school year.

The last year was the first year since the Covid-19 pandemic where we held the traditional Summer and Christmas Fairs and discos, as well as a few other events. It was lovely to see the Team GR community come together, have fun, and raise lots of money for the school.

Below is a summary of the events that we ran during the 2022-2023 school year and how much we raised.



We have also continued to raise money through our online initiatives - Your School Lottery and Easy Fundraising. Thank you to all our families who have signed up for the lottery and who support us through easy fundraising. If you want to take part and support the school via these online platforms, please visit the links below.

Easy fundraising: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=JX50E6&char=247251&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=bssuharebox&fbclid=IwAR3nOCrDPvQzIUtrZVCJD36GSeT_LDy_fzgScxFSV_BDnZfcRSexRgfnS5o

Your school lottery: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/grove-road-community-primary-school?fbclid=IwAR3FaF3a6phY8xms8I9DYFbgdOQbWDn-dPqd15sd4PMr1u48Bph3UTFY6Vw>

FOGR supported the school in a number of ways this past academic year including subsidising school trips, helping towards the upgrade of the Jungle Library and purchasing much needed classroom supplies. We also helped with a number of smaller requests such as funding the year 6 pizzas, and ice pops on sports day. To mark the Coronation of King Charles we were very happy to gift all the children with sunflower seeds and memory cards.

This year we are looking forward to working with Mr Grayston and we have already met with him to discuss fundraising plans for the upcoming year.

But.... in order to be able to run events this year and raise important funds for the school, we urgently need volunteers to join the FOGR committee.

All the children at our school have enjoyed and benefitted from the work of the FOGR, from using classroom equipment and reading new books funded by FOGR, to making wonderful memories at the fairs, discos and other activities we run, all which serve to enrich our children's school experience.

We would love for this to continue, however, the current Chair and Secretary of FOGR are standing down from their roles now that their children are in year 6, and after many years of supporting FOGR. Unfortunately, we have been unable to fill these roles and without a full committee the FOGR will be unable to continue to run these memorable events and the FOGR may not be able to continue. We had hoped to fill these roles this year whilst the previous members are still around to help with a smooth transition.

We are sure this is the last thing anyone wants to happen, and so we are reaching out to see if there is anyone who is able to, to consider taking on one of these committee roles – this could be anyone in the Grove Road School community e.g. parents, carers or grandparents. Further details of the required roles can be found at the end of this letter. Please contact us at friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com if you can help or if you have any questions.

If you are unable to take on a role, please consider stepping up to help at events where you can. We often only get a handful of volunteers which limits what we are able to do. Volunteering at events is a great way to support FOGR and the school, and it can also be fun and a way to meet other members of the school community.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support last year – for everyone who volunteered so we could run events, and to everyone who attended the events and helped raise vital funds for the school – Thank you!

Kind Regards

The FOGR Committee

Committee Roles

Key Duties and responsibilities of the Chair

- Manage/Coordinate the activities being ran by the FOGR
- Prepare for and chair FOGR meetings
- Liaises with the school, regarding projects to raise money for/fund
- Ensures the committee fulfils its role in respect of the governance of the association as set out in its constitution
- Writes the Chair's report for the AGM

Key skills

- Confident and assertive – able to control meetings
- Able to remain impartial – ensures contributions are brief and that everyone's views are respected
- Organised and able to delegate – for organisation of activities.

Key Duties and responsibilities of the Secretary

- Supports the Chair in preparing for meetings
- Takes and circulates meeting minutes, recording attendance, actions points and decisions
- Supports the Chair with School liaison
- Record keeping
- Correspondence

Key skills

- Organised and efficient
- Good listener to identify key discussion points, actions and agreements in meetings.