

Charity: Friends of Lower Peover School

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Friends of Lower Peover School – Chair’s Annual Report

Academic Year 2021-22

Objectives of FLPS: to advance the education of the pupils of the school by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the Local Authority) and as an ancillary thereto and in furtherance of this object the Association may foster more extended relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the School and engage in activities which support the school, and advance the education of the pupils attending it

Summary

The 2021/22 academic year has been a good year for FLPS as we were able to revisit some of our popular events without the constraints of the covid restrictions. Whilst some events within school were not possible especially at the start of the academic year, we were thrilled to host Campfest once again which is always such a fantastic weekend.

Across all this academic year’s events, we were thrilled to raise £10,488 this year.

Conducting the AGM by zoom

The 2019-2020 was subject to some COVID restrictions and as such was held via zoom. The AGM became much more accessible for parents and staff so we held the September 2021 via zoom also. This year again a decision was made to hold the AGM virtually for the same reason of accessibility for parents to attend.

Events

The year began with the Lower Peover School Ball. We were badly let down by The Courthouse who cancelled just 10 days before it was due to take place. However, we reinvented this event and launched our FLPS Party at Toft Cricket Club who came to our rescue! It was an amazing night and most said they preferred the more relaxed atmosphere at Toft so we are running it again in October 2022. This event raised £2,333.

We had to be a bit inventive when it came to the Christmas events as we were restricted on having events only outside the school building. We held our Christmas markets at the beginning of December which were wonderfully festive. We were very grateful to be able to come into school and use the DT room for the gift room. This worked really well again thanks to the support of parents in donating gifts and buying tickets for their children to buy gifts. We also ran the Christmas card design event again. This is heavy on organisational time for us but it is nice to start off the festive season this way. The Christmas events raised over £3,000.

The Christingle services saw a change with KS1 having a nativity/ Christingle and KS2 having a carol service. Thanks must go to Henry Stimpson who stepped in last minute to take the Christingle photographs of the children and for doing such an amazing job.

Throughout the year we continued to receive payments from Easyfundraising thanks to everyone who has signed up to the app. Thank you to everyone who has done this so far and we would encourage anyone who has not to sign up to it. It is absolutely free to use but every time you make a purchase via this app a payment is made to FLPS.

In the Spring term we ran the 50/50 draw which parents could enter. This raised £110.

In June, we held a celebration picnic for the Queen's jubilee. It was a wonderful event and a chance for the children to take part in a bit of history. Now it seems even more important and poignant that we held the event. The children each decorated a flag which were sewn together and the bunting was hung around the school. This was an event to bring the school community together to celebrate this historical event but with the added extra of the sale of Krispy Kramer donuts, we raised £245.

July saw the return of Campfest! This event takes such a huge amount of organisation but it paid off as the weekend was enjoyed by everyone and was very successful. The investment of a PA system, BBQ and card machine were brilliant for this event and moving forward. We raised £3,809.

Funded Items

We received just one fundraising request from school in the 2021/2022 academic year and were fortunate to be able to grant it thanks to the support given by the school community over recent years.

We funded Dyslexia Assessment Materials primarily used to assess dyslexia, it can also be used to assess children in different areas.

Goals for 2022/2023

We are really excited about the programme of events for this coming year now that we are back to face to face events again. We are looking forward to the October party in a few weeks. We also hope to hold discos for the children again which they will be thrilled about. For Christmas we can't wait to have Christmas markets at school again with the added benefit of being about to get shelter from the elements in the school hall and of course to hold the hugely popular gift room for the children. We are looking forward to once again organising an incredible Campfest weekend in the summer.

For funded items we will be funding the purchase of new books to assist years 2-6 with guided reading and are looking into the purchase of sports tops for the children to wear for external competitions where we are representing the school. Further we are finalising the plans for the spiritual garden which will be located at the front of the school for all the children to enjoy.

As ever we really need the support of all the parents at the school to keep FLPS going and raising funds for our school. Any contribution or effort no matter how small is so important. The key to success is to continue to work together. The past 12 months have been very difficult for everyone again as have previous years but we are so grateful for how the school staff have worked so tirelessly to keep educating and engaging our children both in school and keeping everyone safe.

Committee Members for 2021-2022

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Signed

Hannah Burgoyne (Chair 2021-2022)