

FROGGS AGM – Chairs Report October 2020

I became Chair of Froggs at last year's AGM and we had an incredibly positive first term of fundraising!

Some parents felt that we perhaps overdid the Pre-Christmas fundraising opportunities, but we had the refurbishment of the children's kitchen in mind, it was 'for the kids' so it wasn't a big problem.

Events included:

- Hot Dog Day – Many thanks for the mums who were able to help with the cooking and serving of the lunch, that is highly anticipated throughout the school.
- Halloween Disco – Thanks to the staff who dressed fantastically for the occasion and supported us on what is always quite a late night. Costume sale by Clare B was an added bonus and no small feat.
- Santa Hat selling – Thanks to Tesco for the donation of hats the previous year.
- Santa Hat Day – an alternative to Christmas Jumper day but the children were invited to wear festive clothes for the Christmas Lunch day as well which was also when we paid for the classes to be entertained as a Christmas treat – Festive Friday!
- Secret Santa – A big thank you to all of the Froggs who sourced all of the amazing gifts that were available – Andrea, Hannah and Clare specifically, but also to all of the parents who donated unwanted gifts and those of you who came to help sell and wrap the gifts that were lovingly chosen by the children.
- 2019-2020 Tea Towels – I was ably assisted in the creation by Kelly, but it was the teachers that got this unenviable task completed using the tiny stickers!
- Christmas Cards and Gift Wrap – Great artistic input by staff led to good sales.
- Santa Float – Thanks to Clare B, Annie, Jodie Dennis and girls and Laura Langley's girls for turning out on Xmas Eve, a festive morning full of smiles and fun.
- Christmas Fayre - after school on a Friday with an amazing Raffle – very well supported in no uncertain terms, by the hard work and effort of Alison Cameron in pre-writing the raffle tickets as a last minute idea, that had the desired effect of the best supported Raffle in years. This raffle included a cash first prize as well as many other great prizes and a huge thanks to Sarah Dumbleton and Georgina Williams going around town asking for support.
- Christmas Parade – Lion King! It was amazing with a massive elephant, giraffe, lions, cubs, a baboon, a warthog, a meercat, a hornbill and more! Thank you, Laura and Miss Fowler, and everyone else who became an instant, theatre costume department, in the hall that morning!

We decided to actively give the parents a rest in January with only Hot Dog Day in February as an event. The proposed Bingo had been postponed due to arrangements with how to organise the food element of the evening. Then Covid hit... our brand-new event of a Mother's Day Sale was first to be affected. Followed obviously by our annual Eggstravaganza, Quiz, another Hot Dog Day and Summer Fayre. A decision was taken by members of the committee, via a Whats app group, to not ask for online donations during lockdown.

The start of the new year has brought with it complications but we have plans and look forward to the coming year, getting the kitchen refurbished and then supporting the purchase of new reading scheme books.

Emily Pool

Chair of Froggs, 10th October 2020