

FROGS meeting
Friday 8 November at 9am at Grasmere Primary School

Present: Ed Wood (chair), Julie Harris (committee member), Jenn Flandro (committee member), Julia Cockroft, Alejandro Ospina, Ruth Lewis (secretary), Nicola Kleynhans (committee member), Caroline Potter, Lea Teuscher, Anna Clara Giurleo, Ulku Bingol, Symone Genovezos

Apologies: Gill Arnold, Tom Smith

Christmas cards and trees

Letters would be going out in book bags and the deadline for orders is Thursday 14 November for FROGS to benefit.

Letters had gone out about Christmas trees. Alex Ford and Ruby were organising.

Actions:

Class reps and school to do a push on both as they were both good revenue generators for FROGS making clear that FROGS / the school will benefit from sales.

Finance review

Nicola gave a financial update. There was around £3,900 available in the grounds "pot" taking into account the work for the quiet area. It was clarified that the KS2 mural would cost considerably more than £800 (updated quote awaited) and the £800 listed was for a mural for the quiet area.

There was £7,430 available separate to the grounds. Recent income included the autumn jumble sale, school lottery and Hold Up a Light royalties.

Actions:

It was agreed to make a push on The Giving Machine and Amazon Smile ahead of Christmas.

Upcoming events

All was in hand for the Bonfire Party.

A gozleme sale was scheduled for Friday 22 November. Ulku would organise with support as necessary.

Winter fair - Friday 6 December. Ruth, Lea and Julie would co-ordinate.

Stalls as follows:

Nursery / reception:	bingo
Y1	decorate a gingerbread man
Y2	teddy tombola
Y3	bar and kitchen
Y4	decorations
Y5	buy and wrap a present
Y6	grotto

Anna Clara would run the "Craftsmere" craft stall.

Trumpet teacher and his jazz band to perform.

Cinema nights - Thursday 16 January - younger years - Symone and Caroline to organise.

Thursday 23 January - older years - someone needed to organise

Pub quiz - 19 /20 March - Edie to lead.

Spring disco - 24 April - Nicola to lead.

Promises auction - tbc

Summer fair - Ed

Actions:

Support for gozleme sale.

Mail chimp and other communications to push for craft contributions for Winter Fair.

Lead for older years cinema night to be identified.

Check with Edie re. date for pub quiz.

Committees update

Art - Alejandro gave an update on the proposal for the art room. A spend of £1,500 was agreed to support this.

Library - Lea gave an update. There was a request for £80 for two DBS checks. If not funded by the school FROGS would fund.

Grounds - Work is ongoing. There are various snagging jobs. There are ambitious plans including for an outdoor pavilion for KS2 and playground marking. The weather and pollution issues with Albion Road had slowed progress. Update expected at next FROGS meeting in January. No current spend requests. There may be a need for another fundraising push.

Music - Anna Clara and Edie were organising after school rehearsals for Christmas carols on a Friday. Georgie was arranging djembe lessons. No spend requests.

IT / Tech - All computers would become obsolete by January. School considering what it wants to do about replacing them. There may be an urgent need for parent support for a short term solution.

Actions:

Nicola to follow up with Alejandro re. matched giving.

Push matched giving / work place giving again generally.

Nick to confirm position on DBS checks funding.

Lea / Julie to follow up with Billy about black boards.

Communication to go out via mail chimp and school newsletter re. committees inviting people to contact Ed if interested.

Next FROGS meeting - Wednesday 15 January 8pm in library