

Financial Report for FWFA

For the period of 10/01/2022 to 23/02/2023

Balance as at 23/02/2023: £7678.45 (£7568.45 in account, £110.00 float)

Following our last AGM in January 2022, the restrictions relating to indoor gatherings and attendee numbers at events were removed and we were once again able to look at planning for the future.

We started with two pre loved uniform sales after school in March and April. Shortly afterwards we were advised by the school that due to government guidance relating to uniform affordability, they would now be taking this on and so all of our stock was passed to them to distribute for free where required.

Our next events in May were Nutty Noah (who was last at the school in 2015), the re-scheduled Christmas disco and an ice lolly sale. Then in June, after a 3 year absence, we were excited to be able to hold our summer fair. Although there was still understandable caution about attending large events, the support we received from WFA families and the wider community was amazing. In July we took part in the Big PTA Summer Raffle online, and ended the school year with another ice lolly sale.

On our return to school in September, we again provided the school with new starter packs to hand out everyone who had children starting in reception. This was followed in October by our first cake sale since February 2020, which was also the first one that the children in reception and in Year 1 had experienced. We then held a welcome evening in November, and we were pleased to have some new faces attend who were interested in joining the FWFA as we are always thankful for new members.

December was our busiest month yet. We started by providing hot refreshments and mince pies at the Made for Christmas event, where we also gave everyone the opportunity to win a very large toy elf by guessing its name. The following evening we had a bottle tombola stall at the Cheswick Christmas Fair at Boston Tea Party, together with another large elf looking for a name!

After another 3 year absence, we welcomed the return of our children's Christmas shop, now known as Elfridges, and it was lovely to see so many children carefully selecting gifts for their loved ones. This was followed by our Christmas disco, participation in the online Big PTA Cash Draw and our second cake sale of 2022. Moving into 2023, this month we held our third cake sale of this school year and it was our turn to experience a 'first' as it was our first ever cake sale to completely sell out, which came as a welcome surprise.

Giving something back

As stated in last year's report, our annual donation to Year 6 to be put towards any event or activity planned for the leavers went towards the cost of the coach, and the donation for this year's leavers has been allocated in the same way.

In May, we received a request for funding towards 2 friendship benches. This was suggested by the Agents for Change learners in years 4 & 5 who had been looking at ways to promote wellbeing at lunch and break times, and voted for benches to support lonely or shy children during these times. The Agents for Change charity had given them £100.00, and it was agreed that we would give them the additional funding needed. After looking at various options, two benches were purchased from Argos at a cost of £430.60 and we therefore gave them the extra £330.60 required.

After the summer fair, we were offered the opportunity to buy the PA equipment that we were borrowing at a cost of £180.00. We were happy to agree to this as it means we now have our own equipment and can use it at more than one event if needed. Additionally, after being let down last year at the last minute by our two face painters, we are sending one of our members on a face painting course and they will then be showcasing their skills at this year's fair.

In November, one of our new members kindly set us up on easyfundraising, whereby for every purchase made on everyday shopping via their website we receive a donation in return. At present, this has raised £13.75 which is under the current payout limit of £15.00, so we will be sending out a reminder of how to use the website to encourage more people to use it.

Following on from the positive feedback received last year, we decided to buy another digital pantomime for the children this year and chose Jack and the Beanstalk, which was enjoyed by all years during December.

At our last meeting in January, we were advised that the school wished to enhance the outdoor areas. The sale of the home made gifts at the Made for Christmas event raised £1000 for the school, and they have earmarked using this to buy 2 storage units to store outdoors equipment in. We were asked if the FWFA would be willing to donate towards the cost of new outdoor equipment to go in the storage units, and it was agreed that we would match their £1000 towards the provision of equipment.

This year instead of putting all the figures in the report, I have attached a table showing all income and expenditure, which includes how much each event cost us to run. Finally I would just like to say thank you to all of our members and everyone who has supported us this past year, as without your help we would not have been able to achieve as many things as we have.

Events (11.01.22-23.02.23)	Income	Expenditure	Funds Raised
Pre Loved Uniform Sales	£87.50		£87.50
Ice Lolly Sales	£336.50	£69.00	£267.50
Nutty Noah	£431.10	£375.00	£56.10
Spring Disco	£285.00	£105.00	£180.00
Summer Fair	£4882.30	£2445.71	£2436.59
Big PTA Raffle	£79.50		£79.50
BTP Xmas Event	£77.00	£24.99	£52.01
Made For Christmas	£197.50	£80.78	£116.72
Christmas Disco	£261.87	£150.00	£111.87
Cake Sales	£442.40		£442.40
Elfridges Xmas Shop	£1223.88	£853.09	£370.79
Total	£8304.55	£4103.57	£4200.98
Purchases (11.01.22-23.02.23)			
PA Equipment		£180.00	
Year 6 coach donation (1)		£500.00	
BBQ Cover		£6.99	
Friendship Benches		£330.60	
New Starter Packs		£13.32	
Public Liability Insurance		£128.00	
Welcome Evening		£42.09	
Digital Pantomime		£90.00	
Year 6 coach donation (2)		£500.00	
Face Painting course deposit		£39.00	
Total		£1830.00	
Total	£8304.55	£5933.57	£4200.98
			-£1830.00
			£2370.98 (net total raised)