

Goodbye from the Current Committee

WOW! What an amazing two years we have had running the FHWS! We have run over 10 events and helped to raise around £50,000 for the school during our term.

From our first Christmas Fayre which we managed to pull together within six weeks, running around like headless chickens with not really a clue of what we were doing, to our final event of the amazing Summer Fete a couple of weeks ago it has been a rollercoaster of a ride but one that we have thoroughly enjoyed (well most of the time!). Seeing the children having fun at events—40+ children at a Cinema Night fuelled with popcorn and pizza was an eye opener, or the concentration on their faces to make sure they ‘dabbed’ every number on their cards at Bingo, meeting Santa or having fun on the inflatables—has made every sleepless/late night worthwhile!

We cannot express how much the support from everyone at the school has meant to us, we have to say a couple of special thank you’s to some people who have supported us from day one, been there for our frantic calls for help, imparted their ‘Friends Wisdom’ and have been constants in the background helping us along the way. So here goes, thank you to Ms Benson, Mrs Rose, Mr Jackson, Guy, Melena, Jackie, Nick, Annika, Charmaine, Chirag, Natia and finally our very understanding Husbands (you are no longer FHWS Widowers), we could not have done it with without you so thank you!

What have the Friends funded this year?

We are often asked how the money that the Friends raise is spent, well now that the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) has been signed off and is under construction we were able to review the bank balance and allocate funds to the school for improvements within other areas too. This year, on top of funding the MUGA, your fundraising has helped to fund the following for the school:

- £199.99 – Water Play Table For Reception
- £33.99 – Tools for water play
- £500 – Instruments for outdoor play
- £800 – New cameras for the school
- £400 – Materials to build a Stage in the KS2 Playground
- £200 – New Picnic Benches for Playground
- £350 – Guided Reading Books
- £1750 - £250 per class for ‘Wish List’ items
- £750 – Security Hatch for the Main School Office

Once the MUGA is fully completed we are hoping to have enough money left in the bank to be able to ‘ring fence’ £25,000 for the media suite upgrade when it is required.

The school have requested that the next item for fundraising efforts would be air conditioning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 Classrooms, as we can all appreciate (especially during this heatwave) working in a hot classroom cannot be conducive to learning so this really will make a difference to the children.

As yet we have not been provided with costing for this but we wanted to let you all know of the focus for future fundraising.

Waitrose

Although School is out for summer the fundraising efforts continue!! During the month of **August** please remember that when you shop in **Waitrose Barnet** the Friends of Hadley Wood School are one of the charities you can vote for using the green tokens on your way out, if you are not given a token at the checkout please ask the cashier for one (or more!) Please spread the word with friends and family as the amount allocated to us from Waitrose depends on how many tokens collected in our box at the end of August! Thank you to the Reception parent who organised this on behalf of the Friends, we are extremely grateful.

Goodbye to Year 6

The end of the school year brings relief of turning off the alarm clock for 6 weeks and excitement of time with our children, however it is also tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to the current Year 6. Thank you to all the wonderful Year 6 parents who have helped the Friends over the past 7 years.

We wish all of the Year 6 children good luck for the next chapter of their life's journey at big, big school! You are all amazing and remember 'if you believe you will succeed'. Don't forget HWS, you are always welcome to come back to future events!

Cake Sale Takings 2018



Year6—£210.42p

Year 5—£161.90p

Year 4—£147.17p

Year 3—£231.65p

Year 2 —£159.65

Year 1—£303.85

Reception—£280.76p

Thank you to all those who donated cakes or came along and purchased a sweet treat.

Cake sales alone have raised an impressive **£1495.40p** this year!

Out With The Old And In With The New!

Finally we would like to wish the new Committee all the very best during their term of leadership, we promise you that for all the blood, sweat and tears nothing compares to knowing that you are helping to enrich the children's school life by raising funds for things that would never be achievable through the schools tiny budget alone.

Apologies but we are unable to publish names of the new committee at the moment but they will be elected at the Friends AGM on Friday 5th October, formal notice for this will be published when we return in September!

Good luck and we are only at the end of a phone or a Whatsapp message if you need us!

Match Funding:



Do you work for any of the following companies????

If so do you know that they will match fund any regular donations you make to the FHWS? If you would like more information regarding this please speak to our Treasurer, Emma Christou, who can discuss this with you—Emma is still happy to speak about this until the new committee are signed in!



Thank you so much for the generous gifts we were presented with on Monday afternoon, we were speechless at this unexpected gesture and truly touched.

Those who know us will not be surprised to hear that we already have a date in the diary for a day out of shopping to spend our vouchers

We wish you all a fabulous summer and thank you once again.

Krista, Sophia and Emma