

Friends of Russell School Round-Up 2023-24

It's been another fun-packed year of activities, making memories and all-important fundraising! It has only all been possible with so many coming forward to organise events.

In the Autumn Term we started with another brilliant Fireworks Evening led by Alice. The highlight was of course the spectacular display, combined with music from Gareth, Halloween themed treats from Anna and Russell Bakers, delicious spread from the BBQ Team complimented by the Mr B's Horsebox Bar. This year's Christmas Fair organised by Rowena, Liz and Lil, then got us all in the festive spirit nice and early with a cheerful soundtrack provided by Mrs D and the school music groups and an array of games, treats, cakes, craft and the exciting seasonal visit from the Big Man in Red in a magical Gingerbread Grotto with a host of Y6 elves. Other festive highlights included the children's designed Christmas cards, organised by Laura with Miss B's help Watersmeet Panto ice-creams, Xmas Performance Refreshments, Xmas Disco by Mrs J and the School Staff, and Nami and her team of helpers serving everyone their School Christmas Lunch!

During the Spring Term the Russell Bakers whipped up their first ever Valentine Bake Sale much to everyone's delight, and throughout the year there has been continued support for the termly Bag 2 School (handed over from Munira to Nicola and Michelle) and Pre-Loved Uniform Sales organised by Paul, Laura and Kirsten. In March, ten quiz teams (including 2 teacher teams!) enjoyed a fun evening battling it out for the 'BIG QUIZ Trophy'. With lots of competitive spirit it was fantastic evening and lovely opportunity for parents/carers to get together run by quiz masters Amber & Marcus. The term ended with the children's much-loved annual Easter egg hunt run by Rachel and team, and another gorgeous Easter Concert arranged by Mrs D and featuring music from the Orchestra, Brass Band, Junior and Mini Vocals, alongside refreshments and sweets treats from FoRS and the Russell Bakers.

The fun continued in the Summer term with our first glittering Russell Summer Prom organised by a team of Deb, Carly, Jav, Alice, Sarah, Alex, with Liz, Claire and Susan on the bar, giving parents and carers the chance to let their hair down, sip a cocktail or two and dance the night away right on their doorstep!

In June we came together as the school field was transformed with a Paris Olympics theme, complete with Coconut Shy Winners Podium and Eiffel Tower cake stand for a fantastic day of music and fun for the Family Summer Fun Day. Thanks to a brilliant team who planned the event including Michelle, Nicola, Shafi, Alice, Haria and Sarah who together organised bouncy castles, strawberry donations, sponsorship, advertising and raffle prizes along with Jess and Lil who led the creation and distribution of the brochure. A brilliant team of Class Reps, parent volunteers, staff and governors all set-up & manned stalls. Rob Munn ended his 7-year stint as lead of the Russell BBQ handing over the baton to Anand and Jamie. Mrs Deeley, Gareth & Glenn created a fabulous soundtrack for the day, along with the musicians, performers and groups who entertained us and the Dad Dancers who threw some shapes during the School Song & Dance. All seamlessly held together by our wonderful comperes Steve and Ryan.

The Summer Term was rounded off with refreshments sports day, drinks in the sunshine at the Summer Concert, a Krispy Kreme Donut Sale and a Break the Rules Day all led by Liz and Sarah along with teams of helpers.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has worked so hard giving your time and so much energy organising and leading FoRS activities and events, including class reps, school staff, committee members, parents/carers and helpers!

Friends of The Russell School

Income & Expenditure for 12 months to 31st August 2024

	31 st August 2024	31 st August 2023	31 st August 2022	31 st August 2021	31 st August 2020
FUNDRAISING					
Receipts					
Fireworks	£6,478.23	£6,016.35	£5,966.75	-	£5,719.72
Christmas Fair	£7,271.21	£6,790.42	£4,743.91	£2,612.81	£8,866.07
Quiz Night / Summer Prom / Race Night	£5,494.65	-	£1,576.96	-	-
Summer Fair	£12,731.02	£11,091.76	£9,121.07	£7,245.50	£1,300.00
Other Fundraising	£4,273.90	£3,316.23	£4,663.55	£4,084.33	£4,501.28
Other Income	£1,732.04	£86.71	£606.36	£327.69	£959.54
Barn Dance / May Ball	-	-	-	-	£4,898.80
Total Receipts	£37,981.05	£27,301.47	£26,678.60	£14,270.33	£26,245.41
Less: Expenditure					
Fireworks	£3,757.57	£3,560.65	£3,110.30	-	£3,672.32
Christmas Fair	£2,674.06	£2,476.52	£1,596.07	-	£3,137.22
Quiz Night / Summer Prom / Race Night	£1,432.23	-	£807.68	-	-
Summer Fair	£4,671.75	£4,375.20	£3,686.47	£914.76	£170.00
Other Fundraising	£377.70	£295.90	£551.76	£1,179.36	£839.49
FoRS Expenses	£1,962.99	£260.00	£595.06	£362.99	£421.96
Barn Dance / May Ball	-	-	-	-	£4,509.84
Total Expenditure	£14,876.30	£10,968.27	£10,347.34	£2,457.11	£12,750.83
Fundraising Surplus / Deficit	£23,104.75	£16,333.20	£16,331.26	£11,813.22	£13,494.58
SCHOOL FUNDING					
Major Items	£6,076.00	£3,424.97	£11,827.35	£10,004.75	£10,086.30
Smaller Purchases	£2,654.40	£3,055.79	£2,767.86	£251.70	£1,700.12
Children's Activities	£429.74	£752.76	£1,092.21	£1,732.77	£614.15
Swimming Pool Subsidy (Ring Fenced)	£6,271.02	£1,908.74	£2,748.45	£611.47	£1,648.75
Stationery Subsidy (Ring Fenced)	£1,787.54	£1,359.95	£2,038.25	-	£1,185.00
Parent Donations (Ring Fenced)	£7,735.84	£3,591.41	£4,786.70	£611.47	£2,833.75
Net School Funding	£9,482.86	£6,910.80	£15,687.42	£11,989.22	£12,400.57
CASH MOVEMENT					
Fundraising Surplus / Deficit (per above)	£23,104.75	£16,333.20	£16,331.26		
Net School Funding (per above)	£9,482.86	£6,910.80	£15,687.42		
Receipts From Prior Year Activities	£0.00	£0.00	£340.00		
Expenditure re. Prior Year Commitments	£9.00	£1,646.78	£9,938.70		
Net Cash Surplus / Deficit	£13,612.89	£7,775.62	£8,954.86		
BANK RECONCILIATION					
Bank Account Balances					
NatWest Bank (Current)	£1,870.71	£4,257.82	£24,482.20		
Skipton Building Society	£44,000.00	£28,000.00	-		
Total Bank Balance	£45,870.71	£32,257.82	£24,482.20		
Reconciliation					
Prior Year Total Bank Balance	£32,257.82	£24,482.20	£33,437.06		
Net Cash Surplus / Deficit (per above)	£13,612.89	£7,775.62	£8,954.86		
Calculated Total Bank Balance	£45,870.71	£32,257.82	£24,482.20		
Actual Total Bank Balance (per above)	£45,870.71	£32,257.82	£24,482.20		
Variance (Surplus / Deficit)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
CASH AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL SPEND					
Total Bank Balance (per above)	£45,870.71	£32,257.82	£24,482.20		
Add Back: Net School Funding	£9,482.86	£6,910.80	£15,687.42		
Cash Before School Funding	£55,353.57	£39,168.62	£40,169.62		
Less: Current Year Wish List Total	£33,853.15	£20,257.22	£17,891.44		
Surplus Cash in Bank Account	£21,500.42	£18,911.40	£22,278.18		
Less: Required Working Bank Balance	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£4,000.00		
Surplus Cash to Spend	£17,500.42	£14,911.40	£18,278.18		



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Russell School Parents Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1035257

Set out on pages

See documentation contained in '2023/24 Audit Pack (FoRS)'

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

16/10/2024

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(if any):

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