

2022 has been another wonderful year for FOES where we saw "old" FOES return to assist with the replacement of the Treasurer's role, thank you Anna; said goodbye to Gail, who was our trusted raffle organiser and who stayed with us for many years after her son, Toby, left to join senior school. We also said our goodbyes to Helen Shaw and kindly welcomed our new Headteacher, Mrs Maidment.

We started the new school year with lots of optimism and saw many existing FOES continue to share their ideas and attend our monthly meetings. This led to new members joining, who were welcomed with open arms.

Our FOES calendar was quickly full, with many of our longstanding established events being rescheduled and in addition trying out some new ideas from some of our new members. We were very grateful for everyone's support and it quickly became apparent that we had a very positive team of parents who were keen to help shadow some of our longer serving FOES but also go "head on" with tackling a new event.

I would personally like to thank everyone who has regularly turned up to our monthly meetings and assisted in taking the lead at the following events whilst ensuring they ran so successfully.

Tea & Tissues – Anita Burgess/Shona Nettlingham/Georgie Monaghan

World Cup – Jayde Greenway

Elfridges – Anita Burgess/Sam Short

Quiz - Anna Sasse/Gemma Coleman/Lucy Mills

Adventure Island – Donna Smith/Gail Cook

Xmas Cards – Luisa Edmead

Family Photos – Shona Nettlingham

Xmas Dinner Day – Anita Burgess

Santa visit – Jayde Greenway

Year 5/6 Performance – Luisa Edmead

Disco – Anita Burgess

Reception Magician – Jayde Greenway

Swimathon – Julia Penny/Lucy Mills

Mother's Day – Anita Burgess/Shona Nettlingham

Easter Hunt – Anna Sasse/Henriette Jauncey

Family Bingo – Anita Burgess/Anna Sasse

King's Coronation – Luisa Edmead

Bags2School - Lucy Mills

Father's Day Shop - Shona Nettleingham/Sam Short

In for a penny or 2 - Sam Short

Sports Day - Anita Burgess

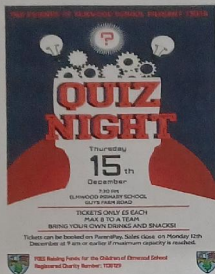
Inflatable Day - Luisa Edmead/Nicola Baldwin

FOES objective is to raise money for the benefit of the children of Elmwood Primary School. We do this from a variety of events/activities and the funds are spent by working with the school and our board of Trustees to decide how is best to spend this money; whilst always enhancing the children's learning experience. Having already undertaken the completion of a brand-new library last year, we saw the finishing touches provided by Danny Atheis, which concluded wrap around wall art throughout. Thank you to Danny for enhancing the library and making it the spectacular room it is today. This will allow our children to cherish their library experience for many years to come.



We then revisited our next large project by bringing back the requirement of "Lights, Camera, Action!" It was safe to say that this would be one of our largest projects to date but also very much desired by the school, since their current sound system was failing on a daily basis. As a priority, we initially concentrated on the sound system and projectors and after an exceptional amount of fundraising, by February, we were able to commission Spotlight Sound to renew and install our new projector, sound system, portable speaker system and outdoor control system. Finally, Elmwood had a reliable sound system that could be accessed efficiently both indoors and out.

We continued our drive to complete the "Lights, Camera, Action" project which would, in turn, compliment the sound system and projector and this included sourcing a reasonably priced company that were able to completely renew and refit the blinds in the main school hall. We pressed ahead with many of our popular events knowing that those still to come would include swimathon, Mother and Father's Day shops, Easter Hunt, Family Bingo, Sports Day and Inflatable Day to name but a few. We were driven by the current Year 6 neon leaver's disco, scheduled for July, in the hope that the room would be completely dark to enhance their neon experience. Sadly, we were unable to schedule busy diaries to include measuring, ordering and fitting by the month of July but all was not lost, when during the summer holidays Worth & Co were booked for two days and completely altered the appearance of the hall with the installation of motorised ivory cream roller blinds. We must also give a very special thanks to Ryan Norfolk who gave up his time during a Saturday morning, completely free of charge, to install the required electric works which allowed Worth & Co's installation to proceed. We now have another school hall to be proud of and one that will benefit the children for many years to come!



In addition, some of the smaller purchases paid for by FOES included Christmas crackers and sweets for every child, Sports Day ice lollies, Reception bookmarks and paying for our favourite Reception magician, Terry plus a Crucial Crew Educational trip for the year 6 children and as always, contribution to the year 6 leaver's week celebrations.

We finished off our year of events with the very successful Inflatable Day, much loved by the children, parents, teachers and FOES alike. This is always a very popular event, and this year was one of our best! The day was enhanced by a live singer, the introduction of a Pimms tent, fantastic weather, our very popular Elmwood Bake Off, our wonderful kitchen staff's involvement and the desire to pitch up in the field and "celebrate" another fantastic year at Elmwood Primary School.

I think we can safely say that this year has been incredible, Mrs Maidment has completed her first year anniversary and allowed us to continue everything that is good with FOES. We should all

collectively be immensely proud of our achievements and a huge Well Done to everyone involved for making everything happen.

As we enter the next school year, we inevitably will see change. It is time for me to personally stand down from my role as Chair and encourage others to take up the required positions and breathe new blood and fresh ideas into our wonderful Committee. I have loved everything that FOES stands for and have made life long friends, as well as fantastic relationships with the teachers and Headteachers along the way. The last 9 years have been truly memorable and having left once before, this time it is my final goodbye. I leave knowing that together we have raised an extraordinary amount of money, achieved some incredible projects along the way, worked with so many wonderful people who supported me throughout and I will never ever forget the difference FOES have made to our children. I wish the next Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Press Officer all the luck in the world and hope that your journey is as exciting and heart warming as mine has been.

Much Love

Anita x



FOES CHARITY NUMBER 1130129 - TREASURERS REPORT

Financial Statement from 1-9-22 to 31-8-23

The bank account balance at the start of the school year in September 2022, was £15,868.96. The balance at the close of the financial year on 31st August 2023 was £18,543.92.

The profit calculated from fundraising during the financial year stands at £12,774.79.

The total amount FOES donated to the school for the *Lights, Camera, Action* project, Yr 6 Leavers, Reception Magician, Christmas dinner was £9,438.66.

The Accounts have been Completed and independently examined by M. Gordon AAT on the 1.10.23 and will be submitted to the charity commission on completion of the AGM meeting on 19th October 2023.

I enclose a copy of the signed statement of funds that will be submitted.

Anna Sasse

Treasurer

FRIENDS OF ELMWOOD SCHOOL (FOES)
BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31/8/23

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDING 31/03/23					
INCOME	EXPENDITURE				
	£		£		2022/23 £
Opening Balance	£ 15,869.96			Uncashed Cheques b/w/d	566.33
Baggs School	£ 282.00				
Photographer	£ 202.20			Y6 Leavers (2021)	
Reception Magician	-			Elmwood School	0.00
Christmas Cards	£ 280.00			Christmas Dinner	247.21
Elfidges	£ 1,397.50				
Y6 Leavers	£ 3,766.00			Reception magician	110.00
Adventure Island	£ 6,290.00			Christmas Cards	0.00
Mothers Day Shop	£ 1,276.15			Elfidges	973.86
Fathers Day Shop	£ 1,279.50			Y6 Leavers	3,670.16
Xmas Performance	£ 82.00			Adventure Island	2,500.00
Discos	£ 1,032.30			Mothers Day Shop	994.74
Quiz Night	£ 701.50			Fathers Day Shop	988.22
Inflatable Day	£ 8,477.73			Xmas Performance	67.70
Sports Day	£ 313.70			Discos	237.00
Bingo	£ 360.00			Quiz Night	14.75
Copper Challenge	£ 202.00			Inflatable Day	4,331.89
coronation prints	£ 142.00			Sports Day	135.01
Swimmarathon	£ 500.00			Bingo	54.00
Readathon	-			coronation prints	0.00
Lights, camera, action	£ -			Swimmarathon	0.00
Dress Down Days	£ 257.00			YR 6 LEAVERS CONTRIBUTION	305.00
Easter Egg Hunt	£ 306.00			Lights, camera, action	8,872.29
Commission	£ 140.63			Dress Down Days	0.00
Miscellaneous	£ 23.50			Licences	148.83
				Miscellaneous	383.59
Uncashd cheques to be c/f			0.00	Closing Balance	£ 16,543.92
Totals	0.00			Totals	43,180.67
Income to date this year	£ 27,311.71			Expenditure to date this year	£ 24,633.75

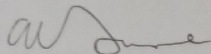
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Bank Balance as per statement dated 31.8.23 - £18,543.92

Treasurer's report

The Financial Statement for the period 1-9-22 to 31-8-23, has been prepared from the records of Friends of Elmwood School and are in line with the recommendations of the Charity commission.

Anna Sasse



9.10.23.

Treasurer

Independent Examiner Certificate

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Friends of Elmwood School and the financial Statement has been prepared in accordance therewith.



1.10.23

Michelle Gordon

Honorary Auditor