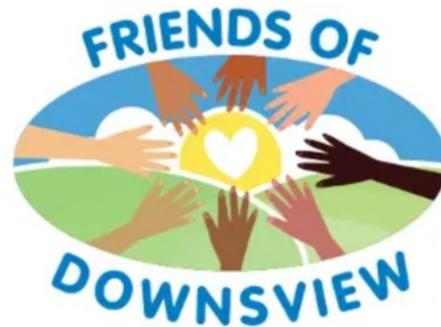


# Chair report 2024/2025

Friends of Downsview Primary School



# What we raised..



This year, with the support of our wonderful families, friends and local businesses we have managed to raise funds in a fun and creative ways. If you take a look at our income and expense posters you will see where this money was raised and also how these funds were spent. Just one of the many highlights of the events this year was holding our Jumping Jacks day. Great success again with all positive feedback.

We had a super time organising and hosting it, I would like to extend our grateful thanks to all our helpers but especially the core team. The weather was kind to us, and with the help of our wonderful team of parent helpers, we raised an impressive amount of £2,983. Our biggest earner was the summer fair with a record amount raised £5,088!!

There are so many things I'm proud of this year but one fundraiser was especially close to my heart - the Reading bingo challenge. We raised an impressive £1,392 considering the timing wasn't the best so not as many kids participated as we expected.

Another big success on the rainbow hampers, they looked amazing and from the few winners I talked to they were very happy with them. We will do them again this year!

**WORLD BOOK DAY SPONSORED BINGO!**

Ask an adult to sign off each of the challenges you complete and write the name of the book, poem etc, used for each.

**HOW MANY CHALLENGES CAN YOU COMPLETE?**

<b>READ A BOOK ON A FRIDAY</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....	<b>READ A BOOK TOGETHER WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....	<b>MAKE A DEN AND READ A BOOK BY TORCH/LAMP IN IT</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....
<b>READ A BOOK WITH AN ANIMAL IN IT</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....	<b>READ A BOOK TO A PET OR TOY</b> BOOK:..... PET/TOY:..... SIGNED:.....	<b>READ A BOOK SOMEWHERE UNUSUAL</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....
<b>READ A BOOK YOU HAVE NEVER READ BEFORE</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....	<b>READ IN YOUR PYJAMAS</b> BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....	<b>MAKE UP YOUR OWN CHALLENGE!</b> CHALLENGE:..... BOOK:..... SIGNED:.....

MY DETAILS:  
 NAME:.....  
 YEAR/CLASS:.....

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIGNED SHEET TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY 4 MARCH

**WORLD BOOK DAY SPONSORED BINGO!**

**13th FEB - 3rd MAR**  
 (return cards to your teacher by 4th March)

**How to Participate:**

**Prizes to Be Won!**

**Get Sponsored** - Help your child find sponsors among family and friends. **Sponsorship example:** A set amount per challenge (e.g., 50p/£1) and a bonus for completing all 9... but feel free to set your own!

**Raffle Prize** - Every returned bingo sheet enters a draw to win 10 book bundles (valued at £15 each).

**Choose Challenges** - Pick fun reading activities from the bingo card. Any reading counts—books, comics, poems, magazines, newspapers!

**Most Imaginative Challenge** - Win a book bundle (£10 value) for the most creative reading spot.

**Top Class Reward** - The class with the most returned cards (and completed challenges) wins a £50 book bundle, 30 extra minutes of Golden Time, plus donuts & squash

**Return the Bingo Card** - Submit the completed and signed sheet for a chance to win exciting prizes!

**Fundraising Goal: New Equipment for the Outdoor Gym!**

**KS1**

**FRIENDS OF DOWNSVIEW**

**DONATE HERE**

We have lots of exciting events coming up, including **FOD Mufti Day on 3rd April!**

This week, each class has received a **hamper box to decorate** in their assigned colour. On **Mufti Day**, instead of a cash donation, children are asked to bring in a non-perishable item in their class colour to help create hamper prizes for the **Joey Bar event on 2nd May**.

Here are the colours: Nursery - Gold/Silver, Reception - Red, Year 1 - Orange, Year 2 - Yellow, Year 3 - Green, Year 4 - Blue, Year 5 - Purple and Year 6 - Pink

Some examples of the items you can bring

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6



# What we spent..



You will see the funds were spent in a variety of ways, all directly benefiting the children of our school.

The biggest project we funded was some brand new amazing additions for the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

- KS1 playground train. Replaced the old train with a brand new shiny one with tracks around it
- KS1 playground jump&tag post
- KS2 outdoor gym got new grass laid down
- KS2 playground jump&tag post

# Our main fundraising project was..



A huge achievement was the launch of our own newsletter within the school's, this contains a lot of useful information about FOD, what we do, our upcoming events and many more. From the feedback we've received from parents they've been really grateful for this new feature every Friday.

If you take a look at the figure we managed to raise over the course of the year, it's a fair increase on previous years and we are very proud of our little team who planned and then made it all happen.

The figure is also increased in no small part due to you, our family and friends, you've supported every event and initiative we've cooked up and we can't thank you enough for your support. We try to make our events as fun and as inclusive as we can, and your support has been absolutely wonderful.



I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all our committee members and teachers for their time, hard work and wholehearted support of FOD throughout the past year. It is very much appreciated and a necessity for us to be able to support our school in providing lots of little fun extras for our children.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Sonali (ex/co-secretary), Paula (secretary), Aurora (treasurer&cake queen) who have been a huge support in their FOD roles. They have met each challenge we've faced this year with a determination to adapt and overcome.

I also need to give special thanks to Sim (all events & Friday sales), Danielle (events & lot of behind the scenes work), Charmaine (events, cake queen&behind the scenes), Gemma, Karolina, Kayane, Alison (events, and please forgive me if I forgot to mention someone) for their continued support and super hard work.

And of course, a massive thank you to our rock at the school - Mrs Gray. She is always behind the scenes, organising, answering my texts all day, sometimes into the late nights, making decisions, organising help for us and of course, lifting the heavy weights too. Printing, laminating, whatever job came up, she was there to do it. We really couldn't do it without your unwavering support and extraordinary work ethic.

I can't sign off for the year without thanking Ms Pugh. She's supported and encouraged me and the team in all our endeavours this year. It's been another year of new ideas, new challenges and Ms Pugh has met them all with a smile and a helping hand when needed. Her support means the world to us and everything we do is to give back to our school, thank you for supporting us, it's enabled us to really reach for the stars this past year.



# Plans for the 2025/2026 academic year

Loads of fun events, keeping some old favourites and bringing in new ones, as always.

Jumping Jacks, winter and summer fairs, discos, movie nights, Santa Run, Joey bars...and so many more!

The Circus is coming back to our school again too!

The detailed agenda is available upon request.

You can get involved as much as you can, no obligation or previous commitment is needed or expected.

