

Parent Council Fundraising – AGM Update Nov 2022-June 2023

Fundraising sub group Inception - 8 November 2022

Small but very active group in the period – 5 core fundraisers and support of volunteers depending on the event (actively trying to encourage new members/volunteers).

Events:

Core events:

Xmas Fair 2022 – our first event - 3 tables (bottle/chocolate tombola & raffle) – huge success raising £1709.

Gave us a springboard to start making purchases for the benefit of the children and hosting events.

Post lockdown disco's have been re-introduced almost quarterly (Feb, June, Oct) with exception of year end when focus is Xmas Fair and families are busy with many other commitments. Profit ranges £280-£340, a steady income stream for relatively straight forward event.

Pop up events:

Easter raffle & National Donut Day – neither intended to be money makers although we did generate a small profit, but have been helpful in raising our profile and providing the opportunity to engage directly with families.

Purchases:

Open collaboration with school through Teachers and Pupil Voice helped us to better understand what the Parent Council Fundraisers could support. Wish Lists from classes have shaped prioritisation of purchases. For example: waterproof bluetooth speaker, mobile library trolleys, Haven accessories.

Additionally, we committed to purchase the following items annually: P7 Leavers Ties, P7 Leaver Hoodies (discretionary basis) & engraving of the Parent Council Unity Trophy (award for having shone in non academia) which we introduced in June 2023.

Cost of Living and Sustainability:

We invested a significant amount in iron on school badges to assist families which have been well received although are a longer term investment so we have not yet broken even – but will. These are available to purchase throughout the school year.

Uniform exchange was also well received by families over the holiday period – we were left with lots but will continue to promote going forward and we donated all good condition items to Hillhouse.

EasyFundraising launched as we strive to find simple and sustainable ways to generate funds in support of indoor/outdoor learning at no extra cost to families. Continue to actively promote. First pay out £20.86 received August 23.

External Funding:

Grants:

Actively collaborated with school to apply for a number of external grants (some in school name some in PC Fundraising name subject to requirements).

From c. 15 external applications submitted during the period to June 2023 we have won/secured funding from three:

Dobbies – ‘Helping Your Community Grow’ where the Ayr store will support us in making green spaces (our |community Garden) a little brighter. Budget TBC by the Community Champion during store visit.

NFL Participatory budget 2 x £1500 for Community Garden and Stepping Stone projects.

‘Pure’ Fundraising Team Funds Nov 22-June 23:

Raised £3135

Spent £1557

Surplus £1578 (fully utilised investing in school badges)