

AGM – NPSFG & Trust Chair Report for Session 2018-19

1. NPSFG Office Bearers 2018-19

- Chair: Gillian Oldham
- Vice Chair: Stacey Spence
- Treasurer: Kirsty Crockett
- Secretary: Lesley Clinkenbeard

2. Newton Primary Charitable Trust – Trustees:

- Kirsty Crockett
- Stacey Spence
- Jo Carruthers

Note: New Trustees to be appointed for session 2019-20 onwards

3. Key Focus Areas for NPSFG 2018-19

In partnership with the school, we identified three key themes for expenditure this year:

- I. Classroom IT Equipment (specifically Interactive SmartScreens)
- II. Eco-Garden & Memorial Garden materials

Other focus areas for this year included:

I. Grants & Sponsorships:

- We have firmly established this funding route via a dedicated Grants Manager (Stacey Spence) who works together with staff members to identify and apply for grants and sponsorships. This has been a highly successful source of funding this year, totalling £7,500. Key grants included the Tesco Local Charity fund, Food for Thought and Bridge of Allan Round Table.

II. Community Links:

- We have further built our network of local business links which benefit the work of NPSFG in a variety of ways. Working with the local community is particularly key to our Fun Day success. This year we linked up with McLean & Stewart, a local firm of solicitors, who very generously sponsored our Fun Day inflatables (our largest event expense). In addition, we received very generous donations of food and stall materials from Tesco Dunblane, John Hills and Bennetts butchers, Ian Dunlop greengrocers and Mo-Lawn Landscape Supplies. Once again, we also secured tremendous support from a wide variety of local businesses for our Fun Day raffle. As a result, we were able to deliver a Fun Day & Raffle combined profit of £4300.
- Earlier in the school year, we once again partnered with the fine wine and Scottish whisky retailer, WoodWinters, to organise a very successful wine tasting event which was also supported by Tesco Dunblane. We very much appreciate the generosity of both companies in helping us deliver a very popular and profitable event.

III. Refresh

- Our third focus this year was Refresh – this applied to both our events calendar and to elements within our most popular events. Examples of this approach included our inaugural P4-P7 Movie Night which was a great success and will be repeated for all classes in the next school year. We also introduced a number of new concepts to our Summer Fun Day, including our local butchers BBQ, live entertainment programme featuring Monument Dance, many new stalls and local business funding. Finally, the first ever Paint & Sip event, hosted by Newton parent Fiona van Baardwijk, was a sell-out and will be back next session due to popular demand!

IV. Summary of 2017-18 Profit

- a. NPSFG: £12,590
- b. Trust: £600
- c. Grants: £7,500

V. Fundraising Activities and Achievements

We are pleased to report that 2018-19 was a record year of fundraising for the NPSFG. First and foremost, we would like to thank all the Newton families, friends, pupils, staff and community sponsors who have supported us during the year. We have been delighted to be able to make significant purchases to further enhance the school's IT equipment, as well as providing materials for the Eco-Garden. As ever, we aim provide a wide variety of enjoyable experiences for Newton families and raise as much money as we can for the school at the same time. This year saw our busiest events calendar ever, with highlights including:

- Newton Summer Fun Day, including our Fun Day Prize Draw
- Seasonal Discos (3)
- Our first ever P4-P7 Movie Night
- Si & Stu's School Quiz Night
- WoodWinters Wine Tasting evening
- 'My Art Project' Christmas Cards & Gifts project
- Christmas Market activities (Hampers, Christmas Trees, Christmas Bundles & puddings).

In addition to these events, the Cash 4 Clothes collection bin in the playground continues to bring in an excellent sum and we continue to raise funds from online sites such as Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile. We aim to grow this source of funding next year.

VI. Items Purchased

In line with the school's Wish List themes identified at the start of the year, we have been delighted to purchase two interactive SmartScreens for classrooms, matching the two provided by the local authority, and taking the school total to six. In addition, we purchased a Chromebook charging trolley, maths programme licences, classroom resources and materials for refurbishing the library. We were pleased to also provide significant funds for the Eco-Garden project as well as funding commitments from the previous year such as the Expressive Arts stage and repairs to the Trim Trail. Finally, we were also able to make our annual donations towards Christmas parties, Christmas Pantomime, craft materials, P7 Yearbooks and Keepsake Bags and Parentmail Licence.

VII. Newton Primary School Charitable Trust

The school continues to benefit from the Charitable Trust via:

- Regular donations from Newton families (although it should be noted that these donations are decreasing due to the fact that many donating families have children who have moved or are soon to move up to High School)
- One-off contributions
- Option to claim Gift Aid from open plate tea/coffee donations at various events

VIII. Office Bearers

The Office Bearers for the new session 2019-20 are:

- Chair Person: Gillian Oldham
- Vice Chair: Kirstie Speed
- Treasurer: Gisi Mehlstiebl
- Secretary: Lesley Clinkenbeard

Proposed Newton Primary Charitable Trust trustees for 2019-20 are:

- Gillian Oldham
- Gisi Mehlstiebl
- Veronica Duncan

IX. Accounts and Expenditure: NPSFG and Trust 2017-18 - Please see attached Treasurer Report Gillian Oldham, NPSFG Chair.