

# FoSS Chair Report AGM 13th November 2024

Back on 22nd November 2023, the Friends of Sissinghurst School (FOSS) held it's 2023 Annual General Meeting and elected the new generation of committee members.

This year FOSS has had a change in officers which was a new treasurer and the continued transition of accounts.

FOSS has continued to show patience, enthusiasm and a comardery managing to raise funds to support the school, when evaluating the past year I would just like to say a big thank you to all members, officers, parent volunteers and teachers in being so supportive.

The challenges that have been apparent is volunteers for the events and recruiting but as the time has gone on we are gradually building more members and I am confident more will join this amazing team. FOSS gives me such warmth in my heart too see all the wonderful members new and "old" come together and fundraise by organising lovely events for our children to cherish. The amount of work that goes behind close doors is an absolute testament to you all and you do it with such enthusiasm, it has been an absolute pleasure to be chair.

Whilst there have been a respectable number of fundraising initiatives and events held over the past year, I would like to take this time to give special thanks to the ones below:

## **Colour Run**

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you too both Catherine and Katie for all the planning and preparation of this event, making sure nothing was left unturned, the children and parents had an absolute blast, fun had by all whilst enjoying all cake treats that the parents and children helped to make.

This made a massive profit of £493.

## **Bag2School**

A big thank you to Catherine for organising, this is such a good fundraiser which can be done a couple of times through out the year.

A massive thank you to all the parents taking part and having a big clear out - we managed to raise £112.

## **Leavers Graduation**

This year our Leavers graduation was outstanding; both parents and children hugely appreciated this event. The amount of work and preparation that went on to the lead up to this event was, as usual, a lot but leaves us all with a memory that will be very much cherished by the children and their families.

Catherine a huge thank you for making sure the children had a fun variety at all the stalls, thank you as well to your children helping to set up the stalls. They sold out within minutes!

A huge thank you to all parents who volunteer for every disco as without your support these events would not be successful.

A huge thank you too all the year 6 parents for all your work and lovely touches which made the leavers party a night to remember.

### **Other fundraising activities**

Throughout the year we have carefully considered what we have asked of parents due to the cost of living, with this in mind our other fundraising activities this year have included:

School lottery (this will be ending)

Asda rewards

Ice lolly sale sports day

Ice lolly Friday sales

Christmas pantomime

All my own work Christmas Craft (Catherine and Dena thank you for your dedication and time in organising this, the children's artwork was spectacular!)

Christmas shopping day

Christmas quiz

Flower show donations

### **How FOSS is supporting the school**

Through our fundraising activities FOSS has been able to provide enriching events as well as help financially support the school, this is the list for the past year FOSS has either fully funded or contributed to:

£2000 for Opal project.

School discos

Leavers event.

Leavers books

Christmas pantomime £629

### **The year ahead**

FOSS has had great success in the events they have organised with all the support from members, parent volunteers and teachers.

I believe that slowly FOSS is expanding with more volunteers, but for us to spread the load more and hold more of our wonderful events we still need to grow.

### **Thank yous**

Finally, I'd like to thank our volunteers, for their continued support through the year, your contributions and time is greatly appreciated.

To the existing committee members I want to say a huge thank you, you have supported me from the beginning. You are the backbone for FOSS. Your dedication and enthusiasm is what keeps FOSS running smoothly. On behalf of everyone within the school thank you for all your hard work.

Kayleigh Skinner

Chair

Friends of Sissinghurst School Association