FSA Newsletter September 2022

Fitzjohn's School Association



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The Fitzjohn's School Association (The FSA)

FSA is our volunteer parents school association, working to fundraise for the school and organise events for the school community.

The FSA is a voluntary registered charity set up to support Fitzjohn's Primary School. It is run by the parents at Fitzjohn's with the support of the Head of School, Rob Earrey. You don't need to be invited, registered or volunteer – all parents of the school are automatically FSA members!

We are so lucky to have a wonderful, engaged and committed community of families in our school. That means we have a good starting point to work from.

Last year we raised a fantastic £100,000 which is a new record. This year we are aiming to reach the same amount of £100,000.

This year the FSA is co-chaired by Miri (mum of Mikey Y3 and Nathaniel Y1) and Tali (mum of Noam Y1). Our treasurer is Nitzan (dad of Roni Y4). This year we also have a new **FSA Committee** of parents who wish to be more involved with organising school events – Megan, Laura, Lola, Ana and Tara. If you would like to join do find us on the playground or by email:

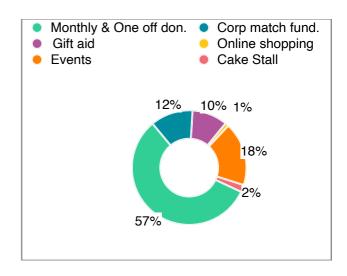
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About The FSA Fundraising

Our main focus and the best way to support the school is through monthly donations. Having a steady and predictable source of funding that the school can rely on, means we can safely plan ahead. Monthly donations accounted for £50,000 of our income last year. We now have 80% of families in the school giving through standing order, with the most common monthly amount being £50. This year we aim for an 90% participation. Sign-up here

The other big revenue source (and much more fun) is our events! Our Christmas and Summer Fairs, the Halloween Disco and our popcorn nights are run successfully with support of all our families. It's a great way for our community to come together and also create a positive environment for our children at Fitzjohn's. The income from monthly donations and events covers most of our budget. Remaining funding comes from one-off donations, corporate giving from employer matching funding schemes, charitable grants and Gift Aid.



How will donations to The FSA be used in 2022/2023?

Our goal for the year is to raise £100,000. The money will go towards the music, art and sport provisions and the purchase of new IT and playground equipment. By members of the FSA (that's every single community member) supporting these initiatives, the school is able to use its running budget to the fullest on valuable staff and teaching assistants that are a crucial part of our children's learning.

- 1. Every year the FSA funds the cost of our gym, PE, music, drumming and art instructors that are not part of the school staff. These activities enrich our children's curriculum and enable specially trained instructors to teach these subjects. This amounts to £42,000.
- 2. IT and Digital Skills This year we are replacing some of our old iPads as well as adding more coding and computing hours to our curriculum, at a cost of £25,000. This also includes an annual membership at the CLC (Camden Learning Centre) where the kids go for robotics and coding enrichment activities.
- 3. Playground equipment Good quality equipment has a real impact on our children's wellbeing. This year playground expenditure will be £4,000.
- 4. Library resources The FSA contributes towards the purchasing of multiple sets of reading books for our EYFS and KS1 children for £10,000.
- 5. Transport for trips The FSA funds the coaches and transport costs at £6,000.
- 6. Free clubs for children on Free School Meals As a community we fund one after-school club per term for every child on FSM, at a total cost of £1,800.
- 7. Events Our budget for running school events is £11,000.

The total funding requested by the school for the year is £100,000.

How to get involved

- Set-up a standing order: voluntary monthly donations have an incredible impact on the running of our school. 80% of the families already give in this way, with £50 per month being the most common amount. Help us reach our target of 90% participation by signing up on this guick link.
- Shop on Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising: Shop on Amazon Smile and through the Easyfundraising app for most of the big brands (John Lewis, M&S, Boots, H&M and many more). This has no cost to you and raises money for the school.
- Corporate match giving: many companies where our parents work will offer match-funding on employees' donations. If you make donations through your employer please consider our school. The FSA is a registered UK charity.
- School events are run and supported by parents and carers. You can help by reaching out to local businesses for vouchers, coming up with fundraising ideas and volunteering at the events. Reach out to your class rep to get involved with upcoming events.

Thanks for being part of the Fitzjohn's community!

Our first event of the year is the hauntingly anticipated Halloween Disco:

Friday 4th November 6-8pm

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