

Headteacher Report for the FOS AGM – June 2024

Thank you for inviting me to produce a report for the FOS AGM. It provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the year and celebrate the many successes and achievements across it. It also allows us to say a big thank you for everything that you do to support the children and the school and we are extremely grateful for your continued hard work and commitment, as it really does make such a positive difference to what we can achieve.

On behalf of the children, our families, the staff and the governors, I would like to start by saying thank you for everything. Your commitment to the role, your organisation and for making things happen for the children. Much of your hard work goes unnoticed by others, but the staff and the governing body fully appreciate the time that goes into the events that you plan, and deliver, across the year.

As a team, you plan very effectively, by understanding the programme of events that have the biggest impact on fundraising for the school. You have developed rolling schedule of stable and manageable events that continue to bring in a steady income stream, as well as always looking to tweak and adapt things to make them a little bit better next time. Examples include the development of the Christmas Fayre this year and growing the event to provide additional opportunities for the children, with Santa's Grotto returning and real life donkeys. The plans to increase the refreshments on offer on Sports Day show that you want to improve and build on previous successes, which is always great to see.

You have taken every available opportunity to raise money for the school and provide such enriching experiences for the children. In terms of fundraising, we are always impressed by the money that you manage to accumulate and this enables us to purchase new resources, supplement the cost of school trips and helps us deliver our school development priorities.

FOS Achievements and Successes for 2023-24

- School calendar sales and advertising
- School discos
- Cake Sales
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Film nights
- Christmas card designs
- Bags2School
- Christmas fair
- Colouring competitions
- Easter egg hunt
- Supporting our ANZAC Service
- Sports Day refreshments
- Introduction of card payments
- Supporting the Book Fair

Purchases and Contributions for 2023-2024

- Individual class contributions
- Contributions to supplement school trips
- January Pantomime
- Bikeability for Year 6
- Sponsoring children from Sudan
- Arts Week contributions
- Dyslexia friendly reading book sets
- Reading books (class sets)
- Education subscriptions to support teaching and learning
- Brisbane's outdoor area developments
- Maths rugs in Year 1 and Year 2
- Furniture for our new reflective area in school
- Bike racks
- Teaching resources on request (maths resources, talking tins)

Thank you for always being available and on hand to support the school and our school events, whether running to teas and coffees at the Anzac Service, ordering and sorting everyone's Christmas cards and just generally being available to be called upon. We are very lucky to have such a supportive group, who are always generous with their time and energy.

You help us to 'ice the school cake' and do some of things that just would not be possible without you. Thank you to everyone involved with Friends of School, to the core of you that attend meetings, to all of your helpers and, in particular, to the committee: Eleanor, Sam and Charlie, who play such an important role making things happen and ensuring everyone is informed and involved in events. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of various events over the course of the year, whether volunteering to help out, or attending and spending your money.

Like our staff in a school, organisations are about having the right people, doing the right things, in the right way. Within Friends of School, we are lucky to have this. You are always inclusive and look to involve others in events and meetings (I know it is not always easy to encourage people to step forward) and this welcoming and open culture is really important. You get things done efficiently, smoothly and diplomatically, which isn't always easy to achieve and that's credit to the way that you are and the way you do things.

Thank you again for everything.

Mr. Adam Lewis

Headteacher