

PFA Chair's Report October 2017

We are delighted to present this report on behalf of the Prince William School Parent and Friends' Association for the past year.

Debbie and I agreed to take on the role of co-chairs at the AGM in October 2016 and were excited to work with the wonderful team of parent helpers here at PWS.

It's been a busy year for the committee, we had three clear objectives we were keen to achieve:

1. To raise money to support the school in providing our children with important additional educational equipment, and with positive experiences.
2. To improve the profile of the PFA; To support the School as they improve their profile in the community; and reward the success and achievement of our students to encourage good behaviour and increased learning
3. To update the PTA's constitution to more appropriately reflect current practice and culture.

Some of the events held included –

- The Quiz Night and Grand Raffle – February 2017 (our biggest fund raiser) - £1,612.03 was raised!
- The Winter Showcase and Spring Concert refreshments
- Scholastic Book Fair
- The 100 Club
- The Summer production refreshments
- Waitrose Green Token Scheme

The total raised from these activities was £3,200, with the generous support from our parents with their time and donations. We are grateful for the support of the committee members, PWS staff and of course the parents. We want to especially thank Alison for all her hard work in her vital role as secretary, but even more so for liaising within school and making things happen especially with the changes that went on throughout last year. We also want to thank Sophie for bringing our constitution in line with PTA-UK, doing a wonderful job of keeping on top of our accounts, ensuring that we meet the criteria to continue to maintain our position as a charity and ensuring that we know what has gone out and where we are at each point along the way. I know she gives a lot of her time to achieve these outstanding results, and thank her for such a great job!

In addition, we met with Su Davies, Community Grant Advisor for East Northants Council, who advised us with regard to applying for grants which would help support school events. We also attended the council's fundraising fair in mid May and then applied for a grant with Northamptonshire Community Fund in the sum of £800 for the new Summer Production which was held in July at the Victoria Hall. This event was a big success, involving many students who have not previously been given the opportunity to display their talents and giving them much needed experience before next year's school musical production in January.

The fundraising by the PFA supported the following –

- Defibrillator - £770
- Projector and screen - £720

- Rock Challenge transport - £580
- Accelerated Reader books - £370
- Benjamin Walker Just Giving page - £100
- Year 11 Leavers' celebration cakes - £100
- School Library - £86
- Sixth Form Christmas jumper prizes - £20

We have many ideas for raising funds for this school year, as well as helping to reward and support our cherished students. We intend to apply for further grants to meet the needs of the school and enable students to enjoy various activities and promote their achievements.

The total raised for last year was £4,000, including the grant application. We plan to increase the monies raised this year to £5000 by choosing activities which will appeal to the wonderful parents and friends of Prince William School and hopefully guarantee their support.

We hope to see many more parents and helpers at future events and please contact us with your ideas or come along to one of our monthly meetings held here in the school.

Jennifer Kirkley and Debbie Twigger

Co-Chairs PWS PFA

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