

Countess Gytha PTFA
Meeting Held: 21st September 2023
Meeting opened 9.00am, meeting closed 10.20am

Present: Nicki Rowlands (NR) Katie Sweby (KS) Faye Lye (FL) Micaella Hills (MH) Kellie Walker (KW) Dave Gordon (DG)

Apologies: Peter Fletcher (PF) Heidi Brownhill (HB)

Approval of minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes from last meeting approved by all.

Matters arising:

Remaining 5 ipads that we had agreed to buy are now in the process of being ordered.

Rescheduled Bingo from Feb will now take place in Sep but school council have decided they would like to run it.

Bag2school collection on 8th June raised £115. We have now installed a clothing bin on site from astra recycling which has been enthusiastically received by the school community.

Summer fair was very successful and raised £852.23, all agreed went well and still a learning curve for next time. Priority to book inflatables for next fair asap- before Christmas at latest.

Disco went well, especially with time/group change for Merlin class to join preschool during school time, so we will continue with that. £161.15 raised from the disco.

Second hand uniform sold well in preschool reception at the end of the summer term with new starter size items. Definitely worth repeating next year, also the parents evening rails went well, so worth doing these again.

Leavers books were completed and well received again. Permission slips for this year's leavers to go out after Christmas.

Treasurers update (Report by HB, read by NR):

£3769.19 currently in the PTFA account. £1675 already earmarked for the 5 ipads being ordered. HB keen to stress that we must push events like the fairs etc in order to keep money coming in for us to consider larger donations towards school requests.

School wish list requests:

MH has liaised with staff over donation requests.

- Mr Gallagher has requested half cost towards a poet session for yr 5&6 - £60 all agreed.
- Mrs Milne would like some new wet play items for Pendragon (no puzzles please) all agreed that a £30 limit on this would be acceptable, committee suggested they may be able to find some second-hand games and MH would enquire as to what toys/games they would like.
- Merlin class have requested a replacement raised sand pit & some playmobil people, buildings etc. NR suggested we ask for good quality donations of those items from the

parents facebook page-all agreed. They would also like some painting aprons, DG thinks there should be some in the practical room and will check before we agree on purchasing any.

- Mrs Trusson has asked for some bean bags that could fit under the desk for children to read on. All agreed we need an idea of quantity, size & some pricing etc before we could make a decision on this.
- DG has requested a contribution to the panto theatre visit. Whole cost approx. £1200. He would like £5 per child donation; this would be for about 170 children if preschool included, all agreed this was too much for us to stretch to. All agreed £600 donation was fair, but we would not provide refreshments for it this year.
- MH to ask if KA have any requests for example wet play items.

Upcoming events:

UV Disco 20th Oct- DJ booked, NR to collect squash & donuts on 19th Oct and drop into school in the afternoon ready for the next day.

HB has ordered glow sticks & face paint.

Preschool & Merlin staff, KS & FL to help at Preschool/Merlin disco

NR, HB, KW, FL, KS to help at Pendragon/KA disco

NR, KW, HB to help at EX/ Lancelot disco.

MH can't help this time; NR needs to ask PF which times he can help on the day.

Mufti day 24th Nov- NR suggested class colours theme for rainbow hamper donations, for Xmas fair raffle as it's a popular one to do, all agreed.

My child's art- designs must be completed before half term so that we can send them off to be uploaded onto the parent's ordering portal. DG has booked us into the practical room for afternoons on 10th & 12th Oct. All agreed to let NR know which of the days they could join in and help get this done. Merlin, Pendragon & KA need assistance only- Excalibur, Lancelot and preschool can do theirs during class time.

Xmas fair 1st Dec will require a separate meeting to organise after half term.

A.O.B

Tara Andrews has unfortunately resigned from the committee for personal reasons and due to an increase in her workload. We were thankful for her help whilst on the committee and hoped she might help out at events in the future if she has the time.

NR & HB have been working through the charity commission paperwork and are now ready to submit the application, hopefully in the next few days.

Next Meeting

TBC