



Friends of Dallington, CIO
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ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

This Annual Report covers the period 05/04/2017-31/08/18. It was approved by the members at the Annual General Meeting held on 19/10/2018.

1. INTRODUCTION

Friends of Dallington (FoD) Objectives (as stated in the FoD Constitution):

To advance the education of pupils in Dallington School, London, in particular by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school;
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

Administration

FoD was officially registered as a charity on 05/04/2017. The FoD financial year runs from 1st September to 31st August, to tie in with the school year. This report covers the period from the date of registration to 31/08/2018, but in future years the report will cover a single financial year.

Members should feel reassured that the organisation will be run according to official charity guidelines, with annual reports and accounts being submitted to and held on file by the Charity Commission. As a registered charity, FoD will benefit from the support and services offered by the Charity Commission. We will also be able to reclaim Gift Aid on donations (subject to completing the required paperwork), which will add a further 20% to any cash gifts that are made to FoD.

Personnel

The FoD Committee welcomed a new trustee, Leora Neidle, on 02/06/2017. Leora was subsequently voted in as the new Chair on 06/10/2017. Leora replaces Tracy Johnson, whose many years of enthusiastic service have been a huge benefit to the school community. Thank you Tracy for all your hard work!

Committee members at 31/08/2018 were: Leora Neidle (Chair); Gema Sainz (Treasurer); Sophie McKane (Secretary).

Financial Summary 05/04/17-31/08/17

- Income: £6,412
- Expenditure: £3,015
- Net income: £3,397

Financial Summary 2017/18

- Income: £9,542
- Expenditure: £7,064
- Net income: £2,477

Summary of Reserves

- At 05/04/17: £8,216
- At 31/08/17: £14,090

2. FUNDRAISING AND OTHER EVENTS

Christmas Party

The FoD Christmas Party took place in the Crypt of St James' Church, Clerkenwell Green, on Wednesday 13/12/2017, immediately after the school carol concert. Children's entertainment was run by Sharky & George, and FoD provided drinks and snacks for all, with the option for people to make donations on the night. The party was a fun and raucous event: the kids had a great time playing games with Sharky & George, and adults were able to catch up with each other over a drink or two. The total cost was £1,547, with £205 gathered in donations, giving a net cost of £1,342.

School Discos

In 2018, discos were held in the Spring Term for years 1, 2, 3/4 and 5/6, and in the Summer Term for Upper and Lower Nursery. As always, the kids had a fantastic time sharing snacks and grooving to their favourite tunes. This year, instead of FoD organising all the discos, these were arranged by the Class Parents/FoD Reps for each class; thank you to all those special people who took this on, and to all parents who volunteered at the events.

In previous years, parents have paid £3 each for their child to attend the discos, but this year the cost was fully covered by FoD, with the option for parents to make a donation at the end. The total net expenditure for all the discos was £261.

Quiz Night

The annual FoD Quiz Night was held on 11th May 2018 at the Angelic in Islington, and raised nearly £606 net - a 60% increase to the amount raised in 2017. In previous years the event has been in February, but we deliberated for some time about whether or not to host a quiz in 2018 and ended up pushing the date to the Summer Term. Next year the quiz will be moved back to

February, in order to space events better throughout the school year.

This year we reduced the ticket price to just £15 for early bird tickets and £20 otherwise, which seemed to help with advance sales. Over 50 people came, including 3 staff members who were able to attend for free. We changed the format of the evening, so that rather than a full 2-course meal, guests had a small tapas selection with the option to purchase their own food on the night.

We added some extra prizes - 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, with additional prizes for the best name and the losing team. We also held a small raffle on the night. A big thank you to the Angelic for their generosity with prizes, and as always to our excellent Quiz Master Fabian Hercules, whose vast knowledge, enthusiasm and cheerleading make the event one of the highlights of the Dallington Calendar.

Summer Fete and Raffle 2017

The 2017 Summer Fete was held on Saturday, 01/07/2017 in Seward Street Playground from 1pm to 4pm. The fete raised £1,510 net, and the raffle raised an additional £2,388 net.

Summer Fete 2018

The 2018 Summer Fete was held on Saturday, 07/07/2018 in Seward Street Playground. The fete raised £1,015 net, and the raffle raised an additional £3,072 net.

This year the fete was open for an extra hour (12 noon-4pm), which reduced crowding at peak times. The decrease in net income of nearly £500 compared to the previous year may be partially due to the England v Sweden World Cup Quarter Final, which took place on the same afternoon! We hired two professional face painters again this year, but unfortunately there wasn't such a great takeup this year, and we ended up with a net deficit of £250 on that stall. We will revise our plans next year accordingly.

As always, the barbecue and bar were popular and raised a lot of money. We were grateful to the Modern Pantry for donating salads to the food stall. The bouncy castles, crafts table and other stalls were a great success. We also enjoyed a speech from Mogg and a special cake to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Dallington School.

We used the online signup genius form to recruit parent volunteers and were delighted that 55 parents volunteered their time on the day. A big thank you to all who helped, and also to all the teachers who gave their time to make the event such a success.

This was the first time we've had to run the event fully in keeping with Islington Council's public event guidelines. There was a huge amount of additional paperwork in the run up to the event, but hopefully the amount of form filling will be reduced next year as we can work from the 2018 drafts.

Raffle

Raffle tickets were distributed to parents five weeks before the Summer Fete, and the prizes

were drawn at the fete. As always, we had a truly amazing lineup of prizes for the raffle, donated by parents and local businesses. Star prizes included a Fortnum and Mason Hamper, a photographic portrait session, Beer for a Year and many vouchers for restaurant meals. The raffle raised £3,072, which is £684 (or 29%) more than the previous year.

Thank you to everyone who joined in with the raffle by buying and selling tickets. Special thanks to the anonymous parent of a Year 5 student who sold nearly £900-worth of tickets - a remarkable effort!

Book Swaps

FoD hosted four book swaps (one per term) in the basement after school during the period covered by this report. Book swaps are a chance for the community to come together to swap reading books and enjoy some baked goods. Thank you to everyone who helped with these by helping with set up and by baking cakes. The book swaps are primarily intended to build community spirit rather than raise funds, but we were delighted to raise £573 in total from book swaps during the period covered by this report.

In the coming year, each swap will be 'hosted' by a particular year group. This will reduce the burden on FoD committee members by sharing organising tasks amongst a wider group.

3. EXPENDITURES

In addition to the Christmas Party and the discos described above, FoD spent money on educational resources and activities to support the school.

- FoD spent £117 in 2017 and £343 in 2018 to fund trips to Adventure Island, Southend, for our Year 6 school leavers. This annual theme park visit, which takes place in the summer term, is a wonderful 'last hurrah' for the kids who are moving on to new schools. The difference in cost from 2017 to 2018 is because there were an increased number of children in the Year 6 class.
- FoD spent £52 on a trip for Lower Nursery to Frieghtliners Farm - a chance for children to experience this well-run urban farm.
- FoD spent £299 on a Primo Cubetto for our early years classes. The Cubetto is a screenless robot toy that introduces very young children to the world of coding.

4. SUMMARY

FoD has had a busy and successful year. We have helped to develop effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school by providing numerous opportunities for our community to come together. Our fundraising efforts have generated a significant sum of money, and we have spent some of that on activities and equipment that support the school and advance the education of the pupils. In the coming year, we will consolidate our portfolio of fundraising events and will streamline our process for expenditure requests from the school. We hope this will help us to increase our spending on activities and equipment.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 August 2018 (first accounting period from April 2017 to August 2018)

	2018
	£
Income from:	
Fundraising	
Quiz night 2016	380
Quiz night 2018	606
Summer Fete 2017	3325
Summer Fete 2018	3661
Book swap and coffee morning	573
Donations	
Total income	8545
Expenditure on:	
Donations of Education Resources to Dallington School	
Lower nursery and upper nursery	299
Contributions to Dallington School trips and school events	
Christmas party 2017	1341
School trips	511
School events (discos 2017)	260
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Total expenditure	2671
Net(expenditure)/income for the year	5874
Reconciliation of funds	
Total funds brought forward (from previous Friends of Dallington)	8216
Net(expenditure)/income for the year	5874
Total funds carried forward	14090