

# THE BLUE SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDS 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023



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# WELCOME

- THANK YOU
- TIMING PROMISE
- FOLLOW UP
- INFORMATION REQUESTS
- THEN THE IMPORTANT STUFF
- AND OVER TO YOU.....



# AGENDA

- WHO ARE AND WHAT IS THE PA?
  - What are we? What do we do?
  - Who are class reps and what do they do?
- RECAP 2022 / 2023
- KEY DATES 2023 / 2024
- FUNDING REQUESTS
- PA SUPPORT SQUAD 💪
- PARENT QUESTIONS AND IDEAS



# WHAT IS THE PA?

- The PA is an independent registered charity with an elected committee who sign up to be trustees (usually for a two-year minimum term)
- Anyone with a child at The Blue School is automatically a “member” of the PA – and those volunteering and elected to run the PA become charity “committee members”
- The committee is run by parental volunteers (who must have children at the school) to raise money to fund projects and purchase items to primarily enrich the children’s educational experience at The Blue School
- Committee sign up to charity constitution and must adhere to certain rules
  - I.e. 1 x AGM (21 days notice) / 3 x committee meetings
  - We will upload our signed constitution to the school website



# OUR GOALS

- To raise awareness of the role of the PA within the school community
- To engage and encourage parent participation – from nursery to year 6
- To have a set of achievable fundraising goals – short, medium, long term that benefit our children and the school
- To enhance relationships (between school, teachers, parents)



# WHO WE ARE...



*Jane Sankey  
PA Chair  
Beeches Rep*



*Alison Appanah  
Vice Chair  
Zebra Re*



*Jen Mulford  
Secretary*



*Sharleen Tsuchihashi  
Vice Chair*



*Anna & George Hesed  
Treasurers  
Nursery rep*

*Franklin - Yr2  
Bruce - Yr4*

*Rocco - Yr2  
Mia Rose - prev at Blue  
(now in secondary)*

*Mabel - Yr1  
Logan - Yr4*

*Isabella - Yr5  
Theodore - Yr4  
Poppy - Yr1*

*Elihu - Nursery  
Ahava - Yr1  
Zoe - Yr3*



# WHO WE ARE...

- Happily thrown together in September 2022 - to avoid dissolving PA
- Tight team of 6 working parents
- Shared values and commitment
  - We meet online or face to face every fortnight
  - Mr Hammer meetings fortnightly to collaborate with school
  - Full committee attend all PA led events together (and try to support PA proposed activity ie. Cake sales)
  - Purchase all items required to run activity
  - Agreed clear roles across the team to keep communication streamlined
- Shared goal to build community, make some money and enjoy it...



# CLASS REPS

- **Class repping is an incredibly important role** 💪💪💪
  - To be a class rep please express your interest to the class, or to the previous rep. There is no voting process – and repping can be done solo or as part of a rep team. People who volunteer to be class reps are gold dust and add huge value to parents/ PA/ school 🙌🙌
- **As rep you are essentially signing up to be an extension of PA committee**
  - To be the day-to-day link between PA team and classes (sharing our messages throughout the academic year, and being your class voice)
  - Additional comms / reminders / class support is up to the individual(s)
- **Class events (ie. bake sales) – rep is responsible for rallying troops / sign ups**
- **Full school events – the PA ask all reps to help with planning, support and driving class participation please**

*(Reps also have the responsibility of managing class Whatsapp group and ensuring these follow school guidelines)*



# RECAP 2022 / 2023

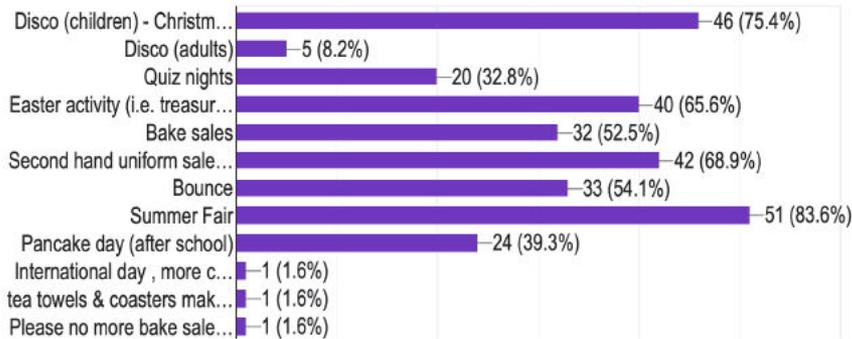
- RECAP OF PARENT FEEDBACK
  - What do parents want the PA to be doing?
  - Where they want to spend...?
- MAIN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY
- THE NUMBERS £££
- COMMITTEE SECOND TERM



# PARENT FEEDBACK – PA ACTIVITY

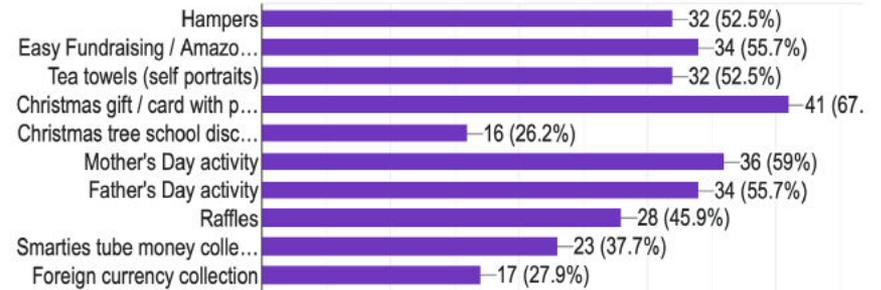
EVENTS: What events do you enjoy/ would you like to see happen again, that you would attend support?

61 responses



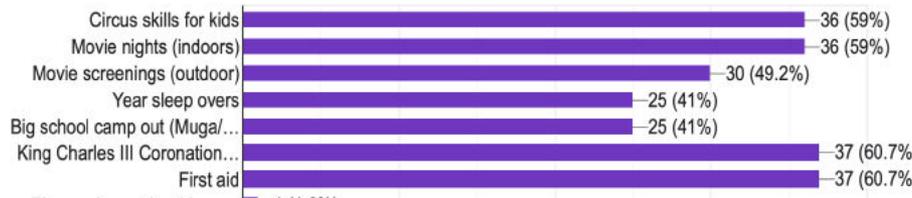
FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES: What activities are you happy to get involved with / support?

61 responses



EVENTS: Would you be interested in any of the following ideas happening at Blue school?

61 responses



Christmas / merch activity, tea towels, disco – some great ideas.  
Stripped out some of the 'stuff' to focus on key events. Less is more...



# PARENT FEEDBACK - £££

## WHERE SHOULD WE SPEND MONEY RAISED?

What do you think the we should consider spending funds on in the next 6 months?  
What subjects, areas of the school need PA financial support?

### Inside spaces and books

Reading books, shame so much is online these days.

Library and rainbow room

I really don't know - maybe more library books.

New books!! A librarian once a week - even if just for a few hours to advise children.

Books

Books

Books for school library

Books for the book corner, key texts

My children love books so any investment in the library will support them and everyone in the school.

Reading & Writing plus Mathematics

### Events / Activities

Socialising the children in fun environments—events and parent socials

Hosting workshops/events in school for children on online safety, team building, being kind, different languages (Chinese, etc).

Experience-based activity for children.

Day trips, educational trips to museums

Family first aid course

My kids have loved it when they've had people come into school to do workshops and farms.

More school trips

Workshops from external educators to help enrich learning, like confidence in speaking in groups, drama skills, creative story telling, fun science, yoga.

Educational field trips, cookery classes

Class trip to Zoo or farm to see animals or do some gardening/ gathering fruits veggies etc.

More trips - going to theatre, museums, parks etc.

Fun workshops

Creativity workshops i.e. Art, Baking, pottery

Activities for pupils

Music provision for KS1 & encouraging foreign language learning for fun. (Songs in different languages, exploring different instruments, different food, different alphabets....)

Climate awareness, pupil advocacy, mediation / inter personal problem solving for children

Singing

### Playground / outside spaces

Sun cover for playgrounds

Shelter for the playground. Like a big sail open tent maybe. They have limited cover from the sun and the rain.

Shade for summer and greenery.

Reception playground flooring and maybe some shade.

Yes, more playground facilities, a wildlife friendly area, canopy for hot/wet weather.

Playground equipment

Better sports equipment (save up for large, meaningful items)/increase range of sports offered in PE by external companies

Playground

The pond also needs to have a filter, a working waterfall and to be fully planted.

The children enjoy watching the pond and all the wildlife around it.

If the Peace Garden is going to be a sensory garden it will need support as well.

The wooden playground is very tired and in need of repair. And it is a play area used by many year groups not just one or two.

Playground

Playground equipment

Waterlogged area in front New Hall

The school's junior playground (where the gazebo is located)

Playground activities.

Playground.

Playground equipment.

Nursery garden could do with tidying up and freshen up.

Playground equipment

Scooter park, the alley way works (ish) but ideally a covered area for scooters would be preferred.

### Arts, Sports, Science

Sports equipment

Sports

Sports equipment.

Sports equipment for playtimes

Improving access to sport for children

Improving sports facilities

Better sports equipment (save up for large, meaningful items)/increase range of sports offered in PE by external companies

Sports, don't really have specifics but feel sport options/equipment etc could be so much better

Increasing daily movement / sport for all Blue School students

More balls for the playground, additional money for more PE provision

I'd like to see some funds spent on equipment for sports day, small hurdles etc to ensure all children get the opportunity to participate in some form of running race.

My children have said more footballs as the boys take them 😊 and rubbers and pencil sharpeners! Easily pleased!

Sports and Arts resources

Arts and sports opportunities.

Art and sport

Art materials

Sports, science

Also if they could do some more scientific experiments, that would be amazing.

Is there a science lab? Does it need to be equipped?

### Technology

Do they need basics like pens, paper.

Focus always on books, but feel like this isn't where the need is? New printer or tablets probably the focus

IT equipment.

More chrome books would be great

### Other

Recycling uniforms clothes

Cream/blue paper to reduce glare for those challenged by reading. Please do ask me more!

Diversity

Shank to make produce from the garden and sell.

Notes re: comments made about teachers being best placed to answer this.

Totally agree everyone should input - the survey was sent to all parents, all teachers and Head teacher.

Would that be something the teachers know better than the parents?

We can ask Ms Jones what other areas are being cut to balance the budget and where PA money could be best used.

I think this would honestly be best answered by staff at the school.

Notes re: areas PA can't invest. Feedback to be passed onto school.

(please do email or grab us to ask why these don't fall into PA remit)

My opinion : school may have to invest in online teaching app and testing tools like atom etc and fine tune the thinking skills. Secondly, please can some external sports event organising team conduct the sports days. I feel more professional sporting tutors and coaches would be beneficial for the school.

Over all these years, school day in my opinion is always no or less sports.

Could the PA fund more after school clubs?

The carpet in the common hallways should be replaced with a cleanable floor. The carpet can't be properly disinfected (specially after all the times that the bathroom gets flooded), looks really disgusting and it's a source of bacteria and mites. It gives an awful entrance to the Blue School.

We should ask the school! There's huge pressure at the moment with energy bills and staffing challenges. As a charity the PA might not be able to contribute to these core costs but we can ask Ms Jones what other areas are being cut to balance the budget and where PA money could be best used.

In natural plantbased products to clean the children living area rooms

Main hall flooring looked a bit worn too.

I can't remember if the school have one now but if not the purchase of a defibrillator.

Notes re: PA plan....

There is no plan - we will present all your ideas alongside head teacher/ school requests - and all parents that join AGM meetings/ calls can vote on where money is allocated. Our plan is your plan.

PA funds go towards enriching our childrens day to day experience at school.

It would be a good idea to have a general idea of what is the plan, as we have not been in the school long enough.

Things that support the association's objectives👍

Books / activities for class / playground / scooter park / shade /  
Arts, sports and science equipment / Tech



# MAIN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

- Bake sales (class ringfenced funds)
- Uniform sales
- Christmas D I S C O, Christmas merch, trees and tea towels
- Mothers Day / Fathers Day / someone special merch
- Pancake Day
- World Book Day – Big Book Swap
- Bunny Bingo
- Bounce for SHADE
- Summer Beach Party (Fair)



# MAIN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY



# MONEY HIGHLIGHTS

£28,031.08 RAISED

£20,298.59 PROFIT

£15,863.55  
DONATED TO BLUE



# MONEY OVERVIEW

- Opening balance of £18,605.21 at the start of the financial year beginning 1st of September 2022
- In the financial year 2022/23 income\* of £28,031.08 was raised from a variety of events which included the activities around Christmas, Bounce, uniform sales and the Summer Fair
- Outgoings amounted to £23,937.81\*\* which included donations to The Blue School of £15,863.55\*\*
- At the end of the financial year (31st August 2023) the PA held a closing cash balance of £22,699.18\*\*\*

\* Includes £1,000 Bounce donation pending

\*\* Pending other donations voted for not yet implemented

\*\*\* This excludes £21.22 cash-on-hand/float



# PROFIT PER ACTIVITY

Summer Fair	£5,933.55
Bounce	£4,679.49
Christmas	£2,571.41
Bake Sales	£2,541.76
Uniform Sales	£1,209.96
Mothers & Father Day	£1,141.72
Easy Fundraising & Amazon Smile	£564.89
Bingo Bunny	£409.38
Pancake Day	£326.53
World Book Day	£324.01
Foreign Currency	£317.39
Happy Bags	£278.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£20,298.59</b>

2022/23  
Main Activities Net  
Funds Raised\*



# DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

2022/23  
Donations to  
School\*

GARDENING	£178.82
RAINBOW ROOM	£199.18
PLAYGROUND	£669.58
BAKE SALES	£2,439.02
YR 6 LEAVERS GIFT	£626.95
ASTRO TURF	£11,750.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15,863.55</b>

(+Dyslexia pen)



# MONEY OVERVIEW

## Net Funds Raised & Cash at Year End 2020/21 - 2022/23



# MONEY OVERVIEW

2020/21		2021/22		2022/23	
<b>Major Net Fundraisers</b>					
Christmas Activities	4,397.00	Christmas & Easter	7,756.92	Summer Fair	5,933.55
Fitness for Funds	2,757.91	Summer Fair	6,399.92	Bounce	4,679.49
Uniform Sale	1,361.47	Bounce	4,880.16	Christmas	2,571.41
<b>Major Donations to School</b>					
Table Tennis tables	1,286.36	Playground equip	10,930.00	Playground Landscape	11,750.00
Chrome Books	7,000.00			Bake Sale Class Enrichment	2,439.02



# PA TEAM – SECOND TERM VOTE



# KEY DATES - 2023 / 2024

- 🍰🍰🍰 Cake sales continue...
- 🧢🧢🧢 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales continue... (BIG SALE 20<sup>th</sup> OCT)
- 🎄🎄🎄 Christmas merch, trees and tea towels
- 🎧🎧🎧 Silent D – I – S – C - O
- 📖📖📖 Year 5 book donations
- 🚗🛒🚗 Car boot sale – Saturday or Sunday
- 🚑🚑🚑 Paediatric First Aid evenings – Tuesday or Thursday
- ☁️☁️☁️ Other ideas for rest of year...





# 2023 / 2024 – SAVE THE DATES

PARENTS - THURS 30<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER (PM)

Y1 to Yr6 - FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup>  
DECEMBER (after school)

# 2023 / 2024 – SAVE THE DATES

## 2023/24 BLUE SCHOOL BAKE SALES

Please put these bakes & goodies sale dates in your diary!

Money raised in YOUR year-group bake sale, is given to the teachers of your year to spend on cool stuff to enrich your child's class experience at school (i.e. workshop, trip, books, equipment....).

So, your kids really do get out of it, what you guys put in!

YEAR	£ RAISED ALREADY	NEW DATES
Year 4	£468.72	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 2023
Year 6	£415.85	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Reception	-	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1	-	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2024
Year 2	£356.74	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 3	£347.38	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March
Year 5	£377.70	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March



### *The small stuff:*

- Money raised this year will be added to ££ your class made last year (i.e. last years yr2 money will move up with children to their current yr3 pot etc.)
- Teachers will be given their total - and they will choose (as a year group) how best to spend it. Please give ideas but they do not need parent approval
- Anything not spent this year will stay in the year group pot
- Reception obv's don't have a pot from last year
- Yr1 spent their full pot last year

# FUNDING REQUESTS

- SHADE (£4,679.49 raised to date) // MORE SHADE
- RECEPTION OUTDOOR FLOORING
- INCLUSION FUND FOR TRIPS/ VISITS (£allowance)
- PRIDE PACKAGE - TROPHIES/ BADGES (£500 p/y)
- NEW GOALPOSTS (MUGA)



# PA SUPPORT SQUAD

- ANY REQUESTS TO JOIN THE PA TEAM
- WHAT IS THE B TEAM SQUAD?
- SPECIFIC KEY SUPPORT ROLES
  - World Book Day – Great Book Swap
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform
  - ....



# OVER TO YOU GUYS...

- ANY NEW IDEAS?
- ANY CHALLENGES....
- NEW QUESTIONS?
- PRE-SUBMITTED QUESTIONS



# PARENT QUESTIONS

- What three things would make the biggest difference in school experience & enrichment? (KS1 & same question for KS2)
- Is there an opportunity to embrace the diverse cultural backgrounds at Blue (activity which advances our understanding of these cultures and raises money at the same time - for instance, in India they celebrate the festival of colour, so what about a fun run with colour stations...)
  
- *Uniform queries – passed Q onto school*
- *Will nursery have class photos? - passed Q onto school*



# PARENT QUESTIONS

1. What made you join the PA team?
2. What is it you feel you bring to the PA team?
3. What has been your greatest successes working for the PA?
4. What is your favourite PA event?
5. What would you like to achieve with the PA?
6. How much and what projects have the Parents Association raised?
7. What is the role of Class Representatives for parents within the Parents Association?  
What is the ideal/formal process for appointing new parents Class Representatives?
8. [POLL PARENTS] Can you recognise the Parents Association leadership team? YES/NO  
Measure the PA knowledge gap of general population of Blue School parents.
9. One of the most important services provided by the Parents Association is the 2nd hand clothes sale. Why hasn't the vacancy for 2nd hand clothes sale been advertised as a job or job share on a voluntary basis? **Please see message shared.**
10. Are Parents/Carers/Guardians votes in PA meetings weighted by the number of children they have attending The Blue School? **Each parent has one vote.**
11. Can links on the 'What is the PA document' on The Blue School website be made LIVE routinely and go to the stated Whatsapp group, e-mail and Facebook group? Can links on The Blue School weekly Newsletter be made Live and go to the stated Whatsapp group, e-mail and Facebook group LIVE routinely? **Links to school / facebook and PA email added to this presentation.**



**Rabbits 2023-24**  
Calno's Mum, Caroline Donaldson Ed...

Hi parents/ carers...

Just a reminder it is the **welcome evening tomorrow** at school (5-7pm). There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale and PA refreshments in the hall throughout that time BUT only one of us can be there - so if any wonderful parents can help (around their presentations obv's) to sell uniform and dish out a drink or two, please give Jane a shout.

**\*2nd hand uniform\***  
Bryony has decided to step away from managing this for the school after many years. She has been amazing and leaves it in GREAT shape - but it would be fab if anyone/ or group of willing hands felt they could share taking this on for the school? It's a great initiative to keep going (especially when uniform costs can be punchy - don't tell anyone I said that!) and any support would be a BIG HELP. Again, please give anyone in the PA a shout if interested.....

# PARENT QUESTIONS

12. How many people have logged into the PA Zoom meeting on Wednesday 4th October?
13. How many people have logged into the PA Zoom meeting on Wednesday 4th October for the FIRST TIME?
14. How many people have logged into the PA Zoom meeting on Wednesday 4th October only have 1 or more NUMBER CHILD in the same school Year at Blue School? [Not parents with siblings in different years attending/ed the Blue School] NEW Parents with NEW Pupils to the Blue School starting this academic year?
15. How many accounts have liked the Parent Association Blue School Facebook group? How many accounts have joined the Parent Association Blue School Facebook group?
16. These attendance and interest figures of Zoom meetings, e-mails, Facebook should be recorded term on term and/or published like the bake sale in this (September 29th 2023) week's newsletter.
17. How many parents/carers/guardians have E-MAILED [blueschool.pa@gmail.com] expressing an interest in the PA this academic year? [All Parents interest - total]
18. How many parents/carers/guardians have E-MAILED this academic year for the FIRST TIME expressing an interest in the PA? [New Parents interest and Existing Pupils not new to the Blue School this academic year]
19. How many parents/carers/guardians have E-MAILED this academic year expressing an interest in the PA for the FIRST TIME who only have 1 or more NUMBER CHILD [Not parents with siblings in different years attending/ed the Blue School] [New Parents interest AND New Pupils to Blue School this academic year]
20. If you can measure the success of PA recruitment, you can target strategies to improve Recruitment. I believe there was a recruitment drive at the beginning of the academic year by the PA. We can measure how successful this was by the points above? Some figures should be easy to obtain and others trickier but I ask the questions to assist making the PA more durable and healthy. From these figures we can gauge how successful the PA is at recruiting new parents to becoming active for the PA. This is important for legacy purposes otherwise fewer people have to shoulder more of the burden at the PA until it fails.

# PARENT QUESTIONS

21. How many Class Representatives were Class Representatives in academic year 2022/23 and are now Class Representatives in academic year 2023/24?
22. Who are the longest serving Class Representatives continuously (possibly between different classes) and for how many years?
23. Who are the successful Class Representatives were Class Representatives in academic year 2022/23 and are now Class Representatives in academic year 2023/24?
24. How many Parents/Carers/Guardians have put themselves forward to assist the PA for the A Team?
25. How many Parents/Carers/Guardians have put themselves forward to assist the PA for the A Team who is attending their first academic year at the Blue School?
26. How many Parents/Carers/Guardians have put themselves forward to assist the PA for the B Team? How many Parents/Carers/Guardians have put themselves forward to assist the PA for the B Team who is attending their first academic year at the Blue School?
27. What is the pupil composition at The Blue School. What is the number of [PUPILS] parents/carers have first time/only children attending The Blue School?
28. What is the pupil composition at The Blue School. What the number of [PUPILS] parents/carers have siblings in different years attending The Blue School?

Thank you!

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