



FOL AGM - Tues 14th November 2023 - 7.30pm

FoL Committee

- ☐ Sunny Chandra (Chair)
- ☐ Dipa Patel (Vice Chair)
- ☐ Selina Edis (Treasurer)
- ☐ Kajal Haria (Secretary)

Additional Key FoL Members

- ☐ Lucinda
- ☐ Ranny
- ☐ Karen
- ☐ Nirali
- ☐ Viral
- ☐ Marie

School Representation

- ☐ Claire May
- ☐ Madame

1. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT NOV 2022 - OCT 2023

This report is a summary of Friends of Longwood for the past 12 months - (Nov 2022 to Oct 2023).

I would like to begin with lots of thank yous. FoL would not be possible without everyone working together as one team.

My first thank you is to Mrs May and Madame. Your continued support means so much. Mrs May, you are always receptive to our ideas and are so appreciative of everything that FoL does. You also do so much behind the scenes to help FoL, a lot that parents are not even aware of. Madame, you really are a strength to FoL. We can always rely on you to help us, raise money (through various events), support us, attend meetings and be there should w

e need you.

My second thank you is to our key FoL members. These include, Lucinda, Ranny, Karen, Nirali, Virali and Marie. You have helped so much in the past year. Thank you for your continued contribution and support. Without you, it would not have been possible to run certain events and therefore we are very grateful for all your help. I would also like to thank our Class Reps for all their help forwarding on messages (so efficiently!) and help with day to day parent questions/queries.

My final thank you is to our amazing committee, Selina, Dipa and Kajal. So much happens behind the scenes and you all work so hard to make FoL the success that it is. Selina - you are brilliant and you have so much patience. Thank you for keeping our accounts in order. You spend hours and hours checking payments etc and we are so grateful for all your hard work. Kajal, you are a real asset to our committee; your minute taking is fantastic and you are so efficient at getting them out to everyone in a timely manner. The end of year video that you put together every July is amazing too! Dipa, you have recently joined the committee as Vice Chair and it is great to have you on board. You are always full of useful suggestions and are always willing to help. Thank you so much and thanks for always helping out at events.

As I am writing this report, I feel so proud of how well Friends of Longwood work with our school to enhance our childrens' overall experience at Longwood. Another year has passed and I feel the relationship between FoL and School has further strengthened. I feel content knowing that FoL is contributing to the enriching experiences that our children are receiving.

FoL continues to support our school's values (Longwoodese) and last year we mentioned how we wanted to further support the 'Emotional Wellbeing' E because as a Committee we recognise the importance of investing in our children's mental health. We were able to pay for more mindfulness sessions last year and also were able to support the school by paying towards the cost of their first set of 'Mood Bears'. We then purchased an additional set for the school. We also gifted the children with a positive affirmation fridge magnet. FoL will continue to pay towards incentives and initiatives that promote emotional well being as we believe this is so important.

Our relationship with Nursery continues to grow and we have good communication via our Whatsapp. It was lovely to see our parents in Nursery support our log cabin fundraiser. We will continue to grow this relationship as we move forward into the next academic year.

2. Fundraising

We are so thankful that we have lovely parents that support our events. We have had a mix of virtual and physical events and all have been successful. Selina will be able to discuss monies generated during her treasurer report but this year we have raised money from:

- ☐ Cash for Clothes
- ☐ Global Diversity Day
- ☐ Christmas Movie Night
- ☐ Virtual Bingo Night (x2)
- ☐ Crazy Hair day
- ☐ End of Year Disco
- ☐ School Lottery
- ☐ Family Photo Shoot

The fundraising events that have taken place have allowed us to continue to contribute towards purchases and activities that enrich our children's school/nursery experience. These include:

- ☐ New Reception Bags
- ☐ Moki Bands (part funded)
- ☐ Litter Pickers
- ☐ Christmas goodies for school children and books for nursery
- ☐ Mindfulness sessions and affirmation badges
- ☐ Circus Skills Workshop
- ☐ World Book Day authors (part funded)
- ☐ Enterprise Week (through School Lottery)
- ☐ Outdoor Cabin for Nursery (through School Lottery)
- ☐ Easter Eggs
- ☐ Electric Umbrella Performance
- ☐ Year 6 Leavers' Gift
- ☐ Four Square playground marking

I am sure I have missed many others too. It feels so rewarding to know that we have been able to provide so many things for our children. What a fantastic achievement.

3. Grants

We received one grant of £500 which was used towards our school's Coronation celebrations.

4. Focus and report summary

Just a reminder that all of the above events, fundraising and expenditure is with FoL's innate purpose in mind. This remains true to the vision set out in its inception in January 2012.

Our main priorities are to:

- ☐ Create and enhance the sense of community and involvement of families
- ☐ Raise funds for specific School and Nursery projects
- ☐ Have fun!

Our ambition is to help make Longwood shine even brighter! We smashed it last year and achieved a tremendous amount in such a small time. I know that this year will be amazing too and we will definitely do our best to help Longwood 'shine even brighter'. Thank you once again to everyone for all that you do to make Friends of Longwood the success that it is.

5. Treasurers and account summary

To be presented by Selina

6. Confirmation / Re-election of Officers

Chairman - Sunny Chandra

Vice chairman - Dipa Patel

Treasurer - Selina Edia

Secretary - Kajal Haria

7. Future Strategy

FoL continues to be committed to fundraising activities throughout the school year. FoL will continue to work closely with the school and nursery.

Our strategy is to involve every family throughout Longwood School and Nursery. We would like to see more parents involved with FoL or at the very least sharing ideas of what they would like us to offer for their children (e.g. different events).

We will continue to work closely with our Class Reps as they are a vital part of how we effectively communicate with our parents.

I believe that all the events that we provide for our children should be fun, exciting and memorable.

I believe that a good use of FoL money is where we try to spend it on exciting and memorable experiences that provide enriching outcomes for our children.

8. Feedback

We welcome any feedback. If anyone has feedback on how we can improve FoL then this can be directly given or via Class Reps to FoL committee members.

9. AOB - revert to main agenda