

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL PTA

PTA

Chairperson's AGM Report

4th November 2016

There are three main aims of the PTA;

- To organise enjoyable and memorable events for the children and their families.
- To enhance the community spirit within the school.
- To raise vital funds for the school.

The committee formed last year consisted:

Co-Chairs: Emma & Shiv Vice Chair: Kim

Secretary: Laura

Treasurers: Tania & Aparna

The committee, along with many, many other parents, worked with Miss Sands to make the year an enjoyable and successful one.

What a year!

The 2015/16 Infant PTA year has been a fun one in so many ways. Many parents stepped forward to help organise events. We had both new parents to the school and existing ones putting in tremendous efforts to organise wonderful events for the children throughout the year.

At the start of the year Miss Sands advised that funds raised would go towards the school hall. With fantastic support, the PTA was able to raise a considerable sum for the school.

Having so much support and dedication from parents meant we were able to many events throughout the year including **Cake and Second Hand Uniform Sales**.

Our larger events kicked off with the well-loved **Seasonal Fair** in early December; an event that the children look forward to every year. Kim, Bridget & Tracey made a fantastic team who brought the whole event together. Parents came into school and baked with the year 2 children to produce lovely biscuits that were sold at the Seasonal Fair. Volunteers came in and decorated the hall and make it look wonderful as well as helping on the day to either sell or accompany the children while they purchased their gifts. The event was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In February we held the **Spring Disco** for Years 1 and 2. The children received a party bag containing treats. During the event they were able to have tattoos, glo-bracelets and were provided with food and drink to ensure they had enough energy to dance away to their favorite songs! The children seemed to have a great time! A big thank you to Bridget & Kim for pulling together this fun event.

In March, we held our **Movie Night** – a chance for the children to have a cinema experience with their friends. There were 2 screenings, one for reception where we showed “Jungle Book” and a second show for year 1 & 2 showing “Monsters University”. A big thank-you to Donna and Emily for organising.

In May we had our **Rescue Mission** organized by Emma & Tracey. A fantastic trail, through the local area, with clues and challenges along the way. Many of the children came in fancy dress (as well as parents and teachers) to make this a wonderful event. At the end everyone gathered in the playground for cakes and drinks creating a wonderful atmosphere.

The next event was the hugely popular **Summer Camp** in June. The field opposite school became a campsite for one night where more than 70 families slept overnight. Tents were pitched, barbeques lit, whilst singing and marshmallows were enjoyed round the campfire, all topped off with a wonderful Balloon Race! Thanks to Miss Sands who came and read stories to the children. A huge thank you to Laura, Oda, Louise & Eleni who worked so hard before and during the event to make it such a great experience for everyone.

The last and the biggest event of the year was the **International Food Fair**. We have such diversity within our school and this was a real chance for all nationalities to showcase food from their countries. Many parents and local restaurants were extremely generous with donations, ensuring that no one went home hungry. In addition there was a bouncy slide, beat the goalie for the children to take part in, as well as an international themed disco. This was a fantastic way to end the year and thank you to the many people who helped in pulling together a wonderful event for all to enjoy!

In summary, the committee was delighted with how the year went, primarily due to the huge support from the many parents who have helped throughout the year – without this help, we simply would not have been able to have run all of these events.

A special thanks goes to Miss Sands, Mrs. Dobinson and Mrs. Cox, with whom we've had a great working partnership. And finally a huge thanks to Mr Adolphe who helped us so much throughout (and at all hours!)

We believe that with continued support from parents and teachers, the PTA in the year ahead can grow from strength to strength and provide further fun events for the children, their families and the teachers of the school.

Shiv & Emma
(Co-Chairs)



A LITTLE BIT OF HELP MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!