

# ALSA Minutes

Meeting Monday 10 July 2023 Staff Room

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## Attendees:

Emma Betteridge, Serena Pattison, Amy Lander, Kira Behvindi, Gini Cumming, Grace Sciacca, Mark Stobbart, Raquel York, Claire Jones, Miriam Keaveney, Kirstin Landau, Keith Smithard, Rabiah, Rudi, Isis.

## Ball debrief

Went well. Over £2000 on the live auction plus the other games, ticket sales and online lots. Including the cruise and 2 x sky studio lots we should be around £5k.

Venue was good, a few niggles re wine service, have had v positive feedback generally. Future balls- perhaps survey to see if there is sufficient interest - 4/10 tables were current y6 and over 50% of the live auction money came from Y6 parents. Not necessarily a general y6 phenomenon - in the auction at last year's ball, more than 50% was from the same year group when they were y5 parents. Suggestion people would be prepared to spend more on a ticket for a central location. Discussion about central locations.

## Braiding evening tomorrow

- Sarah has emailed all attendees.

## Summer Festival

- Discussed food options. Mairead is looking into Giggly pig. There was a discussion that we should ask year groups if anyone has an unwanted gas BBQ which would make doing our own gas BBQ much easier.

## Risk assessment

- Discussed how important risk assessments are especially after what happened at the M festival when a food van exploded. Must make sure that any external providers have their own risk assessment and liability insurance.

## Which events should we do next year:

### Bake sales

- Yes. Every class did a bake sale this year despite discussion about having sales of different items to cut down on sugar.

### Break the rules

- Yes.

### Halloween disco

- Yes. Discussion about doing a film instead of a disco. Could do with teacher support to keep children under control! Would be good if message came from Mr S to get more support from teachers for events in general. Need to speak to Lee about dates.

### Xmas jumpers

- Most people supported doing this again. Also talked about doing Christmas woolly hats. Large box in cupboard that need a wash. Ask Y6 to donate old jumpers before they leave.

### Xmas cards

- Yes

### Xmas fair

- Yes. Would be good to set the date asap so people can have as much notice as possible. Last weekend in November possible date.

### **Wreath making**

- Yes. Claire is happy to run to events if they can be on the same day. Possibly a weekend day. Increase price to around £45. Kirstin to look at dates.

### **Quiz night**

- Yes - this was a popular event. Miriam said her husband might be willing to be quizmaster again!

### **Mother and Fathers Day gifts**

- Yes - this is a popular event. Mothers day raises more money and better quality gifts than Fathers day. Suggest sending out reminder about both just after Christmas so people can keep unwanted gifts.

### **Egg hunt**

- Yes. Also discussion about having a film instead of Disco.

### **Tea towels**

- Yes these are always popular and quite easy.

### **May summer fair**

- Most people felt that the timing of this worked well, keeping end of term less busy. Need to get dates in with school asap.

### **Ball**

- Yes - Most people felt this was a good event and raises a lot of money. Need to get more support especially from younger years as nearly half of this years ball attendees were Y6 parents.

### **Online auction**

- Yes - this is popular and raises a lot of money. Ending on a Thursday didn't work very well - ending at a weekend better to give people more time to bid. Ending some lots at the ball worked well.

### **Summer festival**

- Yes - this is also popular. Discussion around adding more to it such as talent show, fashion show, live music etc.

### **Other ideas**

- Outdoor films
- Individual class stalls at the fairs.
- Competition between classes to see how much they can raise.
- Totaliser in school reception to show how much has been raised.
- Sponsored events
- Decorate an egg competition
- Decorate a potato for world book day
- Talent show
- Race night/ALSA Ascot
- Christmas decoration amnesty/exchange
- International picnic
- Christmas/Halloween trail
- Costume exchange for World book day
- Golden tickets in chocolate bars
- Sponsor a chair

### **Spending for next year**

White rose maths

Read write inc

Twinkl

Wet pour area

Furniture

Class experiences

School experiences

Panto

Pirate ship/Nursery play area

Trees

**Committee positions**

Chair and Secretary position available and must be filled if charity is to carry on. No-one shown any interest so far. Mr S to send out another urgent message before the end of term.

**SEN update**

Not discussed

**Eco update**

Not discussed

**AOB?**