

FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S

Spring Update 2024

WHAT HAVE THE FRIENDS BEEN DOING?

With Spring on its way, the Friends have been busy raising funds since the start of the school year with lots of events.

We've had a Halloween Cake Sale, a school disco, Christmas raffle, Trees for the festive period and more cakes for Valentine's day!

Not only have the Friends been busy fundraising, they've also elected a new Chair - Jamila Kassam, mother to Malaika in Year 1. Thank you.



WHY DO WE RAISE MONEY?

The Friends of St. Margaret's helps the school by raising money with fun events, that not only help with much needed funds, but also helps to enrich our school community.

Often there are demands on limited school resources and that's where the Friends step in. Thanks to the generosity of parents and carers, the Friends can help pay for special events, capital projects and subsidised social events.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE MONEY RAISED?

This school year, the Friends have used the funds raised to pay for the projects below which not only improve the school infrastructure, inspire young minds, but most importantly help bring fun learning to the school.

1) Queen Mary University visited school with amazing STEM science shows that inspired children of all years.



2) Weekly coding classes for Y3/4 are taking place in the summer term. This will be using Lego Robotics and will roll out to Y3 every year thereafter.



3) Re-purposing the Early years / KS1 play area in spring / summer 2024. A new surface will be laid, fresh play areas and two new gazebos will be erected.

4) A new 'No Ball Zone' in the top playground has been created. By adding nets and new seating, games can be played without flying balls! This area will also be used on hot summer days to teach outside.



5) More benches for the playground, with umbrellas when it's sunny!

6) An new outdoor PA system to make announcements outside. Especially useful for the park run, May Fair, the Friends BBQ and more besides.

7) New fridges and BBQs for the Friends to help with events like the May Fair and the summer BBQ.

*** More Projects to follow soon ***



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends have organised the following events for spring / summer 2024. Please take a note and hope to see you there for fun and fundraising.

Book Sale - World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

Quiz Night - Thursday 21st March

**Easter Egg Raffle - Week before Easter,
draw on Wednesday 27th March**

May Fair - Saturday 18th May

Friends BBQ - Friday 12th July



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The Friends is currently being run by a small group of parents who work as a committee, but we rely on a large amount of volunteers (and teachers) for all of our events to go ahead. We'd especially like to include more parents from our early years classes, as they are the future of our school. Please contact the school office if you would like to join us.

For those that want to fundraise or donate directly, our charity link is <https://www.justgiving.com/fo-stmargaretsschool>