



Belswains BSA/PTA Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 28th September 2021 @ Belswains School Hall

Attendees

Hannah Perry, Lucy Raphael, Chris Turrell, Natalie Turculet, Tracey Deans, Dipesh Pattni, Lindsey Pattni, Alexander De Tisi, Whitney Abiodun, Janice Carden, Jo Rosser, Imelda Aspinall, Emma Lethbridge, Jenny Batchelor, Melissa Barnard, Sara Miles, Sara Freedman, Neysa Claridge

Apologies:

Tasha Greenaway, Rachel Williams, Kiran Islam. Charlotte Hosier, Caroline Trimby, Amy Gostling

Chairpersons Report

Hannah welcomed attendees and did a brief introduction and thanked everyone for such a great parental turn out. During a particularly difficult year for everyone we have had to think a little differently in terms of the types of activities that we could run and also be considerate to the financial and emotional impact parents and children will have been experiencing; therefore, we have tried to be more community minded and not just focussed on fund raising. This is why the some of the listed achievements that follow are not just based on fundraising, but also wellbeing of our Belswains family. That said, we can still boast a higher balance at the end of the academic year than the start, which has been helped by a benefactor (who wanted to remain anonymous) that donated the funds for the purchase of a defibrillator, who we owe a huge debt of gratitude to.

i. Last Academic Year Achievements:

- Purchase and installation of a defibrillator
- Reading shed-kitted it out, books, storage bean bags etc
- Buddy Bench
- 2 Basketball hoops
- 2 Goals
- Table tennis bats & balls
- Giant connect 4
- Logo redesign competition
- Free Christmas raffle give away (6 prizes)
- Christmas chocolates and book for every child at Belswains
- Mental health week-stone decorating and posted every day on our Facebook page
- Panto for the school
- School year end treats (Ice cream / Pizza) & contribution to Year 6 hoodies



ii. Fundraising Events Completed:

- Sponsored Run £4748.14
- Halloween sales £113.14
- Christmas Cards £556.76
- Mothers & Father's Day table M = £8.67 F = £32.94
- Easter Egg Hunt £154.78
- Non uniform day £217.51
- Matched Giving £327.00

iii. Fundraising ideas and events for 2021/2022

- Halloween Disco - Friday 15th October
  - KS1 5-6pm
  - KS2 6.15-7.45pm
- Break The Rules - Friday 22nd October  
(non-uniform day and items brought in will supplement the Christmas Market)
  - KS1 - bring in chocolate
  - KS2 - bring a bottle (any bottles of alcohol will need to be brought in by adult and dropped off by the school office)
- Christmas Market – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2pm – 5.30pm  
(outdoor market / use school hall for school stalls and raffle)
- Christmas card Sale (October/November)

Treasurers Annual Report

Opening Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

- £4383.93cr

Closing Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

- £6,390.52cr

Statement of accounts available on request to [bsa@belswains.herts.sch.uk](mailto:bsa@belswains.herts.sch.uk)

Voting for Committee - all committee members voted in unanimously.

Chair – Hannah Perry

Deputy Chair – Lucy Raphael

Secretary – Chris Turrell

Treasurer – Carrie Foster

Newsletter & Publisher – Caroline Trimby

Social Media Co-Ordinator – Rachel Williams

Special mention and thank you to Carrie Foster who has volunteered to take over from Natalie Turculet as Treasurer, who is retiring.



#### Appointment of Class Representatives:

- Nursery Wrens: Kiran Islam
- Reception Robins: Alexander De Tisi
- Reception Sparrows: Sara Rose-Freedman
- Year 1 Fircrest's: Sara Miles
- Year 1 Goldcrests: Jenny Bachelor
- Year 2 Swifts: Amy Gostling
- Year 2 Starlings: Rachel Williams
- Year 3 Jays: Lisa Claire
- Year 4 Nightingales: Jenny Bachelor
- Year 5 Eagles: Cassandra O'Neill / Tasha Greenaway
- Year 5 Hawks: Jodie Flint
- Year 6 Red Kites: Charlotte Hosier

#### Any Other Business

- i. Chris Turrell wanted to discuss looking into alternative funding and volunteering opportunities through routes such as corporate sponsorship (e.g., matched giving) and volunteering or other charitable foundations or providers of grants / sponsorship of specific charitable fundraising projects. There is an opportunity to reach out to parents who work for organisations that offer such initiatives. Mrs Claridge was keen to discuss further with Chris other avenues and opportunities.
- ii. Chris Turrell suggested that in addition to fundraising events that we do, could we could work more collaboratively with Parents who own their own businesses who might support the PTA through events or raffles, or could support the school with their own unique offerings (e.g., personal training session for the children/ ice cream van visit as we did in the summer, or visit from police / fire brigade). We would also be providing them business development opportunity through access to parents.
- iii. Hannah Perry wanted to mention a special thank you to Natalie Turculet who is retiring as Treasurer
- iv. A big thankyou to Mr Franklin (school caretaker) for his consistent and unquestioning support of our activities
- v. Thank you to Chris Trimby for his matched fund raising of £327.00 from the Sponsored Run
- vi. Mrs Claridge thanked the PTA/BSA and all the volunteers and parents for their contributions and hard work during what has been a challenging year.