



FBSA Newsletter 6 – March 2017

Welcome to our latest FBSA Newsletter. Whilst Christmas feels like a bit of a distant memory, I am pleased to be able to bring you an update on our very successful fundraising totals over our first term for this academic year. We hope those attending enjoyed our film night last week. Read on to find out about our brand new 'bake-off' event – it's going to be cake-tastic!

FBSA team

As mentioned in previous FBSA and school newsletters, we now have a vacancy on the Core Committee for a new Treasurer. Our current incumbent, Donna Druce, is standing down at the end of this term (Easter 2017), therefore if anyone is interested please do let us know.

We do have a parent who has indicated they would be interested in a job-share of the Treasurer role, so if you think you would like to be involved but aren't always able to attend meetings etc, then this could be the ideal opportunity for you to join the team!

Thank you!

Donna – myself and the wider FBSA team would like to say a huge thank you for all your support since Nov 2015. Your calm, unflappable approach along with your sense of humour and ready smile, have been a real asset to our little team – so thank you, you'll be missed!

Fundraising update

I'm pleased to share with you some of our fundraising highlights so far:

Having already achieved a fabulous **£3,400** though the fireworks, toy sale and film night during the first term, the remainder of our activities (quiz night, Christmas discos, Christmas card and DVD sales) increased this total to a really fantastic **£4,200!** *A huge thank you to everyone who helped out in any way with these fundraising efforts.*

As well as our usual FBSA expenditure (e.g. money for individual classes to buy things on their wish lists; contribution to school trips; supporting workshops and other activities; leavers gifts etc) and our Garden Project focus this year (we're currently in the process of gaining quotes for the work we need doing and hope to get this underway in the next few weeks), we're pleased to say we're funding the forthcoming Ben Smith assembly next month. For those not familiar with Ben's story, he completed 401 marathons in 401 days to raise money for anti-bullying. We hope all pupils find his visit to school inspiring and thought provoking!

Easyfundraising update



Thanks to everyone who are now using easyfundraising when shopping. We have raised a total of **£513.24** through this which is great news, thank you! To date we have **39** people registered to donate through easyfundraising and it would be great if we can increase this number as it's such a simple way you can raise funds without having to put any effort in. If you haven't yet started using easyfundraising here is a quick reminder...

Every time you shop on-line you can raise money for the FBSA, at no extra cost to you. Simply register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/flaxbourtonprimaryschool> and download the "Find and Remind" feature <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/find-and-remind/>. Every time you shop you will be prompted to tick a box that means we will automatically receive a donation, often 2-5% direct from the retailer.

It's not just general shopping though. You can now switch utility, insurance, phone providers etc using easyfundraising and raise money for our school. Likewise if your thoughts are turning to booking summer holidays, do sign up as lots of travel companies are also easyfundraising partners!

Upcoming events

Sadly we didn't get enough entries for our Flax's Got Talent event therefore it wasn't viable to put on. Thank you to those of you who were willing to share their talent – hopefully it will be something we can revisit in the future!

***The Great Flax Bake Off! Sat 25th March** – We're delighted to inform you about our next fundraising event – The Great Flax Bake Off! This event will take place at school between 2-4pm and as well as the 'Bake Off' element, we'll have stalls, face-painting, teas and coffees, tombolas etc and the opportunity for children to make handmade gifts for Mother's Day. Entry to the event will be £1 per person.

The 'Bake Off' is split into adult and child categories and then further split down as follows:

ADULT categories (parents and teachers)

1. *Best sponge – any type & filling*
2. *Best fruit or vegetable based cake*
3. *Best decorated cake – any theme*

CHILD categories – split into 2 Age Groups: Reception/KS1 and KS2

1. *Best chocolate cake (can be traybake e.g. brownies, cup cake, whole sponge – anything that is easy to make and chocolate based!)*
2. *Best biscuits – any flavour – 4 biscuits need to be exhibited*
3. *Best decorated cake – Mother's Day theme*

Cost to enter is £1 per entry across all the categories. You need to be able to bring your entry to the school hall between 12p.m. and 12.30p.m. We will then be closed for anonymous judging before the event starts at 2p.m. and you can come and find out the results! You will need to complete an entry form and bring it with you on the day (entry forms will be available from the school reception from week commencing 13th March). This will give your entry a unique number so judges don't know who has entered and can judge entries anonymously. There will also be a special "best in show" prize announced at the end of the event. For those of you happy to allow this, we will then sell off the cakes during the afternoon to further fundraise for the school (you can indicate on your entry form if you would prefer to take your creations home). We hope you will all join in the fun and *Bake for Flax!!*

Reminder dates for your DIARY!

Tues 21 st March	FBSA Meeting – 8pm, The Jubilee – all welcome!
Saturday 25 th March	The Great Flax Bake Off! – 2-4pm, Flax School Hall
Friday 31 st March	Willow Cake Sale
Friday 28 th April	Maple Cake Sale
Friday 26 th May	Chestnut Cake Sale

Happy baking!

Lisa & the FBSA team!