



Grangefield School

Friends of Grangefield School

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Here comes the sun! As a parent with a child in year six, I can't believe how quickly this final term has come around. The summer term also heralds our biggest fundraising event of the year. Preparations have begun and for the benefit of our newer parents, I thought it advantageous to explain how your involvement is essential to the success of the event.

Summer Fair – Saturday 1st July 2-4.30pm

With more than 30 stalls and activities for the whole family, the Summer Fair is always a great day out and with your kind donations, we can ensure that our most popular stalls are a success. You have already provided some fantastic bottles for our Bottle Stall and this week you are donating items for our Luxury Hamper Tombola (everyone's favourite stall). Towards the end of June, we will send the children home with a Cone Bag to be filled with sweets for our Sweet Stall.

A few days before the Fair we will be collecting your unwanted and clean; games, puzzles, soft toys, dolls etc for our "Pre-loved Toy Stall" – this is a firm favourite with the children. And finally, your fabulous bakes for our Cake Stall.

At first glance it appears that we are asking for a lot, but without these donations we cannot hope to make the fair a success. Our target this year is to raise £5000 – that's a truly healthy injection of funds for our pot! Just imagine all the wonderful things we can buy for the children and their new school.

Included with this letter you will find 10 raffle tickets for your child/ren to sell over the half term break. We have acquired some fantastic prizes, with more promised. A full list of the prizes will be displayed on the notice board and updated as new items are added. You can also follow the prizes as they come in on our Face Book page. There will be additional tickets in the Foyer should you need extra.

I can confirm the top 3 prizes are: -

1st Prize : Family Ticket, plus bands for West Midlands Safari Park

2nd Prize : £100 John Lewis voucher

3rd Prize : £50 cash

Having lost several of our gazebos last year in the wind, we are looking to borrow a small marquee or several large gazebos. If anyone can assist, please would you contact us. We are also looking for someone with Face Painting skills. This is a popular stall with the smaller children and we've lost our talented painter this year. You don't need to be a Picasso, just good at creating wonderful faces to make the children smile!

All the popular stalls will return, together with a few new ones. Year 6 also have an amazing game planned; the Fire Truck will pay us a visit for the younger children and the Orchard group will be back with their wares. For the adults, we will once again host a BBQ and Beer/Pimms tent, plus our café selling decadent cakes, strawberries and cream and for those wanting something a little more spicy, Paella. Why not bring a blanket and enjoy a picnic on the field whilst the children have fun in the sun.

Over the half term break we are asking the children to design a poster for the event, which will also form the cover of our event guide. There is no theme so the children can use their imaginations, it just needs to include the venue, date and time. There will be a post box in the reception area for all entries. Closing date Friday 9th June.

FOGS and Grangefield staff would like to Thank You in advance for ALL your support and generous donations towards this event. We look forward to seeing you all at the event for a wonderful afternoon of family fun.

We have a dedicated FOGS email account for any enquiries, plus our FB page for you to get in touch.

And one final reminder! Easyfundraising. This is effectively "free" money for our school. Simple use the portal www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ select our school, then select your shopping website. It is that easy. So far this year we have raised more than £200!

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