



Grangefield School

Friends of Grangefield School

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Wow! The year is almost over and what a hectic one it has been. So, before we start to pack away and plan for the summer holidays, I would like to give you a quick overview of 2017.

What have we done?

Our events this past twelve months have been tailored to accommodate for the vast amount of building work taking place at the school. That said though, we still managed to host two Movie Nights, Cake Sales, a festive Christmas fair and of course, the big summer fair. Once the new school is finished, we hope to introduce some new events for 2018.

In addition to our events, we've also done several fundraising ventures: - Christmas Cards, Tea Towels and Bags. These are enormously popular, especially at Christmas, and we'll look to do something similar again.

What have we purchased?

We have attempted to keep the spending to a minimum to ensure that we have a big pot of cash for when the new school is ready as the children have quite a wish list! A full list of items will be available at the AGM in September, but here's just a few of the items we've supplied for the children this year: -

- Audio Listening Centres x 2
- iPad Mini's x 4
- Cooking Equipment
- New Oven
- Geography Outdoor World Map
- Ice Lollies for after Sports Day
- Donkey Rides and Ice creams at Weston
- Ice Creams for the school trip to Beechenhurst

The teaching staff and children already have ideas for what they'd like in their new school and we will do our very best to purchase as many of them as possible.

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Summer Fair

Our best yet! What a fantastic day. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the sunshine and fun. I'm delighted to tell you that we raised a staggering amount of approx. **£4600** (give or take a few receipts!) A full breakdown will be available at the AGM.

AGM

Following our transformation into a Children's Charity last summer, we have amended the date of our Annual General Meetings from February to September. An official notice announcing the AGM will be posted on our web page and FaceBook page in August. It will be held at the school and everyone is welcome to attend. Minutes of the meeting and a full Financial Report will be available shortly after the meeting.

We will also be looking for new members and volunteers, so if you'd like to get more involved with our fundraising efforts, please come along and meet the team.

Easyfundraising.org

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

I can't promote this enough! This is effectively "free" money for our school. Whenever you are shopping on line, whether it be groceries, travel insurance, fashion or furniture, simply use this portal, select our school, then choose your shopping website. It is that easy. Help out when you check out – it doesn't cost you a penny extra and so far this year we have collected donations of more than £220!

And finally....

FOGS is a team of volunteers who give up their time for the benefit of every child at Grangefield. I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to every one of them; together with the teachers, we have accomplished so much. But more importantly, on behalf of the FOGS team, I would like to say an even bigger **THANK YOU** to you, the parents, for all your generous contributions, support and commitment.

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

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.