

Newbridge School Parents & Friends association AGM 13.10.2014.

Chairperson's report.

I had a look back at the PFA meeting when I took the chair in October 2008 to see the names who attended. With one or two exceptions all the members are still here and playing a part, which is remarkable and very reassuring. I went into the website of my primary school to see what they do regarding PTA or PFA; a very popular school that is usually over-subscribed, they have just had their AGM and sadly have to disband as they cannot get enough support. We are lucky that we continue to have a strong committee, which is complemented by school staff. As chairman, I offer my thanks to all of you, and to the rest of the school staff who help out on occasions throughout the year, and especially Brian's team who set up and clear up at all our events. Louise please our gratitude to your team for their involvement with us.

We have also made some excellent contacts in the last year; Vodafone in Ilford has made a donation, and have visited the school or plan to, Yorkshire Building Society paid for two trikes and had a stall at last week's fete, and Barclays continue to match-fund our events and have already committed to the 2015 fete. That is £1000 before we start. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our application for one of the YBS £10,000 national charity donations, but did get down to the final 30. At the Goodmayes festival, members from the Sikh temple in Ilford were interested to learn about the school and offered to provide food for any of our events. And the common denominator through all these contacts has been Harvey who deserves special mention and all our thanks for retaining his enthusiasm in promoting Newbridge School in the community. He is irreplaceable.

I hope now that we can spend some of the money we have in the PFA account, one important reason being that we can then go back to the large organisations that support us and show them what their money is doing and how it enhances the lives of the young people at the school. There is no doubt they will be encouraged and enthused when they see the result of their fundraising.