

Grade Ruan PTFA Committee meeting  
26th November 2020  
8pm via Zoom

Attendees:

Tara Oates, Nicky Johnson, Allie Strickland, Rachael Brandreth, Katharine Sanderson, Cassie Nunn, Jane Talbot

1. Apologies:

Louise Jones

2. Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed as a true accurate record

3. Treasurers report:

-We have done very well with the fundraising so far this term:

Cornish place names quiz raised £48

Scary hairy day raised £63.35

School garden quiz raised £45

Eco balloon race money is yet to be calculated.

-The various events have generated a good sum of money and we had an anonymous donation from a local family of £200!

-Nicky was able to confirm that Allie is now a signatory for the account, the 3 named officers accountable for the PTFA money are Nicky, Tara and Allie.

-The internet banking is still in the process of being sorted. Nicky is also making arrangements so that we can claim gift aid.

4. Requests/ feedback from school:

Mrs Talbot put in some requests regarding Christmas goodies:

-Craft packs from Baker Ross for each class.

-Party prizes for their Christmas party on Wednesday 16th December and cupcakes as party treats.

-Crackers for the school Christmas lunch (being mindful about the plastic toys inside, can we find an eco alternative on a budget?).

-Santa gifts for the children - something that can suit all year groups and not too expensive....

Books have been done before and work out rather expensive, a cheaper more appropriate alternative might be pencil cases/ stationery.

5. Fundraising:

-It would be of benefit if future fundraising/ novelty days at school were linked to providing awareness to other charities/ celebrations/ cultural events, for example, for Mental Awareness Week we could raise money to buy some mental health resources for the school.

-If grant money is being allocated to those who have been affected by COVID, then we could take the angle of providing better outdoor facilities to gain access to some funding for the school.

-When it's appropriate to do so, we all felt a raffle for a produce box would be popular.

-Ideas for future fundraising included:

a sponsored walk

a sponsored beach clean

Smile Amazon (Cassie to look into)

School Lotto (Cassie)

Christmas trail (Tara and Gwen)

-It was felt as though some people might be put off supporting the events because of having to pay via the website so it's good to be thinking of other ways people can pay for fundraising events, such as the shop.

-Lastly, an idea that could be explored more is fundraising for forest school training. Mrs Talbot was very confident that the Community Trust is willing to provide funding for forest school training.

## 6. School garden

-Rachael suggested a token of thanks should be sent to Mr Tham for providing so many useful resources for the garden - Mrs Talbot said she will endeavour to get the children to produce some thank you cards.

-A blackboard would be a great way of displaying a jobs list for anyone who wants to help out in the school garden.

-Mrs Jones has suggested using school funds to repair the shed roof, which is a priority.

-The space behind the greenhouse needs to be made safe, Rachael has suggested painting some boards with blackboard paint would make this space usable and safe.

## 7. Eco council

-Cassie is in the process of reconnecting with the school regarding the eco council, with the aim to get things going again properly in January. The existing eco council need to make a poster as a visual action plan and the pupils involved need to carry out the review - it might have already been completed, (need to check the folder).

-The school is continuously aiming to be more eco friendly, although it is slightly more challenging at the moment due to the COVID risk assessments.

-Mrs Talbot mentioned there will be opportunity to link the eco council with the school curriculum next term as the topic will be water, she is confident the eco council can be back up and running soon and suggested we should appoint a new group of eco councillors in the spring.

-Cassie is going to reach out to water aid as they might be able to provide an educational talk, possibly virtually. Another suggestion was to contact surfers against sewage and Rachael has a friend who can provide education about rock pools - all of these ideas would tie in nicely with the idea of a sponsored beach clean.

## 8. Any other business:

-Nicky reached out about the school needing Governors

-Katherine suggested a PTFA Christmas party ;-)

## 9. Date of next meeting:

Thursday 14th January 2021