



Chairperson's Report October 2024

We have had a busy year with FOSH, our small team has put a lot of time and effort into the many activities we have organised and fundraising we have done. As per part of our remit I think we have definitely become more well known within school with staff, parents and children. We have also helped increase awareness of the school, and helped it play its part within the local community.

We have raised around £1000 over the past year and after funding the mural in Lilies we are currently liaising with staff as to what the next things we can put money towards.

Although we have lost a couple of people from the committee we have gained 3 or 4 going into this year, more help is always welcome!

Thank You's

Thanks goes out to anyone and any business that has helped us over the past year.

Zoe has been a massive support this past year taking on both the secretary and treasurer roles when Kelly stepped down, no one puts more into FOSH and giant thank you goes to her.

Big, big thanks also goes to Thirza, who has been a star as always - we couldn't run it without her massive amount of help with everything, and of course taking care of the school side of things, liaising with staff and parents, organising forms and children at events - especially at the carnival and disco.

Thank you for the fantastic support from the school this year, we felt very welcomed by Lucy the new head teacher at the beginning of last year, and have had great support from teachers and office staff throughout the year, we now feel more a part of the school community and look forward to this continuing.

Thanks to the FOSH club – taken care of by Thirza at lunch times – for all their hard work in creating some amazing items, games and Christmas decorations.

And of course, thanks to the all of the committee and wider FOSH team who help out and involve themselves where possible including Kelly, Leanne, Polly and Emily.

Activities and events over the past year (23-24):

Quiz Nights

We started last year with a Halloween Quiz Night, and in spring term a general version, run by quizmaster Thirza, they were both fun family evenings and everyone who attended especially loved the mummy wrapping and toilet rolling competitions!

Christmas Tree Festival

Once again we had a Christmas tree in Stowmarket Church, the FOSH club created the decorations and it looked fantastic, this event is another great way of getting the school noticed within the local community.

Annie Performance

Over 4 consecutive nights of the sold out show we ran refreshments and Annie related games created by the FOSH club beforehand and at half time. Everyone enjoyed the games and we sold a lot of refreshments!

Painting Evening

A fun evening was had by all creating some beautiful artwork, we saw new faces from the local community too.

Carnival

This was our biggest challenge this year and as well as being a fun thing to do, it is a big part of our remit to help promote the school within the local community. We again entered a float into the carnival, this time the theme being a 50's style diner, after doing our first float last year we had a bit more knowledge and created a great float to be proud of, the pupils that we on it had a great time and in the highlight of the year we won first prize!

Year 2024-25

Going into the new school year, we ran our first disco just 2 weeks ago, a big thank you to all the teachers that attended. As well as being a great evening's fun for the kids that attended it was a great way to introduce the FOSH to the new parents, we had new helpers and 3-4 new faces that will be part of FOSH going forward.

We look forward to the next year with our new members, kicking off with a secret postcard event and wreath making workshop in November, and the Christmas Tree Festival in December.

Paul Bearman

Chair of FOSH