



Friends of Slaley School Chairperson's Report for AGM 11th November 2015

Well, what another fantastic year we have had fundraising.

The Halloween disco was the first big date in the diary, followed by the FOSS coffee morning at the beginning of November. This gave parents the opportunity to have a quick look round the school and see some of the FOSS activities their children were involved in.

The festive period was its usual busy self, with some of the mums volunteering to go into the school and help children make crackers. The children's play performances also provided a healthy boost to FOSS funds with the sale of raffle tickets and refreshments. Thank you again to Linda Johnston for making up the fabulous hampers for the raffle.

January saw the return of our Bags2School collection and then our very successful mother's day art morning at the beginning of March which raised an amazing £250 from the sale of the children's artwork.

Easter saw the return of our chocolate bingo, which raised £194 as well as a lot of sugar levels! Another very successful duck race at Blanchland followed by drinks at the sports club followed – a big thank you to Ms Dunn and Mrs Seymour for providing their cooking skills on the barbeque for the day. It was then the dads' turn to receive gifts in June, when some of the mums came in to the school again to help the children make their father's day gifts.

Our three big summer events of course were the camp out and activity day at Rye Hill Farm, kindly hosted by Elizabeth Courage, the sponsored walk around Blanchland, organized by Linda Johnston and our summer fair on the last day of term.

The camp was a great success, with Ms Jackson and some of the teaching staff joining us in the afternoon to make an assortment of woodland crafts, followed by a very tasty roast buffet provided by the Rose and Crown. It wasn't the driest or sunniest of weekends but it was definitely fun packed!

Our summer fair raised an amazing £260 from a variety of stalls and entertainment.

Thank you to Linda Johnston again for planning out another great route for her sponsored walk. The weather was very kind and stayed dry until we had all finished. A well done to the ladies who completed the 10 miles and everyone that walked the family route.

We have had a great fundraising year which has been boosted by a donation of £5000 from the Chapman Family Trust. This will go towards purchasing books and updating the library area in the hall. This will take place hopefully over the next few months.

It has been an amazing year which would not have been possible if it wasn't for the time and efforts of the many volunteers that help out at the many events organized – let's hope that the future events are as much of a success as the past year's.

Laura Black - chairperson

