



AGM of FIGs

Monday 1st October 2018

FIGs Chair report

Looking back on Year 4 of FIGs, it has been a positive and rewarding time. The association is so fortunate to have such a supportive, committed and hard-working group of parents, staff and friends, whose vision this past year has been to continue to raise the profile of FIGs, to organise various events and to enhance the curriculum through various funding projects.

FIGs highlights to date are as follows;

1. Quiz Nights are a part of the FIGs Tradition. They are always eagerly anticipated, well attended and are now our main source of fundraising. In total the 2 quizzes raised an amazing £3,500. A big thank you to all who attended - your enthusiasm gave the evenings a great 'buzz' of excitement. Many thanks also to Gill, Kathryn and Trish and their team of volunteers who worked so tirelessly to make the evenings such enjoyable and friendly events.

2. During our 4th year FIGs have continued with the alternative fundraising initiatives, where you don't even have to leave your home! Namely; Easyfundraising and Happyschoolbags.

- To date the easyfundraising membership is up to 66 people, who have raised collectively £2,180. (approximately £720 this year). Just think how much FIGs could raise if ALL families registered to Easyfundraising. Last year we tried to raise the profile of easyfundraising by highlighting and explaining it at parent information evenings and via parentmail. Another concerted effort is needed in order reap the benefits of such this fundraising initiative.
- Last academic year parents/carers managed to raise a excellent £1,300 with four HappyschoolBags collections just by having a 'clear out'. *(The 4 collections raised £462, £282, £437, £172 respectively).* We have already booked 4 more collections for this year. My thanks to Teresa and the site manager, Tony, for liaising with me and overseeing this venture.

3. Last year St Ignatius with FIGs and St Anne's with FOSA organised school joint Discos. (2 hosted at St Ignatius and 1 at St Annes). A total of approximately £2,000 was raised for FIGS through ticket sales and refreshments so this enterprise is financially very viable. Feedback was

positive from students regarding having the discos at St Ignatius. The hall looked great with balloons. The music was varied with the DJ trying to accommodate a wide range of musical tastes. It should be noted that more boys seemed to attend as it was at St Ignatius. Many thanks and much appreciation to Debbie Shaw and Teresa Neary for all their work in organising the discos and to staff and FIGs volunteers for supervising at the events.

4. There were 3 new ventures this year for FIGs:

- Firstly the Y11 Prom, which was led by Caroline Ryan with positive support by the Prom committees from both St Ignatius and St Annes and a willing groups of 6th formers, FIGs volunteers and staff. The event was a tremendous success. There was a fantastic marquee, which was beautifully decorated and housed a stunning dancefloor, sparkly ceiling, a fun photobooth and a 'mocktail' bar. The Prom will be a special memory for all involved. Thank you Caroline for your commitment, drive and know-how.
- Secondly the Summer celebration: A family fun day, Mass and BBQ, which was organised by a working party of myself, Mrs Keene, Mrs Neary and the Captaincy Team, and ably supported by school council members, and a high presence of FIGs volunteers. The event started with a special Family Mass, followed by an afternoon of fun activities, which included Gladiators, Basketball Hotshots, Table Tennis and a 5 aside Football tournament. There were many Have a go stalls, which kept everyone occupied. The BBQ food was very popular and well received, due to a great team of 'cooks'! Refreshing drinks, cooling ice lollies and tasty cakes ensured that everyone was well catered for as they listened to first class entertainment from our young musicians and Y11 Band. The afternoon was rounded off by the raffle draw, with lucky winners going home with fabulous prizes. I am proud to say that as well as being a fun filled day, FIGs managed to raise £850. It should be noted that FIGs received £250 sponsorship each from the school cleaners (Birkin) and DGH Construction. Also, all the raffle prizes (worth £500) were donated by local companies. So a huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make this Summer Celebration happen and also to so many families and friends who came and supported this event.
- Thirdly the AVIVA Community Fund, where in collaboration with the College FIGs submitted an application for the funding of the development of the outdoor space at St Ignatius. Our bid reached the finals due to so many of the school community voting for the project, but sadly did not win the category.

5. Not all our work is aimed at fundraising, FIGs are keen to support the College in other ways and are proud of their school partnership.

- FIGs were actively involved in providing refreshments at the numerous parents evening and concerts. Thanks to Kathy Burns, Mr and Mrs Dawson for taking responsibility for the Teas/Coffee rota and to their team of volunteers, in particular Mrs Randle for her 'themed' biscuits.

Thanks also to Debbie Shaw for organising, alongside Mr Taverner, the Speech Night hospitality for the college- it was a special evening celebrating the success of our pupils.

- FIGs worked alongside the 6th form Leadership Team and the school caterers to organise the Leaver's Dinner. In order to make this event possible FIGs supported this event through donating £500. Thanks are extended to Caroline and her energetic team for working so hard on this evening, in order to make it a memorable and special event for the boys.

6. It must be stressed that FIGs are committed to working closely with all concerned in ensuring that the money which the association raises is used to best effect in meeting the needs of the College and in furthering the education of all its pupils. FIGs are proud that our funding can support many different areas such as resources, equipment, events and workshops thus having a direct impact on our children's experiences at St Ignatius.

I am pleased to confirm that the following was funded during 2017-2018:

Shakespeare workshops

Hospitality for Speech Night

The hire of Lee Valley for sports day

Leavers' Dinner.

In regards to this year's spending it will be necessary to embark on new initiatives if FIGs are to sustain our outgoings; it will not be possible to rely on the Quizzes for the bulk of our funds.

In conclusion, as Chair of FIGs, I extend heartfelt thanks to all involved with FIGs for another productive year. As our slogan states; FIGS: a partnership to make a difference.

Kathy Campaniello (Chair of FIGs)

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