FROGS meeting 12th November 2021

Apologies: Jo Martin, Jenna Falshaw, Susie Hall, Rachel Bain

Present: Hannah Kitching, Pam Acheson, Claire Hallam, Danni lewis, Catherine O’Hare, Anna Emmison, Debra Beesley, Charlie Worswick, Flick Darwin, Wendy Gibbons

Minutes:

1. Proposed Upcoming activities/events – Autumn/Christmas term:

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| 17th – 31st December | Beatrix Potter themed Christmas Trail:  Raised £1811.88 over Easter in 2019. 430 trail tickets sold, at £4 each. 471 prizes donated   * The Crown Inn haven’t got back to me about whether they could support us with hosting the start/finish for the trail around Hackfall. * Concerns that Hackfall ay be less easily accessible during the winter months, so may put some people off. * Swinton have said that we can run it at The Bivouac from 18th Dec onwards, which we agreed would be a better option. Once we have set it up they are happy to manage running the trail entirely. * We need volunteers to:  1. market/advertise the trail – Hannah, Catherine 2. someone to design the poster & get it printed – Paul Baker 3. volunteers to help make any props etc.. if needed 4. volunteers to design the trail storyline and the comic strip clues/map – Wendy and Danni 5. volunteers to request donations of festive prizes from local shops and businesses, 6. help to set up and take down the trail, 7. someone to coordinate and oversee the project as a whole – Catherine, Claire, & Debra |
| Dec 2021 | “Elfridges” Christmas pocket-money shop:   * May help to support the school in providing an opportunity for the children to create eco-conscious gifts that help to reduce our carbon footprint in line with the aims of their current school topic, whilst providing an outlet for “courageous advocacy”. * The “shop” could include items such as:   + Hand-made soap   + Hand made bees wax wraps   + Hand decorated candles (?pay to decorate your own, or one class could decorate some for other children to buy?)   + Re-usable shopping bags made from old t-shirts (“no-sew” technique suitable for KS1 children)   + Key rings or coasters made from home-made bioplastics   + “Make your own” keyring using wooden letter cubes threaded onto cord (“Best dad” etc).   + Hand made candles (could be done in smaller groups, such as in art club) * Pam will discuss this with class teachers to come up with ideas of products that each class would like to make, and some dates when this could be completed in school (with the support of FROGS). * Hannah will coordinate sourcing the necessary resources/equipment/materials for these projects. * We would need volunteers to help each class to create their items perhaps (to be discussed with teaching staff). * We would also need a volunteer to advertise the shop amongst the school community, and to arrange a “float” or small change within the shop, and help work out the logistics of setting up and running the shop after school on a few days in December perhaps? The shop could be run by school children, with an adult helper. Shop could be open to children at lunch, and then open to adults after school. |
| Nov – Dec 2021 | All my own work project: NOT RUNNING THIS YEAR  Raised £100.70 last year |
| Dec 2021 | The Big PTA Raffle: NOT RUNNING THIS YEAR  Raised £138 last year. |
| Dec 2021 | Christmas Hamper raffle:  This raised £325 in 2018, including 3 x hampers (A Farmison meat hamper, a pamper hamper, and a christmas hamper).  Pam has suggested that the school/teachers will be happy to coordinate the Christmas hamper raffle this year. This will involve:   1. Registering with HBC as a small lottery provider – costs £40 to register initially, and £20 to renew each year. Our last registration expired in Dec 2020, so we may need to register again rather than renew. (This can be done by following the link below this table) 2. Once we have registered, we also need to do a separate application form for each raffle we then run on the Harrogate Borough Council website ([www.harrogate.gov.uk/gambling/small-society-lotteries](http://www.harrogate.gov.uk/gambling/small-society-lotteries) ) , with a post-raffle statement also to be submitted to the council within 3 months of the draw. Again, this is a very quick job that will only take a few minutes, but does need to be done to make sure the raffle is legal! 3. Compiling a “wish list” of items for the hampers 4. Sending out an email to all parents with a list of suggested items to be donated for the raffles 5. Printing out raffle tickets and distributing to all parents at school (tickets must comply with UK regulations for raffles – Hannah has guidance on this) 6. Advertising the raffle amongst the school community 7. Putting the donated items into hampers (and sourcing boxes/hampers to put them in) 8. Organising the draw in line with UK Charity raffle rules (i.e. drawing the winner on the correct date as per info on the tickets etc)   I will contact Emily at Farmison to see if they would be willing to support our raffle this year with a Farmison meat hamper. |

This is the link you need to follow to register as a small raffle/lottery provider (it was too long to fit in the table when I pasted it into this email, and made my table go really loooong, so it had to underneath the table instead!):

<https://my.harrogate.gov.uk/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-11f46d0f-0c8e-4a6e-801f-68a4a2278b32/AF-Stage-00d54bc8-8854-4ea6-8144-eb68ba06909b/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en&consentMessage=yes&noLoginPrompt=1>

1. Proposed Upcoming activities/events – remainder of the year:

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| Jan 2022 | Swinton Spa evening:   * Swinton have agreed to support us once again this year, which is incredibly generous of them. * They have offered us complimentary use of the Spa in January for an evening to raise money from FROGS (probably a mid-week evening). * £25 per person for exclusive use of the spa from 8pm until 10pm - day to be confirmed. * All profits go to FROGS |
| May 16th 2022 | Fountains 10k Race:   * This raised £7159.36 which was split between Fountains and Grewelthorpe school last year. * Historically it has raised up to £10K-£11K, but income was reduced from the raffle and corporate sponsorship last year, with increased costs due to COVID measures. * The date for the race has been provisionally set for 16th May 2022. * Our first planning meeting for this will be in January. |
| June/July 2022 | Colour Run:   * Fun event for the children, which could be linked to a project focussing on acceptance and celebrating differences/diversity. * Swinton have suggested that they may be able to host the event on their land if we wanted to do it outside of school (which would mean we could open it up to the public and charge for tickets) * If we just want to do it as a fun and enriching activity for the children then doing it somewhere local where we don’t have to transport the children to/from the event would probably be better. * It could be part of a wider variety of FROGS supported activities including:   + Designing your own t-shirt to wear during the colour run (white, decorated with sharpie pens with slogans or pictures which celebrate diversity etc)   + Learning and performing/recording the song “True Colours” with sign language – we could do an awesome video to go with any recording with video clips of the colour run as well as clips of the children singing it and doing the sign language actions! |
|  | Your School Lottery:   * Your School Lottery has been established with the core value of being an ethical lottery provider which aims to help schools facing growing financial pressures. They have been provided with the Lottery Operator of the Year award by The Lotteries Council earlier this year in recognition of the ethical values they implement and the £4 million they have helped raise for good causes throughout the UK. * Joining is FREE, and our supporters can buy tickets for our lottery from our very own Your School Lottery page for just £1 a week, which will give them the opportunity to win amazing cash prizes every week, including a jackpot prize of £25,000! * Signing up is FREE and takes 1 minute! And our school gets 40% of all ticket sales! (36% goes towards the cash prizes). * Plus, if we sign up before Christmas we get a FREE Art resource pack for the school. * We would need to get a new small lotteries licence from the council (£40 to apply, £20 to renew for subsequent years). * The only admin required is for us to send our lottery return to the council every 2 months, so we remain compliant with the small societies lottery licence. Your School Lottery will populate the forms with the breakdown for us, but we need to sign it and send it back to the council. |
| Date TBC | Sponsored tree planting:   * Mr Breckon has discussed the possibility of Grewelthorpe school children helping Swinton estate with their tree planting project. We could ask for parents to sponsor their child to plant a certain number of tress, and FROGS could sponsor a prize for each child who plants the most trees in each class. |
| Date TBC | Use of cookery school at Swinton for a private dinner party event:   * Swinton have offered us the use of their cookery school to host a private dinner party event, which we could sell tickets for. |
| Easter 2022 | Loan of Peter Rabbit artwork for Swinton to use as an Easter Trail at their hotel for guests over the Easter break. |
| Date TBC | Chef’s Table @ Swinton:  DETAILS TBC WITH SWINTON   * This usually costs £58pp. * Swinton have discussed whether we could sell tickets to an event such as this during an “off peak” period at Swinton. * Swinton would need to look at baseline costs of this to decide if this is feasible, and if so what sort of price we would need to charge to cover costs and raise funds. |
| Date TBC | Reducing waste with Swinton Park:   * Swinton have suggested that we could collect their lightly used bars of soap to repurpose them into new bars of soap which we could either sell (?) or send to third world countries. * They also have bottles of shampoo and shower gel which could perhaps be re-purposed?? * They also have left over bread rolls from Breakfasts etc, which we could perhaps collect to make a tasty bread pudding/cake which we could sell in an after school bake sale?? |

1. Other Business:

* Can any parents volunteer to help out with Forest school on Friday afternoons for one or two weeks between now and the Christmas holidays?
* Parentkind membership up for renewal
* Do we know where we can get the post-expenditure forms for the Science weeks grant and the girls/boys mixed football grants we got? Science week grant still hasn’t been used due to lockdowns last year. Football grant was used, but post expenditure form still needs to be completed. – Claire to liaise with Hannah and Pam re: this.