

## **BEDSA**

### **Chair's report, 2022/23 academic year**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 8pm Lower School Hall**

The goal of BEDSA is to provide additional funding to help enhance and further the children's learning experiences and opportunities, making school a happier and exciting place to learn. Our funds will benefit all of the children and come from the fundraising initiatives and events we hold during the school year.

#### **Thanks-**

First of all a huge thanks you to all of the committee members for being absolutely superb in volunteering their time and effort for the sake of our children and their education at our wonderful school. What would we do without you?

Thanks to Heidi, our secretary who stepped down in July after many years. Thanks to Ed, our treasurer, for crunching all the numbers. Thanks to Becky for communication on the BEDSA Facebook page. Thank you to Hannah, especially for leading on Christmas cards- sorry about the headaches! Thank you to Kathryn for all your efforts and always being available! Thanks to Mark, who continues to show me the ropes and who is still involved in BEDSA.

Thank you to school office staff for sending out BEDSA emails and letters, it is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to school staff for support during events and of course the children who always amaze us with their wonderful manners, exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm, it makes doing 'this' worthwhile.

Overall, a very busy year. We have now set up paying for BEDSA events through ParentPay and have two card machines for sales etc at each site to reduce cash and also to make it easier for parents. Parents support events well, however, we always need more volunteers to help with the actual running especially sales when they are on both sites. No Brinkworth bag lady this year due to personal reasons, however, she has continued to be a huge help by continuing with storing and selling uniform. Becky is planning on opening up after Easter and a one off donation day in term 2. We also had no family BBQ after sports day, due to governor man power this also affected our finances as it is a big money maker.

#### **Brinkworth Bash**

Wonderful day with lots of parent volunteers and many children taking part. Great profit. However, won't be run again until a committee is elected to run and organise it as it was a lot of work. BEDSA politely declined.

#### **Disco**

Great disco. 134/ 156 children attended. Lots of parent helpers.

### Preloved uniform sales

Successful, boosted sales and good turnover of uniform. Term 2 was the most successful sale. Also, Christmas Jumper sale was good.

### Christmas raffle

Great success. Repeat this year, (already started to request prizes from large companies) hopefully parents now aware and so we won't have any perishable goods donated for the rainbow raffle.

### Bingo evening

Great family evening, sell out! Brinkworth hall was ideal for refreshments, was licence worth it? Only 5 games played due to time. Look into purchasing a bingo set rather than borrowing? Bigger premises? Game to win gingerbread house was a success, kindly donated by Trish Blacker. Refreshments sold.

### Love and friendship sale

Cakes went well. Still have lots of stock of bracelets etc so this is why it shows no profit. Over ordered, however, no best before date so they are stored ready for the next sale. Thoughts on the price of cakes? Currently charge 50p, however, should we charge £1 for larger items or homemade items?

### Easter craft competition

Some children went to huge amount of effort and it was nice for children to have the experience of entering a competition. Hard to judge!

### Easter Sponsored bounce

Children loved and it was a great fundraiser. This year to do another sponsored event but lower key so no outlay of money and stress of being weather dependant. Make this a regular fundraiser, perhaps on a rotation. Personally, would love to hold a sponsored swim in partnership with local leisure centre but perhaps this year we could do a sponsored fur run on school site.

### Coronation celebration

Helped to organise and run children's races for Brinkworth heritage Society as it is part of our constitution to help other local amenities.

### Book sale

Good success but lots of parents were unaware or didn't bring in donations. Still some books left for this year so we can repeat.

### SATs breakfast

Breakfast items were donated by BEDSA and staff were able to offer breakfast every day for the week of the Y6 SATs. This gave the children a relaxed and social start to the day and ensured that they ate well ahead of the tasks. This year it was ran by staff so it was difficult to know how it went but good feedback.

### New parents' induction- June

I attended to welcome new parents in the lower school hall. However, no one came forward as interested in getting involved on the evening. Second hand uniform was also taken, however, only one sale made.

### Brinkworth church fete- June and Dauntsey Fete- September (postponed form July)

This was the second year that BEDSA ran a children's tombola stall at the village church fetes for a £10 donation to each of the churches. Prizes were kindly donated by parents on a school non-uniform day. Thanks to committee members who helped to set up and run the stalls and those parents who then spent money trying to win back the donations! Nice to support village events.

### School disco- July

Was difficult at home time and start of first disco due to it being a whole school day. Avoid these in the future! Chair to ensure paperwork is in place too as there was mix ups with collection arrangements. We need to ensure that children still bring back slip with paying online. Also, some parents had not told little foxes that their children were attending the disco so they were unsure of who they were collecting, this is not BEDSA responsibility. Lots of parent helpers.

### Sports day

Unfortunately, no BBQ this year as the governors were unable to organise the overseeing of the event. However, refreshments sold well and we tried to provide some cold drinks for adults too due to the weather. Golden bucket raffle held again and lucky winner won £200. Second hand uniform sales were made. Thanks to the Broadhurst's AGAIN for offering their kitchen facilities. Thank you to committee members for helping to run the refreshments.

### Frozen Friday- ice lolly sale

This was a great way to earn quick money for minimum effort. Repeat next year when warm weather. Thanks to committee members, especially Becky who was on a school trip and Trish Blacker stepped in to help.

### Treasurer's report

#### Looking forward-

- Dates of future events shared with parents via newsletters.
- Minutes need to be sent out to parents and/ or displayed on the website by the new secretary.
- Look into possibility of class reps for whatsapp groups
- Boost committee members so less work for everyone.
- Hire out party packs (plates etc) reusable and good income
- Brinkworth bag lady to open up after Easter weekend and do big collection at the school, do a one of collection before
- Last year as chair as when Ada starts, I am hoping to increase my working hours and won't have time.

Committee members elections (including chair, treasurer, secretary)

Date of next meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November?