

BEDSA

Chair's report, 2023/24 academic year

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Monday 7th 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 Sophie who stepped up as our secretary this year and has been on it with the minutes! 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! Thank you also to Kathryn, who continues to help despite being busy finishing her nursing training, and to Corrina and Laura who have recently joined the committee. Thanks to Mark, who continues to be involved in BEDSA despite 'stepping down' years ago!.

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 busy and enjoyable year. ParentPay and the sum up card machines continue to be used and this year it has made the payments for things such as bbqs and discos much more smoother as the majority of payments are online and this makes it easier for parents to remember and less cash for us to worry about!

Parents continue to support events well; however, we always need more volunteers to help with the actual running especially sales when they are on both sites and the sponsored fun run was considerably lacking volunteers this year.

There was no Brinkworth Bash this year due to lack of volunteers to organise and we weren't able to support local fetes as there was talk of a school fete, however, due to staff illness this did not happen.

The Brinkworth bag lady reopened this year for a shorter period so although the fundraising was not as big as previous years, it still provided a great financial return. Thank you To Becky Wade for doing this for BEDSA and continuing to store and sell preloved uniform.

Disco Both discos were very well attended with lots of parent helpers. We remembered lights for second disco so we could see the money! Parents when collecting walked around the back of the hall and through, proved to be very

successful and calmer at home time for the upper site disco. Need to check noise levels next year as some children found the May disco to be too loud. No discos have yet to be arranged for this year due to the uncertainty surrounding a chair and the future of BEDSA.

Christmas raffle Great success and with some wonderful prizes received alongside the rainbow raffle hampers put together from kind donations from non-school uniform day.

Bingo evening- Great family evening, sell out! Brinkworth hall was ideal for refreshments and we learned from last year about the amount of games. We used electronic bingo system this year which also projected the numbers which worked well, thank you to Becky for bingo caller and all the helpers. Guess the name of the squish mallow was a wonderful game for the children to enjoy and raised extra money. Refreshments sold well.

Love and friendship sale - Cakes sold very well. We also sold stock of bracelets etc so it was all profit this year and we still have some remaining stock. Homemade and larger cakes were sold at a £1 each this year which is much more realistic and so helped to raise much more funds.

Easter craft competition – Entries were amazing this year, especially now children know what to expect. They went to huge amount of effort and it was great for children to have the experience of entering a competition. Hard to judge!

Easter Sponsored fun run- Children loved and it was a great fundraiser. There was a small outlay of money for the medals for the fastest boy and fastest girl, which added a layer of healthy competition! No stress of being weather dependant (although lower site was ran on the playground instead of a very wet field!). This can still continue to be a regular fundraiser, perhaps on a rotation so there are different events and continues to be exciting each year.

Book sale- Good success, some books that were left then got donated to charity.

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 and we got very positive feedback! Ella is already looking forward to her SATs breakfasts, so I do hope this is able to continue!

New parents' induction- June- Corrina and I both attended to welcome new parents at lower site, both as BEDSA members and parents ourselves. However, no one came forward as interested in getting involved on the evening. Sales of preloved uniform was brilliant this year as it was included on the letter, just need to remember that signal works better in beech classroom for card machine!

Sports day - A successful sports day this year, thankfully not as hot as last year! We managed to hold a BBQ this year and big thanks to governor, Jack Watkins who was great at overseeing this. Charging through parent pay was wonderful to have a paper trail and very limited cash to worry about. There was slight concern about the food arriving on time but it all worked out well and this meant that we did not have to

worry about storing the meat on a warm day. Refreshments sold well and the Golden bucket raffle was held again and lucky winner won £192. Second hand uniform sales were made. 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 if possible, when warm weather. Thanks to helpers.

Overall thank you so much for everyone's support for the last few years. As a teacher myself I know how important extra funding for schools can be and I have really enjoyed being part of BEDSA and helping to raise these funds for Earl Danby's so Ella (and now Ada) can benefit from this through trips, experiences and extra resources. Hopefully the BEDSA events have also added a bit of extra excitement and fun in their primary years because I am a big believer that school for young children should be a safe, happy and fun place, that was always my aim and hopefully I have helped to do that, not just for my own children but for all their friends and classmates too.

Treasurer's report

Looking forward-

- Dates of future events continued to be shared with parents via newsletters, whatsapp groups and facebook.
- Minutes continue to be sent out to parents
- website may need to be updated through the school
- Boost committee members so less work for everyone.
- Hire out party packs (plates etc) reusable and good income
- Shed to be repaired and painted to make it last a few more years

Committee members elections (including chair, treasurer, secretary)

Date of next meeting