



# BRINKWORTH EARL DANBY'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Attendees:** Sophie Durrans, Becky Newman, Hannah Truswell, Donna Rawlings, Becky Smart, Carey Milsom, Linda Austin, Corina Johnson

**Apologies:** Mark Boscott, Ed Oliver

### 1. Review of previous fundraisers to date/proposed fundraisers from the last meeting.

- a. **Discos x2.** All went well. December – **profit £124.** March – **profit, £419.** Too loud as there was karaoke again. In future discos we will request not to have this again. Lots of children complaining of noise. Agreed that we would hold these next year in October and Easter. **Action – Becky Smart to check dates with Disco Lady and school. Proposed Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.**
- b. **Christmas** - Bingo didn't happen due to lack of dates both for the hall, and also too many other events going on in a small space of time. Look at doing it in the future though, maybe as a regular Easter thing, as Christmas tends to be very busy for everyone. Rainbow Raffle was a big success. Lots of great donations from families in exchange for mufti, and businesses. **Profit - £898.18.** Guess The Name – small profit. Lots of parents forgot it was going on despite numerous reminders. Lots of events going on at the time. **Profit: £40.50**
- c. **Christmas Cards** – Good fundraiser. Thanks Hannah for sorting this out again. **Profit - £315.25.** Discussed it for next academic year. **Action – Sophie to discuss with school how early we can get the pictures done. Ideally in September, as then we can get the most commission.**
- d. **My School Lottery** – This continues to tick over and bring in a steady stream of money for BEDSA. Has brought in just over £250 so far this year. Further promotion is required
- e. **Tea Towels** – Agreed it was still a good idea to do this for each class for the end of the school year. **Action - Hannah to look at getting the templates, and let us know dates required by.**
- f. **Cookbook** – Becky spoke to Mrs Pocock about this, but various classes were doing the Young Writers competition/book at the time, so felt it would clash with this. To look at doing at a later date.
- g. **Easyfundraising** – This continues to tick over and bring in a steady stream of money for BEDSA. Further promotion is required
- h. **Quiz and Curry night** – Look at doing this for next academic year, make it family friendly.
- i. **Some sort of event to build community relationships** – Look at doing this for next academic year.

### 2. Current finances

Ed had sent through the current finances. Raised £2758 so far this year. Classes haven't spent much of their class budget yet. Raffle and disco are the big fundraisers so far. We've contributed around £1500 to school so far this year, mainly from Christmas theatre transport and class budgets. Currently have around £6000 as "free funds".

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### 3. Upcoming Events

- a. **Big Teddy Take Over** – 19<sup>th</sup> June. Children bring in their favourite teddy and a £1 donation. 50:50 split between BEDSA and Julia's House. Bookable school lunch that day is a plated picnic (Teddy Bear's picnic).
- b. **New Starters Evening** – 19<sup>th</sup> June. Usually provide teas, coffees and biscuits. Pre-loved uniform sale – need to ensure that this is mentioned in the new starter information sent out to parents. Do we know how much of the small sizes we have? Any volunteers?
- c. **Sports Day** – 4<sup>th</sup> July. Cake stall (ask for donations), cans of drink, crisps, sweets, strawberries & cream, etc. Check date of left overs from Disco. Golden Bucket. Second Hand Uniform Sale. Keep an eye on the weather, and decide closer to the time as to whether we do ice creams and ice lollies. **Action: Sophie to check with school whether the governors are doing their BBQ this year.**
- d. **SATs Breakfast** – w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May. BEDSA will provide breakfast for this. Sophie has a list of what is needed. 21 Children. Double check who can shop/drop at school in the morning.
- e. **Frozen Friday** – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Lower – Becky S, Linda. Upper – Sophie, Becky N, Hannah, Donna. Shout out for helpers, particularly at Lower Site. Linda and Becky to buy ice creams etc on the day. Sophie to grab floats from Mark.

### 4. School Requests.

- a. 15x iPads. School Council have requested BEDSA fund 15 iPads to be shared throughout the school. Agreed we could fund 10 iPads, but would look at targeted fundraising for the remaining 5 requested. It was proposed that School Council could also look at doing some fundraising for the other iPads, e.g. cake sales, they could use our existing stock from Friendship sale, could they run a stall at the Brinkworth Fete? Ask parents for donations. **Action: Sophie to update School council. Sophie to send letters out to local companies asking for donations.**
- b. Request for BEDSA to fund transport for a Year 5 RE trip to Malmsbury. Decided that class budgets should be used (pro-rated for number of year 5's in each class). Class budgets have previously been used for year-specific trips, so this proposal isn't a new thing.

### 5. Future Event/Fundraising ideas

October Disco agreed upon.

Restaurant Raffle – contact local restaurants, cafes, take aways etc asking for vouchers as prizes.

Orchestra/Brass Band concert

BEDSA Bars – for Easter/World Book Day. Get donations for golden tickets.

### AOB

**Brinkworth Bag Lady** – Becky Wade has opened her bin now until September. Regular reminds on Facebook and school newsletters would be useful

**Secondhand Uniform** – Becky Wade will no longer be looking after this for us following Sports Day. Currently about 3 big laundry bands worth. Agreed that BEDSA has space to store it in the shed as we now have more space. Look to purchase vacuum pack bags, and water tight storage boxes.

**Asda Cashpot** – finally paid out £116 that was raised before November.

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**£250 donation from Dauntsey Preserves.** Thanks Becky, for doing the Facebook thanks

**Brinkworth Fete** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Asking whether we would like a stall. As discussed earlier, see whether School Council would like to run a stall. Shed needs painting. Becky Newman said she has some paint in her garage we could use. Agreed any extra paint we could purchase.

**Year 6 budget** – Previously the year 6 leavers pizzas and play have been paid for out of Willow budget. It was agreed that this was not fair on the year 5s from the class, and so BEDSA have agreed to provide up to £300 for a “pizza and play” fund every year going forward as a thank you for all the fundraising the year 6’s have done over their time at school. School to invoice BEDSA for what is needed, as opposed to giving it up front.

**Next meeting: TBC**

**Time:**

**Venue:**

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