



ANNUAL REPORT – FRIENDS OF DEIGHTON GATES (DEIGHTON GATES PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA)

FOR THE YEAR 1 AUGUST 2022 TO 31 JULY 2023

Summary

Friends of Deighton Gates (FoDG) exists to raise valuable funds for Deighton Gates Primary School, which we aim to do in a way that provides both fun for the children, and a sense of community for all involved with the school. We have had a wonderful year achieving all three of these objectives, with some fantastic FoDG events that would not have been possible without the support of everyone within the school community, thank you all for your continued engagement and participation.

Fundraising activities

Summer Fair

Our largest single event of the year by far, is our Summer Fair, this year led by a small (but elite) team who worked tirelessly to make sure this event was another roaring success, that again brought the school together and helped us appreciate the lovely community we have here. From Scalextric races to piggy racing, dress up photo shoots to the nerf shooting range there was something fresh and fun for little and big kids to enjoy alongside our much-loved favourites like the hook a duck, teddy coconut shy, welly wanging and much more. There is an endless list of thank yous for those behind ensuring this event was such a success – organisers, volunteers, sponsors, raffle prize/bottle/chocolate donors, bakers and of course everyone who attended and/or bought raffle tickets to show your support – it is all massively appreciated! We hope you enjoyed the day!

Discos

We were so excited to bring back the popular school discos this year, for the first time since before the pandemic. Starting with a very successful Autumn Disco in October and following up with a wonderful Spring Disco in March. Our new Disco leads have proven to be a fabulous team and we are looking forward to next years' already! A big thank you to them and to our pair of Year 6 parents for handing over the baton along with their wealth of knowledge on running these events – you will be missed!

Christmas Events

With a fresh new Team Christmas from our lovely Year 1 parents' group, we held a Christmas Quiz this year. This was in place of a Christmas Fair which, although very popular with attendees, would have placed additional demands on our parents at an already hectic time of year. Listening to pleas (of less parent admin) our Team Christmas created a fantastically fun evening out for those who wished to join us and topped off with the Christmas Raffle Draw – always a great opportunity to support FoDG if you can't attend the event, and to win some awesome prizes! A massive thank you to the fantastic Team Christmas, raffle prize donors, and all who supported us at this often very expensive time of year – we really appreciate all the support.

With the aid of staff in school we were also able to run the ever popular "Secrets Room", where we rely on small gift donations from parents and carers and then for a small charge, children can pick a gift to wrap for a recipient of their choice for Christmas. Also with the help of school staff, we teamed up with a new partner (Class Fundraising) for our Christmas cards this year, aiming to offer parents and carers the opportunity to purchase cards (and other items) with their children's designs, at affordable rates.

Bake Sales and Sports Day Refreshments

Throughout the year we aim to hold half-termly bake sales with buns provided by a different class each time. Having moved these back to being after school and parent-led this year, a lead from each class has organised, along with a handful of helpers to set up stall and sell the cakes with the entire class then baking/buying some wonderful delights for us all to buy! Thank you to all our leads, helpers, sweet treat providers and buyers this year. Our final bake sale of the year is on Sports Day alongside the sale of other refreshments. It is wonderful to be part of this much-loved school event, and a thank you to all those who volunteered on the day and for all who came to spend their hard-earned pennies at our stall.

Other Events

We introduced a couple of new events in 2022 which received great feedback and so with a small team of helpers we brought back our Say It With Flowers event, providing children the chance to buy and then label a beautiful bouquet for a lucky recipient of their choice in March. We also continue to promote World Book Day – asking for donations in exchange for hot chocolate and marshmallows for all children in school on a 'wear your pyjamas to school' day. And back in Summer 2022 we offered the opportunity to support the school when ordering your fish & chips supper, in partnership with the wonderful Wetherby Whaler.

Other fundraising

Other funds have been raised for the charity from easyfundraising.co.uk, Amazon Smile and the "Rag Bin" (for re-useable clothes only!). Details of how to support the FoDG at no extra cost to yourselves through Easyfundraising can be found [here](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/). In addition, we have been fortunate to receive a few direct donations to us as a registered charity this year, which are very gratefully received. Thank you to our donors. If you (parents/grandparents/carers/friends or family), or your company, would like to make a donation, please contact treasurer@dgpta.org

Fundraising Summary

	£
Amounts raised from events in 2022/23	
Summer Fair (incl. Raffle)	4,772
Discos	1,550
Christmas Quiz & Raffle	1,556
Other Christmas fundraising*	841
Sports Day & Bake Sales	964
Say It With Flowers	272
World Book Day	180
Wetherby Whaler	40
Events sub-total	10,175
Other fundraising	
Non-Event fundraising**	938
Direct donations	280
Other income	11
Other fundraising sub-total	1,229
Total income in 2022/23	11,404

*Other Christmas fundraising included – Proceeds from The Secrets Room (£480), selling refreshments at the choir evening performance (£98) and sales of Christmas cards and wrapping paper (£263).

** Includes Easy Fundraising (£389), Amazon Smile (£365) and "Rag bin" (£184)

Where the money is spent

The FoDG events are a valuable way for parents and school staff to work together and put on some great events for the children to enjoy. The funds raised go towards beneficial resources for the school at a time when costs are rising and funding is tight.

Last year we began working towards a target of £10,000 towards the upgrade of the IT suite, which we were delighted to reach by Christmas. During this academic year, we contributed this targeted amount and further funds towards furnishing the new sensory room, library, and half of the forecast costs of a new canopy to be fitted outside the Year 1 classroom. We are proud to be able to help the school provide all these fabulous facilities which make a big difference to the children's experience in school.

We were also asked to assist with the music tuition provision within school's timetable and were delighted to fund the purchase of ukuleles for a full class and cover the costs of a term of tuition for each class when they reach Year 5/6.

In addition, the FoDG cover the costs of new starter bookbags and Year 6 leavers books each year (taking the opportunity to wish our current Year 6 leavers all the best as they progress to their new schools). We also aim to cover the maintenance cost of the community defibrillator outside the School Office, for which we received a grant from local councillors of £150 towards this year.

Expenditure Summary

	£
Contributions in 2022/23	
IT Suite	10,000
Y1 Canopy	2,000
Sensory Room	1,500
Ukuleles & lessons	1,018
Starter book bags/Leaver yearbooks	760
Defibrillator costs*	278
Library books	180
Contributions sub-total	15,736
Other costs	
Gazebos**	540
Candy Floss Machine	175
Central costs	271
Other costs sub-total	986
Total expenditure 2022/23	16,722

*Defibrillator costs of £278, for battery and pad replacements during the year, are net of £150 grant from local council MICE fund.

**The cost of our 5 brand new gazebos is net of £1,000 in contributions from our wonderful gazebo sponsors – thank you!

***Central costs include raffle lottery licence (£20), Parentkind membership, including insurance (£140), DBS, gifts and prizes (£111)

At the beginning of the year FoDG had funds of £12,011, after the above income and costs we ended the year with funds of £6,693.

Thank You

Thank you to all the members of the FoDG, parents, grandparents, carers, staff and Governors who contributed to all the events and fundraising during the year. Without everyone's involvement we would not have been able to achieve so much. We are always looking for more support, so please feel welcome to join us or volunteer for anything - many hands make light work!

Governance

Charity

Deighton Gates Primary School PTA was set up in 2003 under its governing document, the constitution, as a parent teacher association (unincorporated association). During the year, the Committee (listed below), agreed to re-brand under the name “Friends of Deighton Gates”, or “FoDG”, hoping to encourage greater participation with the wider school community with a friendlier more accessible trading name. The charity’s registered name and constitution remain unchanged. The charity is registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales (registered charity number 1100640). The principal operating address is Deighton Gates Primary School, Deighton Road, Wetherby, LS22 7XL.

The Committee

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Chair/Co-chairs:	Celia Green	Appointed 21 st July 2022; Resigned April 2023
	Tamsin Day	Appointed 21 st July 2023
	Louise Pedley	Appointed April 2023
Secretary:	Paul Froes	Acted for the full year
	Katie Horridge	Acted for the full year
Treasurer:	Rosie Evans	Acted for the full year

All committee members resign at every Annual General Meeting and are either nominated for re-appointment or replaced with new nominees. Appointment is by a simple majority vote by attendees at a meeting.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard for the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit when exercising powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Financial position and going concern

At the end of the year the charity had funds held in bank account and cash of £6,693. We aim to maintain a balance of £2,000 between events to meet the requirements of purchases in advance of fundraising events and cash floats for those events.

Our practice of making payments out of our funds only once we have raised sufficient to cover the contributions, ensure we remain a going concern.

Authorisation

On behalf of the trustees, we declare that annual report above has been approved by the trustees,

FRIENDS OF DEIGHTON GATES

Treasurer
Rosie Evans
Sept 2023

Co-Chair
Tamsin Day
Sept 2023

