



Friends of Bradley School AGM Report 22-23

Introduction

The Committee immediately set to work in November after welcoming Sarah Brown, Chair and Helen Holmes, Secretary to the team. One of the first areas to address was the creation of the Friends of Bradley School Committee Terms of Reference. This outlines how all members of the Committee have a shared responsibility to improve and enhance the educational and social experiences of Bradley's Both School children, their teachers, families, and local community. The Terms of Reference is outlined below:

Terms of reference:	
1	To enhance the education & wellbeing of pupils by providing or supporting provision of facilities & resources through fundraising.
2	To provide activities & events to support and enhance the whole school community by organising fund-raising activities, to involve as many people as possible and to make the activities fun!
3	To promote positive cooperation and communication between parents and school staff through the organisation of events and provision of resources.
4	Provide opportunities for regular contact between parents and teachers for the exchange of ideas and information for the good of the school and children.
5	The committee will keep the Headteacher and Governors informed about activities and decisions through meetings between the Friends of Bradley School Committee Chair and Headteacher.
6	To receive, review and evaluate feedback from fundraising activities to make informed decisions on future events.

We are proud of how the Friends of Bradley School have worked together to raise essential funds to enrich opportunities for learning. The biggest project, the redevelopment of the Woodland Area compliments the school's curriculum to discover more about the natural world. The project alone has been a challenge, but the resilience of the Committee combined with willing volunteers has created a usable space where children can continue to use their imagination whilst connecting with nature. As the new school year gets underway, the Friends Committee would like to explore parent volunteers to assist not only with fundraising events, but the maintenance of the woodland.



Fundraising Success

The Bradley Village Show



The Friends PTA stall kicked off the new school year by raising £246.20 at the Bradley Show. A wonderful start and very much appreciated!

Autumn School and Summer Disco



The summer disco appeared to 'rock' with entertainment from DJ Wilko who will return for the 23-24 discos.

Thank you to the school for allowing us to hold the event on the premises and to the wonderful parents who helped make each event an enjoyable one.

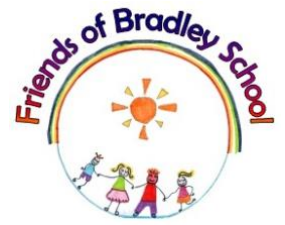
The events raised: £248.25

Christmas Fair and Present Room – The first since Covid!



The Committee elves were busy writing requests for donations which were gratefully received and added to a generous range of raffle prizes. Parent volunteers baked sweet treats, organised prizes, and ran a range of fun and exciting activities for children. There were queues at the tombola, especially towards the end of the evening when then number of tickets for £1 increased. The fairy on top of the tree moment was the opportunity to see the man himself, 'Santa'.

This event raised an amazing £1530!



Bag2School

The clothing donations raised £90 in February 2023. We look forward to receiving news on the amount raised from the second collection which took place in the new school year on Thursday 28 September 2023.



Tabletop Sale

Who doesn't love a pre-loved bargain? The Committee thought this would prove popular during a cost-of-living crisis.

Preloved items that don't cost the earth whilst playing a part in sustainability by prolonging an items life span.

Unfortunately, the event attracted little interest and will not run in 23-24.

The events raised: £192.20



The sale of preloved uniform raised £106.54

Routine Fundraising Across the Year

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to the 31 supporters who use Easy Fundraising – this site has raised **£257.74** for the PTA via everyone's online shopping.

The site raised £66.27 in 22-23.

If you haven't signed up, you can access our cause page here and build up funds for the PTA whenever you shop online:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bradleysboth/?searchSessionId=eb9e1b38-1f8d-4814-8569-31b0ab80c39a>

School Lottery

The School Lottery is a great way to obtain funding for very little effort. Every week Bradley's Both School has its own winner! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to the school. **£1,074.10** of £1,664.00 target **has been raised**.

If you haven't signed up, you can access the page here:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/bradleys-both-cp-school>



Amazon Smile no longer exists.

Amount raised: £133.23

Financial Donations to the School

The Treasurer will present the accounts for the past year including:

- Any costs incurred during the year
- Ward Grant – Woodland Area
- A list of what was bought for the school

The Big One – The Woodland Area

Hopefully the images capture the size of the project.

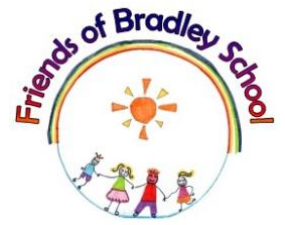




Over 50 bin bags full of wet leaves, two skips, two trailers full of garden waste, a mountain of weeds and vines (no exaggeration!), overgrown shrubs, relocation of the shed, relaying paving, erecting the playhouse, painting, planting, and tidying the area in readiness of the launch.

The school has established links with Bradley in Bloom and are in the process of creating a wildflower meadow.

Usborne donated several books on nature, Old Bridge Nurseries have become a frequent supplier of plants and bulbs. Kevin and his team of volunteers at



Responsible Timber made the planters and the lid for the sandpit which doubles as a potting table.

What's left to do? General maintenance of the area, felt and paint the playhouse, sand, and paint the garden bench and purchase a new mud kitchen, unless a volunteer would like to build one?

The 2022-23 Friends of Bradley School Committee

This year the Vice Chair is standing down; responsibilities have been revised for elected Committee members and alongside the elected Committee roles, if we have additional interested parties then we would like to ask for help / appoint people to help in the following areas:

Grants Officer - Research, Applications & hopefully securing.

Events Coordinator - Coordinating / Advertising our events.

We hope to also attract additional members to the wider Friends PTA through our continued work and with the support of the school.

Our 2022-23 team were:

Chair: Sarah Brown
Vice Chair; Claire Parker
Treasurer: Zoe Venn
Secretary: Helen Holmes

Plans for 23-24

The proposed Friends of Bradley School Parent Teacher Association Calendar of Events 2023-24 was discussed and agreed on 11 July 2023 with the Headteacher.

The events are as follows,

September - Bag2School

October - Disco

December - Present Room, Christmas Fair

January - Movie Night

February - Bag2School

March - Mother's Day Activity

June - Father's Day Activity

July - Summer Disco, Summer Fete.

The calendar will be discussed during the Annual General Meeting (AGM).



A huge thanks as always to all the parents who put so much time and effort into the PTA.

Helen, Zoe, Sarah, and Claire

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