

F@B Newsletter – JULY 2013

SUMMER FAIR

Plans are underway for the Summer Fair which will be held straight after the children's Carnival and Dance on Friday 12 July 2013. There will be a BBQ and a bouncy castle plus loads of great stalls including cakes, hook a duck, coconut shy, hoopla, face painting, and lots more!

We have over 30 fantastic Raffle prizes that have been kindly donated by local businesses, including £100 worth of Debenhams vouchers, a three month family membership at JAGS Sports Club, a £25 Pizza Express voucher, a term of free dance classes at EOS Dance School, Millwall tickets, a massage at Therapy, a voucher for Willis B hairdressers and many more. Tickets will be on sale soon!

As always we are looking for parents/carers to help out before, during and after the fair, as well as people to help sell raffle tickets, bake cakes and donate prizes for the Tombola. If you think you can help in any way, please let us know by email or via the office.

ICE CREAM SALES IN THE NATURE GARDEN

Following the sell-out success of the ice cream sales in the Nature Garden, we have decided to continue every Friday from 3.30pm during the Summer term as long as the weather holds out (with the exception of Friday 12 July for the Summer Fair). Proceeds of sales will go towards plants for the garden, so please support us! If anyone is able to help set up beforehand or sell ice creams during the event, it would be much appreciated – please contact F@B. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far.

NATURE GARDEN

The summer term has been busy in the Nature Garden. At our last session we pulled up lots of nettles/bindweed, weeded the raised beds and cleared an area to plant some wildflower seed. We are also hoping to recycle some of the old school playground equipment to create areas for the children to climb and explore. The tyre swing remains very popular!

Raspberries should be ready for the children to harvest before the end of term, rhubarb is shaping up nicely for 2014, and we are very excited to have resident frogs and newts in the pond. The last gardening session of term is Saturday 13 July from 2-4pm - there is always plenty to do and children are welcome too!

FUND-RAISING

We have had a very successful run of fundraising bids, with £800 towards materials for the Summer Carnival from the Newcomen Collett Foundation, a massive £2,050 for the Nature Garden from Southwark Council's Cleaner Greener Safer grant, and children's gardening kits from Stewart Garden Schools Campaign which were put to good use in the KS1 courtyards. We are planning to apply in September to the EMI Music Sound Foundation to purchase musical instruments.

If you are aware of any grant awarding bodies or would like to help with fund-raising, please get in touch. A big thanks to all those involved in making applications this year, particularly Angie and Josie!

Please also remember to use Spend & Raise when doing any online purchases - just click on the link on the F@B page on the website.

WELCOME PICNIC FOR 2013 JOINERS

On Friday 7 June we held a picnic in Sunray Gardens for the reception and nursery children starting in September 2013, and their parents/carers. The weather was kind and we had a great turnout, thank you to everyone who came and donated food to share. It was fantastic to meet so many of the new families joining Bessemer.

BBQ AND SCULPTURE UNVEILING

Thanks to everyone who supported the school and came to this event on 3rd May to see the unveiling of our new mosaic sculpture by local artist Steve Wright. There was a wonderful turnout – the BBQ was again a big success (we sold out of ALL food!) and everyone had fun in the sunshine that we were lucky enough to have that day.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Would you like to receive information from us by email, or help us organise future events? Please sign up to receive our newsletters by sending us an email with your details to fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk or leave your details in the Office. We also have our own section on the Bessemer Grange website - keep updated with current news at <http://bessemergrangeprimary.co.uk/pta/>

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Following the AGM earlier this year, we are pleased to welcome several new F@B Committee Members, see details below. We would also like to express huge thanks to Esther and Josie for their amazing work with F@B over the past couple of years.

Please contact us by email at fab@friendsatbessemer.co.uk, ask in the office or catch one of us in the playground if you would like more information about any of the events planned this term.

Co-Chairs	Ingrid Davidson and Liz Summerskill
Co-Treasurers	Liz Moffett and Clare Hewitt
Co-Secretaries	Nina O'Sullivan and Fran Barry
Communications (website/newsletter)	Julia Nicholls
Promotion	Ingrid Davidson, Azra Garner, Zainab Kamara, Lisa Brogan, Josie Viney, Liz Moffett, Clare Hewitt
Fund-raising	Angie Sowton, Chris Sowton and Josie Viney
Resources	Lisa Brogan and Louise James
International Food Co-ordinators	Zainab Kamara and Amie Barrow-Deen

We would like to take this opportunity to thank local businesses, parents, teachers and all other school staff who have kindly contributed towards and helped at the F@B events, as we could not put these on without this help.

We held the F@B AGM on 17 May 2013. If you would like a copy of the Minutes or the Chair and Treasurer's Report, please let us know. Finally we'd like to wish everyone a wonderful summer!