



Friends of Lawn

Newsletter – December 2023



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Fundraising Update

So far this year, we have already contributed towards the **White Rose maths scheme books**, which many of you will have seen at the recent parents evening. This has enabled the school to reduce the time spent on printing, cutting, and sticking into traditional exercise books, meaning the children are getting more time learning. These books also provide well defined & colourful pictorial models for mathematical concepts, to help their learning.

Our goals for the remainder of 2023/24 are to fundraise for the purchase of **sets of books for whole class reading**. In Key Stage 2, we want to choose high quality books which allow a diverse range of author and content exposure. In KS1, we want to be able to purchase smaller **sets of picture and story books**, so that each class can access these. Our vision is for a reading spine in our school, where all children who move through Lawn will leave us having had exposure to a specified number of high-quality texts which develop their language, ideas, reading comprehension and empathy.

The EYFS team are also looking to purchase some new **trikes and scooters** for Nursery and Reception children, which are great in helping develop motor skills and sense of balance. And finally, the school would really like some new **sensory equipment** to help support some of the children with special educational needs.

Our fundraising target had another huge boost this year with a **£1,000** grant secured by one of our school governors, **David Heaton**, from **Zurich**. (If anyone works for a company offering grants to local charities and would like to nominate Friends of Lawn, we are happy to support any applications please email friendsoflawn@outlook.com)

Disco dancing!

We were once again able to host an afterschool disco for our Yr1 – Yr 6 students, featuring music from **AJ**

Entertainment! Lots of fun was had by all and we managed to raise around **£1,000** towards our school fundraising.

Big thanks to all the staff who stayed behind on a Friday to help run these disco's – we couldn't have done it without you!!

Special mention goes to **Mr Berry** who was most definitely disco danced out by the end of the night!

Christmas Winter Event

We tweaked our Christmas event this year following feedback that last year's event felt busy and a little bit overwhelming in the school hall. This year we focused on **warming drinks, sweet treats, market stall, lucky dips and tombola**.

We were so pleased that so many of the school community were able to enjoy this event and get involved in some festive fun after school.

This event raised around **£1,000** towards school fundraising.





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End of term treats & Movie Night

The children (& parents!) have been able to indulge in a **sweet treat** at the end of each term. This provides a lovely end of term treat for the children, and the school also get a **% of the profits** from everything sold.

We also ran another successful and popular **movie night on 7 Dec**. The children enjoyed a festive film, popcorn & drink.



Second-Hand Uniform

Our textile recycling bin and smaller uniform bin has been getting plenty of donations. Donated items of uniform in saleable condition are all added to our uniform website [uniformerly.co.uk](https://www.uniformerly.co.uk)

With prices starting from 50p and logo jumpers, cardigans and fleeces for just £2.50 this is a great way to update your children's uniform for a fraction of the price.



Upcoming events...

We have jam packed calendar of events, which can be found on our school webpage: <https://www.lawn-pri.swindon.sch.uk/events-activities/>

- **February**
 - **End of term treats** – Friday 9 February
 - **Disco** – Friday 23 February
- **March**
 - **Easter hunt & Raffle**
 - **End of term treats** – Thursday 28 March

Interested in volunteering or becoming a committee member?

We are a very small and friendly committee and always on the lookout for extra support to help make these events happen. If you are interested in volunteering or joining the FOL committee, please email us at

friendsoflawn@outlook.com



We also want to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful volunteers & teachers who support the events!

