



Welcome to the first edition of the FAN newsletter! We have had a very busy first half of this academic year full of fun, learning and fundraising for the Nursery School.



Fundraising this year...

Firstly, we thought we would share with you a summary of how much we have fundraised so far this year and what events we have put on for our children, parents and the community.

During the Christmas term we have raised money through the sale of our Christmas gifts of mugs, tea towels and Christmas cards. We auctioned off a Christmas cake at our Nativity play and sold personalised Nativity programmes with the song words as a wonderful keepsake.



Our main event was the showing of Arthur Christmas. Many children came to see the film and they all snuggled up on the cushions with their blankets eating hot dogs and pizza. It was such a lovely way to end the Christmas term.

Fundraising this term raised a total of £643.48.



In the spring term our brilliant neighbours at the Abinger Hatch pub helped us raffle off our Valentine's Day hamper which raised £110. Congratulations to James for winning the hamper!

The last day of the Spring term saw the return of the Abinger Bake Off and craft fair. It was such a busy event with so many creative entries for the competition. Cherry, Dena and Henny had their work cut out judging but they did a magnificent job - it was so hard to choose the winners.

Inside we also had crafts going on: making bunny masks, Easter cards, flapping chicks and woolly sheep with our egg hunt held outside. The children had a fabulous time and we managed to raise £313.47 which was amazing!



What's next?

In the summer term we are planning a Sponsored Saunter with a 'Going on a bear hunt' theme. We will be hosting a stall at the Abinger teddy bears picnic; running the Children's Corner at the Abinger Medieval Fair and having a summer fundraising event for the parents and friends of the Nursery. One busy term ahead...





What have the children been up to?

At Nursery we have been busy learning about the natural world around us, different ways of moving, travelling and different types of transport. We have now followed on from the children's interests and will be learning about water including animals that live in water, experimenting with water and lots more with a theme called 'Splish, splash, splosh!' This ties in nicely with our "Going on a Bear Hunt" Sponsored Saunter coming up later in the term.

We have been making full use of our wonderful new rubber mulch area in the Nursery garden which has created a safe blank canvas for the children to be able to use when accessing a broad range of resources, such as the climbing frame, the big wooden blocks, outdoor open-ended resources and our outdoor small world resources.

The Nursery also had some wonderful wooden planters donated to us full of beautiful bulbs and plants. The children have really enjoyed watching to see which flowers are appearing and which bugs and insects have been visiting them!

This term Louise, Hayley and Henny have been working hard to complete their Forest School training. They are aiming to complete this by the end of the Summer term. In the mean time they have enjoyed building on our Forest School learning opportunities and resources enabling the children to make full use of our Woodland Classroom area and adventures down into the larger woodland area.

Indoors we have been collating a wish list for the Nursery to replenish some of our more over-loved resources. Our aim is to ensure that the Nursery continues to be as accessible as possible to the children enabling them to build on their levels of curiosity and independence to ensure that they become confident and motivated learners in our nurturing environment.

What is the money being spent on?

With the money raised so far this year we are planning to purchase:

- Walkie talkies for staff
- Tarpaulin for the Woodland Classroom
- New children's tables

Thank you!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who have donated items; to those who have helped us run the events; to those who have bought tickets and numerous keepsake items produced this year which were designed by the very talented Susannah Kaemmnitz. You have been amazing supporters of the Nursery School.

We would also like to thank all the parents who have come along to events from the wider community, in particular those of Surrey Hills School. We are so grateful for the support and it is lovely to see children who once came to our Nursery coming back to our events.

And finally, thank you FAN members for your continued support. This support helps us provide French lessons, cooking sessions and forest school equipment to our children.

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