

FRIENDS OF ST MONICA'S

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2022 AGM - Treasurer's Report for the academic year 2021/22

For the 2021/22 academic year the FOSM funds opened at £14,859.29 (21/10/2021).

As of 5/10/2022 the FOSM account balance was £16,812.29. (Movie night has since been held for academic year 2022/23)

FOSM Bank Account 2021/22 activity

A summary of FOSM bank account activity during the academic year:

Opening balance		£14,859.29
Donations:		
	Guitar lessons	-£ 500.00
	Little Wandle subscription	-£750.00
	Wandle phonics books	-£3,304.00
	Forest school shed	-£471.95
	Disco (F.O.C, refreshments & prizes = £35.83)	-£35.83
	P.E supplies (from Colour Run)	-£432.95
	Superstars American football week (CR)	-£400.00
	Y6 Hoodies	-£458.20
	*Easter 2021 (reissued cheque from previous year)	-£80.19
Expenses:		
	Insurance	-£ 116.00
	Lottery license	-£ 20.00
Fundraising:		
	Christmas Fayre '22 (£2,926.45 - £296.59)	£2,629.86
	Cauliflower Cards commission	£390.90
	Valentine's own clothes/treat (£123.60 - £17.99)	£105.61
	World Book Day – dress up/sale/prizes (£244.50 - £34.26)	£210.24
	Easter – own clothes, hunt, comp, prizes, eggs (£145.25 - £143.87)	£1.38
	Colour Run (£3,289.62 - £144.62) *majority of expenses covered by sponsors	£3,145.00
	Group Trips (£204 from Theatre, £27 from Gulliver's World)	£231.00
	Summer Fayre (£2,412.68 - £655.38)	£1757.30
Closing balance	(Cheques amounting to £50.83 still to be cashed. £16,812.29 accurate to date)	£ 16,812.29

FOSM Donations

FOSM have contributed towards:

- Guitar Tuition: £500 (Annual contribution made for Year 4 guitar lessons)
- Hoodies: £458.20 (A contribution made to Year 6 for the keepsake hoodies)
- School/nursery requests: The MUGA pitch was covered by charitable donation, a request was made by Mrs Norman for £3,304 for Phonics books, £750 for Little Wandle Subscription and £471.95 for the Forest School shed.
- Colour Run team requests: To date £832.95 of the £3,145.00 funds raised from the Colour Run has been spent. This consists of £400 paid out to Superstars for the American Sports week that was delivered and £432.95 for new P.E equipment. The new equipment was used on Sports Day and is available to the children in P.E lessons and for use in after school clubs.
- Disco: Following the success of the Colour Run, this years disco was a free of charge event. Expenses for the disco totalled £35.83 which covered refreshments and prizes.

FOSM fundraising

Key FOSM events held over the past 12 months have raised funds for the school. Those significant events being:

Christmas Fayre 2021: £2,629.86

Colour Run April 2022: £3,145.00

Summer Fayre 2022: £1,757.30. (All amounts shown are after expenses have been deducted).

Other fundraisers during the school year were: Own clothes days, commission received from Cauliflower Cards, a book sale for World Book Day, Easter activities (which allowed for a donation of a chocolate egg for every child) and group trips. The Disco held this year was a free of charge event and there was a Platinum Jubilee picnic held on the school field which was free to attend also.

Total funds raised after expenses: **£8,435.46.**

Future commitments for 2022/23

Fundraising - agreed contributions/quotes		
To date no requests/agreements have been made		
Ongoing obligations - historic agreements made by FOSM		
Guitar lessons	£ 500.00	(2022/23 contribution due now)
Y6 hoodies	£ 500.00	(2023 leavers)
First communion balloons etc	£ 20.00	(Summer 2023)
Insurance	£ 116.00	(approx - will be paid Jan 2023)
Lottery license renewal	£ 20.00	(Due March 2023)
	£ 1,156.00	

Available funds		
Current bank balance (5.10.22)	£ 16,812.29	
Less: Ongoing obligations for year 22/23	-£ 1,156.00	
Less: Uncashed cheques	-£50.83	
	£15,605.46	reserve left for future events

UPDATE: An amount of £7,000 had previously been set aside for the MUGA (multi use games area) we were expecting Mrs Norman to make contact to request the funds for this. Mrs Norman emailed committee members in January 2022 to inform us that the MUGA had been covered by a charitable donation, as a result, Mrs Norman requested that we fund a new phonics scheme and the forest school shed instead, which was agreed to. £4,525.95 was donated to school for the Little Wandle books, a 1 year subscription and for the shed.

At this point no requests/agreements have been made between the school and FOSM for the spending this year, the exception being the ongoing obligations. From discussions throughout the year it has become clear that parents would rather FOSM fundraising be used for more 'fun' things for the children, for example to subsidise trips, pay for workshops and to be used for resources for the after school clubs. Sports resources have been mentioned (and bought) this year, others have mentioned drama and art with a stage being suggested as a good use of funds.

Summary

After a difficult few years with COVID restrictions thwarting fundraising efforts, it has been great to see the return of some much loved events, as well as new fundraisers and fun being had by all. Our annual Christmas and Summer Fayre's, alongside the introduction of the Colour Run accounted for the majority of the funds raised this year.

2021/22 saw the largest amount of money raised for FOSM in many years which is fantastic, especially considering restrictions remained for part of the year. With this new academic year looking as though it will be restriction-free, this could pave the way for an even greater fundraising year but only if we all pull together. Smaller class sizes and even greater strains on school's budget makes our fundraising more important than ever, now's the time for community spirit and to collectively do all we can to ensure that the children can still have fun at school in these difficult times. We could really benefit from opening our larger events to the parish and wider community in order to reach our fundraising potential. The children becoming more involved with the fundraisers would likely prove effective too. With the closure of the Stockton Heath branch of Natwest as well as the need to 'move with the times', online banking and other online methods of payments for FOSM fundraising would be beneficial also.

So far in 2022/23 we have held a FOSM movie night which raised approximately £100, thank you to all that helped with this event.

As always, a huge thank you to you all for your continued support, it really doesn't go unnoticed and is essential for us going forward that we can call upon parents/carers and school staff for the help required with our events.

Thank you to Mrs Pearson and the whole school team for allowing the events to take place.