



Eversfield School Association Chair's End of Year Report for AGM 1st September 2021 - 31st August 2022

The year started with a committee change. Liesl Millar and Chris Gilbey-Smith took over as Co-Chairs, with Alex Creba and Paul Collins taking the roles of Secretary and Vice-Secretary respectively. Rupesh Thakkar remained as Treasurer and Stella Chen remained as Vice Treasurer.

The new committee started their term in the knowledge that there was a pre-approved agreement to purchase 20 iPads for the school at a total cost of £9,208.80. This was paid from the ESA account on the 30th of November 2021.

Coming out of the previous academic year, which had been heavily disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic, our goals were to re-energize the ESA by focusing our efforts on hosting all the events that had previously been a staple of the ESA year; to raise funds to top up the accounts following the large iPads expenditure but first and foremost, to promote community spirit within the school.

The Committee endeavoured to further the primary purpose of the ESA, as detailed in the Constitution, which is:

“...to advance the education of Pupils in the school in particular by:
developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the School;
Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the School and advance the education and welfare of the Pupils.”

To this end, Chris and Liesl commenced by filming a short video to be provided to all parents to help them better understand the ESA and its objectives and to try to engage more parents with the ESA and encourage greater participation of the ESA members.

MICHAELMAS TERM 2021

The build up to Christmas required a few changes as to when certain events, such as the reindeer visit and Lucky Dip box selection, took place due to a few scheduling issues. The addition of the Christmas Fayre poster competition engaged the children in the lead up to the Christmas Fayre. Also, the size and spectacle of the Christmas raffle was bigger than ever with incredible prizes encouraging large numbers of raffle tickets being purchased. This alone contributed £1,081.40.

In total the ESA Christmas Fayre AND Christmas activities generated a profit of £3,314.13

LENT TERM 2022

The Lent Term saw the return of the School Disco for Middle and Upper School which was heavily attended by the Pupils generating enough profit to cover the cost of a lower school event.

SUMMER TERM 2022

The Summer Term saw the introduction of a new event for Lower School as they are too young to attend the School Disco. After discussions with the School, the ESA provided a magician called the Great Baldini to entertain both Lower School pupils and staff alike. It's safe to say that the event was a huge hit.

In addition, the ESA hosted a hugely successful Summer Fayre which was incredibly well attended despite the terrible weather disrupting the event set up and requiring us to make some last-minute changes to the layout. The ESA provided the usual games and stalls with the addition of a number of food trucks, a bar, professional entertainment from the fabulous D-Day Darlings and additional games for the Pupils. The Summer Fayre achieved a profit of £863.30 but most importantly was hailed as "the best Summer Fayre to date" by the Headmaster and many others.

2021/2022

Throughout the school year 2021/2022, the ESA also organised several Secondhand Uniform Sales, an invaluable provision to the school community. The ESA arranged for a drop off bin to be placed at the end of the walkway into school to make the drop off of uniform much easier. The ESA also did a full tidy up of the ESA cabin and documented the contents of the cabin. In addition, templates were created for ESA events which could be used to aid planning for future ESA committees. Other initiatives such as Bags2School also took place raising worthwhile funds for charity.

Secondhand Uniform Sales and Bags2School generated funds of £1,611.36.

Following a funding recommendation during an ESA meeting, and after consultation with the school, the ESA was delighted to use funds it had raised during the year to purchase 6 picnic benches for the school playgrounds with the addition of 6 game table toppers for the tables. This allows the children to use the tables for both socialising, snacking and playing. The cost of the benches and toppers pledged was £4,474.80 with monies being paid during the financial year 22/23.

THANK YOU

A core group of people contributed their time, help, work, money, prizes and organisational skills to allow all the above-mentioned events and more to happen.

The money raised in the year 21/22 allowed the purchase of the benches, much needed funding for all the events staged, and provided a healthy residual balance for all future events and donations for school facilities, equipment and activities. The balance in the accounts at the end of the academic year 21/22 was £17,570.69 providing a super springboard to start academic year 22/23.

The ESA would sincerely like to thank all who contributed to making 21/22 such a successful year for the ESA, and the school alike.

Chris Gilbey-Smith and Liest Millar