

FODIS meeting 11/2/09

Present: Caroline Childerley, James Vallis, Paolo Oprandi, Adey Blackwell, Jo Rees, Jo Darlinson, Nick Mills, Eloise Woodman, Deborah Gellner, Rosaleen Cunningham.

Apoligies: Regina Kruger

Shanti Mahendra has resigned.

Quiz night The figures were much better than last yr, and made a net income of £597.79, compared to £169.26 in 2008. It was generally agreed to have been a very successful event.

This led onto a **discussion on Fodis' role**. Caroline explained that it was solely for fundraising and not for dealing with other school issues. We can't have a link with the governors, as they already have large workloads managing the school. (the only link is that one governor, Rachel Christopher, comes to the Fodis' AGM). We cannot put on extra events at the school, as what we do already is extra work for Regina. However Caroline pointed out that the role of class rep has been a success this year (in getting volunteers and people to come to events) and it was generally agreed that, in future, they can be further encouraged to perform a social role within their class.

Posters showing photos of class reps not yet on class doors. Deborah to request them, and to email them to Jo Rees.

Quiet Area Caroline had the plans from 'Room Outside' for this to be outside Otters classroom (being moved from outside Starfish where it doesn't work). The plans involve greenery in wooden planters, seats around, interesting paving, handprints, branding in wood etc. The plans have been seen by all the teachers, and were displayed at last summer's fair. The cost is £8,500, including 3 workshops for children. Work will start in the Easter holidays. Caroline will attempt to get the price down. We need to raise more money – currently have £6,000 approx.

Indoor garden/greenhouse. It was discussed how this is not made sufficient use of, notwithstanding that money was spent on doing it up about 3 years ago. There was understanding as to why teachers did not get around to using it, and we agreed that changing it (eg turning it into an outside green space with trees) should be a future project.

Memory mosaic. The same artist ex parent does this each year at a cost of £1,500. There is only spaces for 2 more years left on the wall, and there was also a discussion as to whether this money was being well spent, and therefore whether we should do it this yr. It was decided that we would, but ask the 'contractor' to do it for less.

Easter Disco, Friday 3/4/09. Rosaleen volunteered to lead it. Eloise and Deborah (who will co-ordinate volunteers) will help. To meet soon with Caroline. Data protection issues briefly considered. Agreed that this time the form requesting volunteers can say 'we will keep your contact details for future events. Please tick here, if you do not want us to'

World Book week, 23-27 Feb, organised by Mrs Mitchell, the school bursar. One volunteer needed for each slot, arrive 9am or 2.55pm

Mon	am, Caroline	pm, Caroline
Tues	am, Rosaleen	pm, Jo Darlinson
Wed	am, Paulo	pm, Rosaleen
Thurs	am, Adey	pm, Deborah

Eyepoppers posters not yet done. Jo Rees and Caroline will now go on rota. Eloise to buy some more DVDs. Caroline to do another promotional special offer leaflet to go in book bags after half term. Paulo also to advertise it on the website.

Film night for kids It was agreed to do one for yr 1 and 2. (however since the meeting this has proved not possible due to lack of available dates).