

# NEWS

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## FRIENDS OF SOUTH GREEN SCHOOLS



Welcome back to the start of a new school year! As we begin another year of fundraising and fun, let's first reflect on the successes and achievements of last year's hard work. In total for 2018-19, FOSGS raised almost £11000! An amazing total. A huge well done and thanks to all that support our events and the Committee team that work tirelessly to arrange and deliver events and all those that volunteer to help. We couldn't do it without you!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**27 September, 8.30am**  
Macmillan Coffee Morning

**27 September, 2.30pm**  
Reception Welcome Event

**11 October, 9am**  
FOSGS AGM, Junior hall

**14 November**  
Film Night

**29 November**  
Infants Xmas Bazaar

### How We Have Helped Our Schools

Our Infant & Nursery School received grants last year to the sum of **£9997**. This money has been used to buy new furniture for the library area and each classroom's reading corners as well as a new blackboard shed for the playground. Their big expense last year was to resurface their playground, which now looks amazing! It has also been reported that they have noticed an 80% reduction in trips and falls in the playground due to the nice new surface, so a saving on first aid and tears too!



Our Junior School received grants totalling **£7120**. This money has been partly used to furnish the new Thrive Room. Thrive practitioners will use this room to support individual children and small groups in developing self-esteem, self-confidence, resilience and the ability to regulate strong emotions. It will also be used for training events and community groups. A fantastic addition for the school.

Juniors also use their grants to subsidise trips and educational visitors, so if your children have been part of any of the following, they have benefited from FOSGS fundraising; Crucial Crew, Indian Dance Workshop, Viking Day, Good King Hal, Author - Marcus Alexander, Skreens Park, Stubbers and Music Festival Transport.

### Can you help?

Hands on help:

All our events need volunteers to help organise, prepare, set up, run and clear up.

Help from a distance:

Matchfunding, Easyfundraising, Stikins

Please get in touch if you can help in any way!

### Help Us From A Distance

We understand not everyone can offer hands on help at our events, but there are still ways you can help from a distance. Easyfundraising made £225 for the Infants last year and commission from Stikins made £87. Sign up to Easyfundraising and do your online shopping from there at; [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/southgreenins](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/southgreenins) (Infants) & [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/southgreenjunior](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/southgreenjunior) (Juniors) Stikins are a great Personalised Name Label that stick to everything and give FOSGS a commission. Order here at; [www.stikins.co.uk](http://www.stikins.co.uk) and use our school code of **18223** to get commission.





WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT  
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

Friday  
27th Sept

## Community Matters

In January FOSGS were chosen to participate in Waitrose's 'Community Matters' scheme, from which we received a wonderful £300!

Our local shops at South Green are very supportive too. Using our collecting tins we received £200 in donations. A special mention to the One Stop shop for their £120 donation!

Last September FOSGS raised £696 for Macmillan Cancer Support with our coffee morning. A very tasty way to pay it forward to a great cause. Let's hope this year's event is just as successful.

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### 2018-19 Totals:

- Film Night £1253
- Junior Disco Tuck Shop £327
- Mother's Day Sale £282
- Easter Raffles £778
- Father's Day Sale £216
- Father's Day Breakfast £445
- St. Mary's Summer Fete £81
- Charity Night £70
- Sponsored Fun Walk £3686
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform £553
- Adventure Island £2700
- Local Shop Donations £200

## Fabulous Fun Walk

We had a fabulous Sponsored Fun Walk in June where all the children in Infant's and Junior's exceeded our expectations and smashed the 3km challenge. They enjoyed music, bubbles & water squirts along the way and all got an ice pole treat at the end for their efforts. The total sponsor money raised was a tremendous £3686! This money has been used to sponsor FOSGS at the Barleyland's Fun Walk on the 8<sup>th</sup> September.



## Adventure Island Wristbands

The sales of discounted wristbands for Southend's Adventure Island has had an extremely successful year raising £2700 for FOSGS. Many of you have had a great family day out at Adventure Island, Sealife Adventure, Adventure Golf and Adventure Inside at bargain prices. Look out for more discounts next year!



## JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING

**JUNIOR DINING HALL**  
**9am 11 October 2019**

## We Need You!

Thank you for your continued support with all our events. By doing so, **you** are the ones who are making a difference to our school environment and our children's educational experience. But in order to continue we need fresh blood in FOSGS and are constantly looking to recruit new committee members and we still need a Chairperson to take the group forward. If you or a group of friends have the enthusiasm to make a difference and would like to join us, please come along to a meeting or get in touch. We are a lovely friendly bunch and you will be very welcome. Without **you**, there will be no FOSGS!

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