



Friends of Flixton Newsletter

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What is 'Friends of Flixton'?

Friends of Flixton is a group of parents, carers, teachers, relatives, friends and anyone from the community who wants to help to support and raise money for Flixton Girls School (FGS) and its pupils. It's like a PTA, only it involves anyone, not just parents and teachers. Look out for our yellow t-shirts!

Christmas Fair raised £2,721!

Thanks to everyone who donated items to sell or gave money for the Christmas Fair, and to those who supported the event by attending on the day.

Thanks also to all the volunteers, staff and pupils who helped out.

The hall had a really festive feel with the school choir singing, and we received some great feedback from the external stall holders on how good it was.

We raised £1,721 from: admissions, sales on refreshments, raffle and tombola tickets, and money donations from parents and carers on the pupil own clothes day. We were fortunate to receive an additional £1,000 in matched funding from Barclays via the Charities Trust, making the total raised £2,721.



Christmas concert generated £344

Following the Christmas Fair, Friends of Flixton provided refreshments and ran a raffle at the Christmas concert on 19 December.

We raised a total of £344 thanks to the generous support of the parents, carers, relatives and friends who bought snacks, drinks and raffle tickets. Thank you!



Mary Poppins production



The three-night performance of Mary Poppins (30 Jan – 1 Feb) is covered by an alcohol licence, so there will be wine and beer sold when the doors open and during the interval.

We will also be selling snacks such as crisps, chocolate, sweets and biscuits. Non-alcoholic drinks will include cans, juice cups, water, tea and coffee.

The money raised from the sale of refreshments and raffle tickets will contribute towards the costs of the lighting and sound equipment for the production, so if you're attending the event, please come and support us.

The Giving Machine – an easy way to raise money for FGS when shopping online

If you are shopping online, you can raise money for the school.

Simply search for the retailer you are buying from (e.g. Amazon) on the Giving Machine's web site (<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>) and then click on 'shop now' followed by 'join in' to create an account, with the cause being Flixton Girls School.



What we are funding

We have paid for 8 tailors' dummies costing £230.

We will be contributing to the costs of the Mary Poppins production: the total cost is around £2,000 and we are hoping to raise £500 towards this.

We are also going to be buying:

- Summer and interform trophies
- Portable poles for badminton and volleyball



100 club survey



A 100 club is a type of private lottery where people buy numbered tickets to participate.

When the tickets are drawn, a percentage of the profit is given as prizes, with the remaining profit going to charity (e.g. Friends of Flixton - to be used for the benefit of the pupils and the school).

Thanks to everyone who completed our 100 club survey back in November. We had a great response with 180 people answering the questions.

66% people were definitely interested and another 23% were possibly interested in participating in such a club. Most people said they would prefer to buy tickets using Parentpay.

We are now exploring this further, so please watch this space for more information!

What do the pupils want us to buy?

We have consulted with the school council and they have made some suggestions on items they would like us to purchase.

They have had some great ideas (e.g. equipment that can be used at lunchtime) and they will be researching these to get some idea of prices, before a final decision is made. We will let you know once the items have been chosen.

Raffle prizes – donate unwanted presents

If you have any unwanted Christmas presents/other gifts that would be suitable to raffle, we would love to have them! Please drop them at the school reception desk.

We are also interested in offering other prizes like a free meal at a restaurant or a beauty treatment. So, if you have your own business, or work with a generous employer, please let us know what you could donate.



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Friends of Flixton is a member of:

Parentkind
Member Association

Getting rid of equipment or other items?

If you are getting rid of old furniture, equipment (e.g. tennis balls), materials (e.g. coloured paper), or anything else that the school could use – please contact the school office to see if Flixton Girls can make use of them.

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