

# FOFW PTFA NEWSLETTER

UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 2024

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year! A big hello to all of the new families that have joined us this school year, and we hope this newsletter explains a bit more about our Floreat community and all that we do! We have lots of fun plans in the works throughout the term, from Harvest through to our popular Christmas kids disco!

## KEEP IN TOUCH

We are posting more regular updates on social media - please follow us on **Instagram**, every little helps our engagement with the local community so asking friends and family to follow, commenting and sharing is so appreciated.

**@friends\_of\_floreat\_wandsworth**

You can contact us at any ideas with ideas, suggestions, questions etc on [fofwevents@gmail.com](mailto:fofwevents@gmail.com)

## MEET THE COMMITTEE

Friends of Floreat Wandsworth is our school PTFA (Parents, Teacher's and Friends Association). Our mission is to raise funds to enhance the facilities at Floreat and also to encourage and facilitate social activity within the school community. Meet the committee below... please come and say hi in the playground. We look forward to meeting you all!



Hi, I am Jess, and this will be my 7th year on the committee. For those that don't know me I have 3 boys, Iggy (Yr 9), Timmy (Yr 6) and Willoughby (Yr 4). This year sadly we are not in the school as an opportunity arose to be out of the country for 1 year. I am here to continue helping the team in the background!



Hi - I'm Annie, mum of 4, I have Inaya in Yr 6 and Aroush in Yr 2, and you will usually find me by the gates at pick up with a little person causing havoc! I will be supporting all our fantastic reps this year.



Hi - I'm Charlotte, mum to Emilia in Yr 2. I keep FOFW organised and run our social media amongst other things!

Hi - I'm Ruth, mum to James (Year 3) and Finn (Reception). I work behind the scenes on a lot of the FoFW events!

Hi, I am Natalie, I am mum to Theo in nursery and Micko in year 2 (but also aunt to Alfred year 5 and Oscar year 2, so if you see me with extra kids, that's why). This is my first year with FoFW!



Hi, I'm Drew, I'm the FoFW Treasurer looking after all the pennies and helping us spend in all the right places to support our wonderful school! This will be my fifth year with the PTA and I have three at the school, George (Yr 4), Freddie (Yr 2) and Annabelle (Nursery).



Hi, I am Zeba, mum to Carmen (Yr 2) and Buddy (Yr 3). I am the self appointed bunting master for FoFW events!



Hi, I'm Tammy, I'm mum to Teddy (Year 5) and Hector (Year 2). I help out everywhere as is needed, if you can't find me, you can always grab my husband Julian!

Hi, I'm Lena, mum of Lara (Year 3) and Victor & Ada. As a newbie to FOFW will be trying to fill Drew's footsteps as co-treasurer this year!



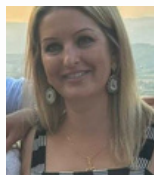
## MEET THE CLASS REPS

As well as the committee we also have our fantastic class reps - always on the end of a WhatsApp to answer questions and share relevant information for your year group. Annie is the head rep who co-ordinates them all. If you are not on your class WhatsApp group please ask to be added! These groups are run by parents, for the benefit of parents, so please use them sensibly.

### NURSERY



Natalie



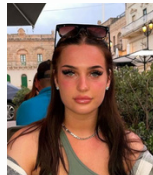
Polly



Hannah



Carly



Daisy-Mae

### YEAR 3



Tiffany

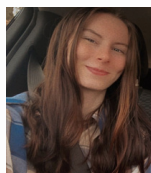


Floris

### RECEPTION



Tara



Emily



Ellen

### YEAR 4



Christen



Catriona



Richard

### YEAR 1



Julie

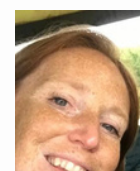


Sarah

### YEAR 5



Chloe



Tammy

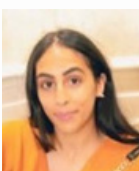


Tiffany

### YEAR 2



Jenny



Izzy



Charlotte

### YEAR 6



Verity



Sarah



## GARDENING CLUB

JOIN US ON THE 6TH OCTOBER FOR A FAMILY GARDENING AFTERNOON - 're-using and up-cycling in the garden'

This gardening day is the final session relating to our £10k grant for the outdoor learning project from Wandsworth Grant Fund. The grant has allowed the school to run amazing initiatives like the outdoor learning sessions, nursery's forest school time and the brilliant Lepidoptera after school club. This wouldn't be possible without the nurturing care of Ms B and Keith from Think Outside. They have created an incredible garden space - look at the transformation below! The upkeep of the space does rely on Floreat families getting stuck in to weed, chop and prune - we'd love to see you join us on the weekend for a fun family day. There will be several children's and adult gardening volunteer dates coming up from November so keep a look out for those!



## LEPIDOPTERA CLUB AT HAMPTON COURT

The gardening club was part of a school exhibition at Hampton Court! They focused on pollinators and plants they love. The club got to visit the show.

'I WAS HAPPY TO BE WITH MY FRIENDS LEARNING NEW THINGS. AND IT WAS GREAT THAT MS B WAS TEACHING ME. IT WAS FUN TO BE AT THE SHOW AND EXPLORE THE MARKET.' ALFRED, YEAR FIVE







## Community Garden Fun

19th May 2024

Planting and Propagation

16th June 2024

Sustainable Watering

**6th October 2024**

**Recycling in the Garden**

**13.30-16.30**

**Floreat  
Wandsworth  
All welcome!**

More info: call Keith on  
07760 295 636

As part of a major outdoor learning project funded by Wandsworth Grant Fund, we are organising three garden events at Floreat Wandsworth Community Garden. Join us at any time on the three afternoons in May, June and October.

We have already built new raised beds in the main school playground and refurbished and up-cycled a lot of existing outdoor equipment. We have developed a new outdoor garden area for Early Years children and need to finish re-purposing a canopy for the nature garden! All with the huge help of parent and other volunteers!

We have also planned a number of outdoor workshops with all the children in Summer and Autumn terms 2024. We are going to be planting seeds together as well as exploring habitats and living things around us in our lovely new garden spaces!

The community workshops are open to anyone who would like to plant, propagate or learn about sustainable gardening. You can also join us if you want to sit down and relax in the garden with a cup of tea and a piece of cake - or a chat with someone you know, or will get to know if you come. **They are open to all!** Bring your relatives and neighbours! There will also be activities for little children.

Drop in - you might even get some free geranium cuttings to take home!



## SUMMER FAIR JULY 2024

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to join us at our annual summer fair! Whilst we didn't have very fun weather we had a super afternoon with loads of games and activities for all. We had over 50 parents, staff and governors volunteer to make it all possible, so thank you to them for all their hard work. Loads of prizes were handed out - expertly announced by Floreat dad, Julian - raffle ticket sales contributed to the **amazing £6000 raised!** £1500 of this was via sponsorship from Rampton Baseley. Thanks again to our resident DJ, Carl, from Acorn AV who got everyone dancing under their umbrellas.





## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

The FOFW committee met at the beginning of term to discuss plans for the year ahead. We were delighted to have some of the new starter parents join us and to hear some great new ideas! There were lots of things to talk about, from sports to singing, supporting the year six leavers and of course Christmas discos. If you have any ideas on how to spend the funds raised or causes you'd like to champion don't hesitate to get in touch! [fofwevents@gmail.com](mailto:fofwevents@gmail.com)



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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The second hand uniform shop went online in May via [uniformly](https://www.uniformly.com). You can donate any clean, Floreat-branded, items to the school office at any time. Only those that are in a good state though please and no dresses, shirts, trousers etc! All purchases can be collected from the office too. If you prefer to pay in cash for your items please email [fofwevents@gmail.com](mailto:fofwevents@gmail.com) to arrange.



So far we have raised **£938** from sales!

## FREE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Parentkind - a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their Cashpot for Schools initiative.

For every parent that takes the 2 minutes to opt-in, we get £1 in our cashpot - even if you don't shop at Asda.

If you do shop there, the school also get 0.5% of the value of your shop each time you shop until Nov 30th!

## BEANIE HATS

With the cold weather fast approaching (sadly!) - our lovely Floreat branded beanie hats are now available to order online! These will be available for collection from the office on the Friday following purchase. Note - these are brand new and not available from Stevensons; all proceeds go directly to school. <https://friends-of-floreat-wandsworth.sumupstore.com>



It's as easy as 1,2,3  
1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools  
2. Choose our **Primary School** - either searching by name or postcode  
3. **Shop** instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

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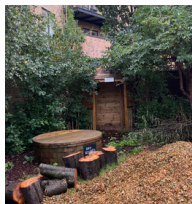
### WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY RAISED?

We want to show you what we have spent money on over the years and the variety of areas supported by FoFW fundraising and grants we apply for on behalf of the school. We work closely with the leadership team at school to ensure the right items are bought and our focus is aligned. Some recent examples can be seen below, but we also keep some savings aside for when there is an unplanned need.

#### Large Projects!

FoFW has funded several large scale items for the school that have taken multiple years of fundraising and all the children enjoy daily; the astro turf on the playground, the huge playframe in the playground and the playframe in the Nursery area.

We are now planning what our next big ticket item will be!



#### School Equipment!

FoFW funds lots of sports, books and general equipment for the school. Including the new lost property box!

We also make sure to support families who need help with purchasing school uniform.



#### Enriching our children's experience:

Last year we paid for drawing workshops, funded an author visit on World Book day, chicks for early years, funded Forest school and improved the garden provision.

#### Supporting our Community:

FoFW aims to ensure an equal school experience for all of it's pupils. As such we contribute a lot to activities such as providing the coach for the year 6 PGL trip; arranging an excellent leavers' party and goodie bag for the year group; contributing to food vouchers during the holidays.

We also aim to support our staff by arranging teacher breakfasts.



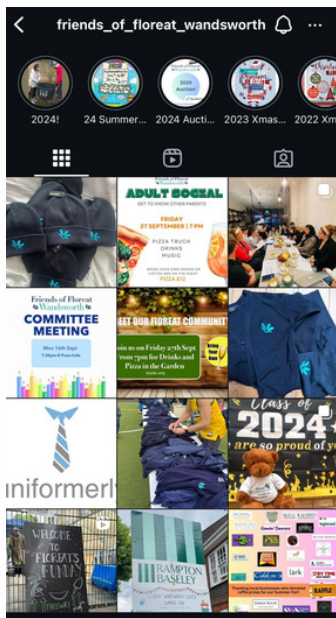
### FLOREAT SOCIAL

Follow us on

[@friends\\_of\\_floreat\\_wandsworth](https://www.instagram.com/friends_of_floreat_wandsworth) to keep up to date with all our latest events and activities!



@FRIENDS\_OF\_FLOREAT\_WANDSWORTH



### LOST PROPERTY

Any lost property items are put in the box outside the year one classrooms. Please make sure that uniform is clearly labelled, especially any newly purchased Floreat hats!





COMING UP DURING THE AUTUMN TERM..



**FRI 4TH OCT:**  
HARVEST  
DONATIONS  
FOR



Thanks to all of you who donated today! We are always blown away by people's generosity, so we will update you soon with what we were able to donate!

**FRI 18TH OCT:**  
YEAR 2 CAKE  
SALE



The first cake sale of the year will be hosted by year 2! Please join us after school in the playground to enjoy some freshly baked goodies!

**FRI 25TH  
OCT:**  
WACKY  
HAIR DAY!



Dig out the rainbow sparkles! The brighter the better! Donations will be taken at the school gates. Note - whacky hair only, normal school uniform rules apply! Here are some inspirational looks...

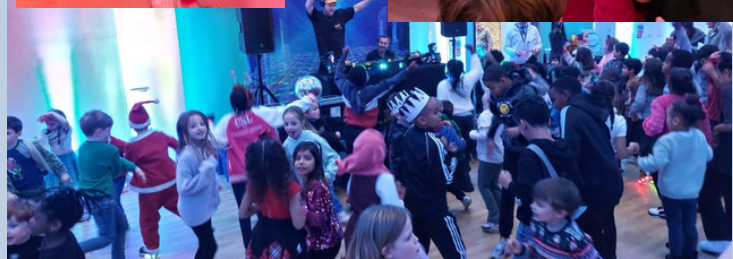
**FRI 6TH DEC:**  
YEAR 1 CAKE  
SALE

More delicious things to eat! Please try to label donations with allergens so everyone can enjoy!



**WED 18TH DEC:**  
CHRISTMAS DISCO!

Last year's disco was such a success, we're back again for more festive fun and dancing. Please let us know if you're able to volunteer; either on the dance floor, or helping us to make the break-out zones a fun and safe space for the kids that want a moment to do some quiet crafting and activities.



AND LOTS MORE TO COME...