

NORWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

2008-2009

This year the officers of the committee remained the same with myself as chairperson, Kathryn Kummerehl as the vice chairperson. Caroline Rickards and Debbie Smith remained as secretary and treasurer.

Our first event of the year was the Halloween Disco, which was held in October. The children enjoyed the event and we raised £143.

Our next fundraising idea was to hold an art exhibition whereby the children all drew pictures of themselves and these were exhibited in the hall. Parents could either, buy the pictures, have copies made or have them made into greetings cards. This raised £222.

Our main event for the December term was the Christmas Fayre This took place on Saturday 6th December and was extremely well attended as usual.

Sam Mason managed to obtain £100 from her employers BGL Group (Formerly Budget Insurance) with which we purchased a Nintendo Wii as first prize. (The NSA funded the remainder). The Norwich and Peterborough BS donated £50 which was put towards the grotto gifts. The Fayre together with the raffle raised an impressive £1600.

In the spring term we said goodbye to Sylvia Roberts who had been an active member on the committee for 7 years as her commitments outside of school had increased and she could no longer dedicate the time to the NSA.

Our first event of the spring term was the valentine disco and with the sale of pizza, crisps and biscuits, we made a profit of £150.

Following that we had the Easter Egg Raffle (raised £76.30). Caroline and her mum organised the flowers for the Mothers Day assembly attended by the lower school children.

A family bingo night was held which was extremely well attended. The evening included a fish and chip supper. This was very popular and raised £151.

A sponsored event was organised by the school. This was a sponsored run and raised £523.

The summer fayre was held in June again this year and a date was picked so as not to clash with all the other local events at that time. This ended up not being the case as Brookside Church held their strawberry fayre on that day too. Sam Mason managed to obtain some more money from her employers BGL Group, this time £150 with which we purchased a Nintendo DSi as first prize. The NSA provided a second prize of £50.00 cash. Following many letters sent to local firms we managed to obtain additional prizes of family day passes

to lots of local attractions which were used as additional prizes and auction board items. We raised £1500.

The year ended with the Leavers Disco in the last Wednesday of the term. Crisps, pizza, sweets and biscuits were on sale, though the disco was provided free of charge, courtesy of the NSA to thank the children for their hard work in raising funds during the year and cost £27.19.

At the end of the year we said goodbye to Stephanie James. Debbie Smith (our treasurer) and Kathryn Kummerehl (our vice chair) due to their children changing schools. All three had been on the committee for a long time and were extremely active members. They will all be missed by the committee. During the holidays, Mr Warn died and he was a dedicated member of the committee and will be sorely missed by everyone.

This year our fundraising aim was to look at replacing / refurbishing the outdoor play equipment as it was becoming very old. During the previous year an inspection from the council condemned some of the play equipment. After the Christmas Fayre we had raised sufficient funds, with the funds from the previous year, to have the equipment repaired and replaced to allow it to be used. A temporary wood bark surface was laid. The total cost of the work was £5,100. We also gave £250 to reception to buy a wooden play house for the "cage". Later in the year we received a donation from John Lewis of £100 and a grant from the Peterborough City Council local community fund for £4,007 towards the outdoor play equipment. We now have approximately £7k in the bank which hopefully should cover the full cost of laying a permanent all weather surface for the play equipment. We are awaiting the governors to find an approved supplier and then we can formally transfer the funds to the school.

I would personally like to thank Debbie, Caroline and Kathryn for continuing so well on the roles of treasurer, secretary and vice chairman. I would also like to thank the rest of the committee who have been involved in helping with all the activities during the year and I look forward to working with you all again next year.

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Chairperson NSA