



# NORTHSIDE Primary School

Friends of Northside

<b>AREA/STAFF:</b>	Community Cohesion and Fundraising Autumn and Spring terms		
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Neil, Katheryn, Anahita, Melissa, Kineret, Kevin, Georgia, Anthea, Chille, Michelle, Vivian, Angheline Apologies: Liz, Silvia, Leah, Anita, Ben, Himi	<b>DATE:</b>	11.11.2020

Summary of Action from previous meeting	Action Taken	Additional Comments?
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Discussion Items	Key Points	Agreed Action
1. Bring the community together in Covid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many feel that as we do not see each other in the playground anymore, or are able to meet for coffee mornings at school or at school events we are losing touch</li> <li>This is especially hard for new families (Nursery, Reception and Y1 are hardest hit)</li> <li>We'd like to find ways of 'getting together' for fun activities</li> <li>We may need to be creative about how we do this as Zoom is not always the answer!</li> <li>Many children and adults are not confident with zoom so let's try and find other ways of connecting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what ways can we connect/reconnect our community?</li> <li>Qs to think about and perhaps have a suggestion box for?</li> </ul>
2. Foils Library Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foils run an annual funding for school libraries programme</li> <li>They give grants of £1k-£10k for updating libraries</li> <li>Applications have just opened</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kineret is happy to begin the process of filling in the application on behalf of the school</li> <li>Anahita and Mrs Longworth to provide necessary detail/information</li> </ul>
3. 'Books for Northside' JustGiving appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>So far we have raised £813 towards reading books for the school which is fantastic. 16% of target</li> <li>Many thanks to the 27 donators so far for their help</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anahita to send Himi information asap</li> <li>Mrs Longworth to confirm a date for this</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Himi has offered to create a poster to send out encouraging more families to donate.</li> <li>Book Dress-Up day – Can we run a Dress as your favourite character day? Pay £1-2 towards the appeal</li> <li>Parents could be sponsored to dress up for the day too. Perhaps work friends would like to see them on Zoom, for a price.</li> <li><b>'Sponsored Readathon'</b> linked to the reading bingo sheet, friends and family sponsor children per book</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Himi to design a poster and sponsorship form</li> </ul>
4. Virtual Pet Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter your pet, a cuddly toy or even dress a parent up as a pet and enter them in to our a virtual pet show</li> <li>Voucher prizes for category winners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work up into a fully formed idea</li> <li>Who would like to lead on this?</li> </ul>
5. Virtual Disco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Disco element of the Virtual Summer Fayre was very popular and great fun.</li> <li>Could we organise a longer version where families can dance in their living rooms?</li> <li>We could sell tickets in advance and send a glow stick with the zoom login home on the day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ben and Sian Parry to DJ?</li> <li>Anahita to check viability with Mrs Longworth</li> </ul>
6. Sponsored .....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsorship is not something we have done very much of at Northside</li> <li>There are many fun ways of getting involved</li> <li>They allow us to go to families, friends and neighbours for sponsorship which widens the potential pool for donations</li> <li><b>'Get up and go Challenge'</b> – sponsored walk, jog, run, cycle . Each year takes on how far they go (Y1 + 1mil, Y2=2 miles etc)</li> <li><b>'Skipathon'</b> – Sponsored to do xxx skips in 10 mins...</li> <li><b>'Sponsored Run'</b> Linked to the daily mile or PE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decide which to try first</li> <li>Himi to design poster</li> <li>Anahita to check with School</li> </ul>
7. Treasure Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a local Treasure Hunt around N12.</li> <li>Any one (wider community) can donate and download a treasure map with clues. Could use QR Codes</li> <li>Might be great for April once new families know that they will be joining Northside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Look into for April</li> <li>Who would like to lead on this?</li> </ul>
8. Northside's Got Talent Virtual Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Off the back of the success of the Summer version...</li> <li>Can use the entries from last time to promote the event/ encourage entries</li> <li>Parents can enter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgia to lead</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voucher prizes</li> </ul>	
9. David Jason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can we use this connection more? Especially to pull in the wider community and extended family who may know him?</li> <li>• Signed copies of his book/photos as prizes?</li> <li>• Ask him to reopen the school (to the community) post Covid. Let the parents back in!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katheryn and Mrs Longworth to investigate</li> </ul>
10. Penny Wars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask children to bring loose change (1p, 2p, 5p ...) into school each week.</li> <li>• Each House or Class collects their change. The group who have saved the most get a class prize or the equivalent amount in house points</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anahita to raise with Mrs Longworth</li> </ul>
11. Christmas at Northside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we give the children something to look forward to that is also tangible?</li> <li>• <b>'Class Lucky Dip'</b> If we can create giant lucky dips for each class bubble (quarantined for 72 hours). Would staff be willing to man it at the class party? 50p/£1 per go. Age-appropriate gifts</li> <li>• <b>'Class Presents'</b> We usually buy a gift for classes to share (games etc...) can we do this again this year or individual gifts?</li> <li>• <b>'Christmas Shop'</b> Create a small catalogue of inexpensive Christmas gifts that children can order for family. We wrap and deliver it to school (quarantined of course)</li> <li>• <b>'Streamlined Virtual Christmas Fayre'</b> fewer zoom rooms; Bingo, Games/Quiz, Disco and Craft and a silent bid auction of any raffle prizes, over a shorter period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anahita to check with Mrs Longworth</li> <li>• Kevin will lead</li> <li>• All to ask around for potential prizes</li> </ul>
Items for next meeting	Decide on events and when. Create working groups	Next meeting date TBC