

FGD Newsletter

Friends of Graffam & Duncton Schools PTA

Hello everyone!

My name is Amy (Fleet's mum) and I am the new Chair of FGD. I am looking forward to getting stuck into this role and will try my best to support our organisation going forward, however big boots to fill from the great work of Fi Douglas over the last couple of years.

Our committee wanted to start by bringing you this newsletter to give you all an update on FGD, who we are, what we do and what we would like to achieve going forward.

We are so fortunate at Graffam & Duncton to have a PTA that is an integral part of the school community. Over the last couple of years, FGD have supported raising thousands of pounds, which has been spent on equipment and resources to enhance our children's educational experience and the schools facilities. This has included, the phonics books your children bring home each week, laptops, sound systems, SEND resources, enabling the school to provide specialist teachers for Art & Music, subsidising trips, as well as classroom supplies.

This year, with incredible fundraising efforts and support from YOUR donations, £23,000 is being spent across both schools. This is an amazing amount and the generosity of you all does not go unnoticed. For the remainder of this year, we continue to aim high with our target. There are many areas the school and children would benefit from if we could invest more money; Graffam's playground / climbaround in urgent need of development, more music, art, sport, IT equipment... the list really can be endless! We would also love to hear your ideas of how you feel money should be spend on the school and will be shortly putting suggestion boxes in the school offices.

Our association is also much more than simple fundraising. FGD aims to provide closer links between home and school, and is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school. If you would like to join us or get involved, please do speak to us! Our committee consists of myself, Jo Alderton (Treasurer), Fi Douglas, Kirsty Soffietto, Hen Aparicio, Kerry Wood, Lucy Bingham, Regan Rissik, Christoph Warwick and school representatives Mr Beckerson and Mrs Wethered. We aim to meet on a regular basis with smaller working group meeting as necessary when we are planning larger events. Your class reps also play an important role supporting us, providing a link between classes and the FGD committee. Their support is vital when it comes to organising our main events, and we welcome any help from parents, hoping to grow our list of volunteers this year. Every little helps, even just 1 hour at an event, raffle ticket selling or an occasional cake bake! Again, if you would like to join us, please do speak to a committee member or contact on the email below.

Thank you again for your support..

DONATE NOW!



Support FGD

PROGRESS
TEEMPPOINTE

Current £11,000
Goal £30,000

FUTURE GOALS

- Cello lessons Duncton
- Friendship benches (both schools)
- French teaching lessons at Duncton
- Art lessons at Graffam
- Little Wandle Books
- Trim Trail Graffam
- Playground apparatus Duncton

**Save the Date!
Upcoming events**

21st March Guinea Pig Raffle

28th March Quiz night

3rd April Graffam Bake sale & Pre-loved
children's clothes sale

4th April
Mufti Day

How FGD money has been spent this year

Interactive Whiteboards

Transformative teaching aids that are being installed in many schools. Funding providing 1 per classroom for each school.

SEND and Book resources

Per classroom per school.

Classroom extras

Per classroom per school.

Specialist subject teachers

Supporting enrichment for the pupils, providing specialist Art, Music and French lessons.

Subsidising school trips

Arundel Wetlands & future trips this year.

Epi Pens

To be available per school, providing potentially life saving treatment in the case of any unexpected allergic reaction.

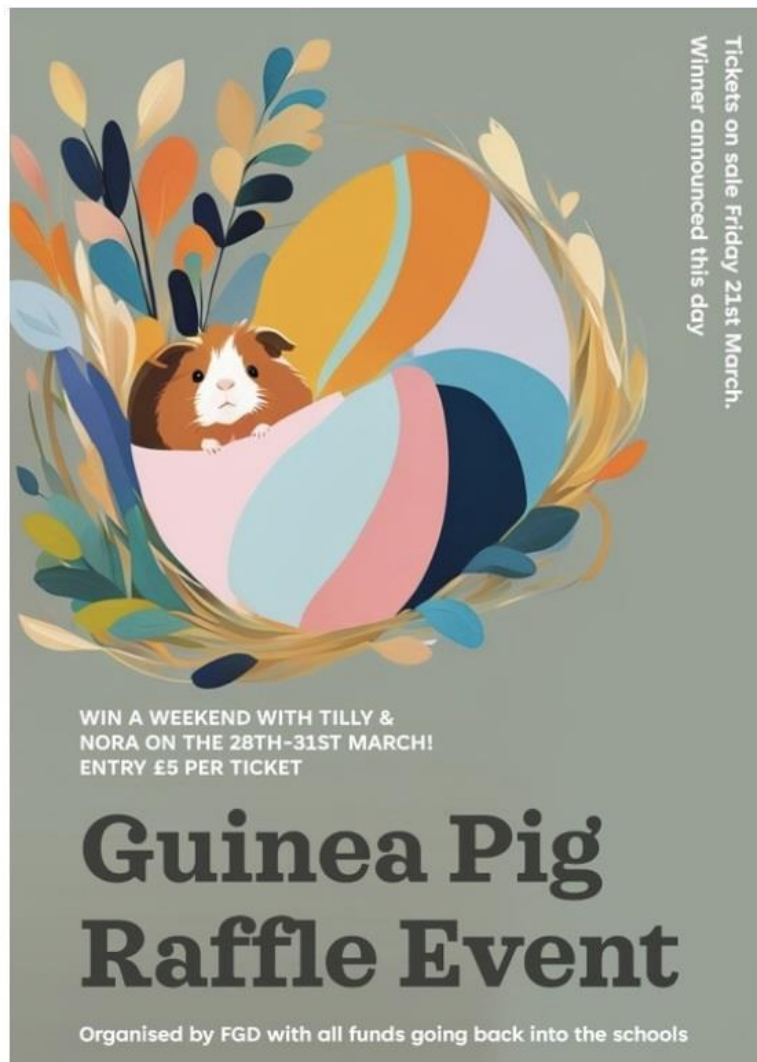
Join us for fun!



QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 FROM 8:00-10:00 PM
DUNCTON VILLAGE HALL
£5 per ticket. On sale in school offices 10th-14th March. Family & Friends welcome

Organised by FGD with all funds raised going back into the schools



Tickets on sale Friday 21st March.
Winner announced this day.

WIN A WEEKEND WITH TILLY &
NORA ON THE 28TH-31ST MARCH!
ENTRY £5 PER TICKET

Guinea Pig Raffle Event

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