

Thank you to all of those attending today.

2 years ago we formed Ffrindiau Terrig PTA and what a journey it has been. We have learnt many lessons over the 2 years which are helping us grow and grow. In December, took a big step and became a registered charity. This opens up a lot of new opportunities for us, some that we are still discovering.

Firstly, I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work this year. It is so nice to work with a team who are always full of ideas and are as creative as they are. Our what's app group is a hive of activity all year round.

The Ffrindiau Terrig Supporters group- we wouldn't be able to do everything we do without you, whether it is sharing what's apps, setting up or running stalls at events.

Our key events this year have been a mixed bag. Some raising a lot more than we had predicted and others breaking even. We had agreed last September that we were in a position to plan some more extravagant events that did not need to have a huge profit- as long as they were a unique experience for the children- hence the silent disco. But we also wanted to keep our most successful events from the year before.

(see attached balloons poster for funds)

At Christmas, we were able to fund our lovely mugs from Santa and we introduced a new way to raffle which was extremely successful. This year, there is a big prize sitting in my PTA stores ready and waiting for a lucky winner.

Most homes have a lovely new teatowel with some very cool self portraits which we will cherish forever. The Golden Tickets caused excitement in May, there were so many prizes and experiences to be won.

We also introduced February fundraising which, although we didn't have a high number of people taking part, we raised so much money from those who did. We set that task specifically to raise money for, probably the most well received event of the year, the colour run. Despite the rain, everyone who ran enjoyed it!

After each event we debrief: what went well, what factors impacted attendance, funds etc, how we can ensure events improve. We have had a few events this year that were not as well attended as we had hoped so we will be either changing them for something new or working on improving them. It will be really useful to have feedback on these later.

However, none of that had a negative impact on our fundraising; we set ourselves a financial target and exceeded it in the first term, then doubled it in the second term. Our aims were also achieved:

- To host a range of fun events that raise funds for the enrichment of the children at Ysgol Terrig
- To bring the school community together

We are proud of this year's achievements and so grateful for the feedback we have received- which shapes our future events.

We enter our 3rd year with much more experience, some valuable parent feedback and a bank of successful events.

We have set ourselves a personal goal- to be more sustainable. We will change the way we work this year to ensure we have less waste, items that we can reuse and include projects like the ironworks animals (we will explain later)

We were incredibly lucky this year because 3 committee members were on maternity leave so able to dedicate more time to organising and were available for events any day or time. We have all returned to work now so it would be wonderful to see our team grow, whether it be committee or supporters.

Thank you to all of the parents, staff and pupils for their support and long may it continue.

Kelly Barnes (Chair of Ffrindiau Terrig PTA)