



Welcome back

What a fantastic start to the new academic year, welcoming all at the FoGP BBQ in the newly upgraded playground. Since then, it has been a delight to see the girls playing and singing along the alphabet dragon, climbing the 'pirate ship', performing on the gazebo stage or using the gazebo as a treasure location or meeting point. FoGP are delighted have been able to help fund this playground project and make a difference.

We welcome new members joining the committee, and with great enthusiasm this year we are focused on fundraising, whilst still bringing together the wider Godolphin community. With this in mind, we have, and are introducing new initiatives, such as the school cookery book, Prep red umbrellas and old school uniform cushions and teddies.

We are working alongside the Godolphin Parent Association (GPA) to continue to hold the fabulously festive Christmas Fair and the quality Quiz Night. Behind the scenes FoGP is collaborating with GPA to merge our charities.

As always, we are so very grateful to all the support the members and friends of FoGP give. Every little contribution makes such a big difference thus continuing to enhance our girls' school experience. Thank you.

Dawn Wilson, FoGP Chair

Brief News

FoGP Storage

We are delighted to have been given a small storage space in the Senior School for all the FoGP bits and bobs. Thank you Mr Dain and your team for finding a space for us.

Bag 2 School

On 3 October the girls brought in a fabulous amount of unwanted textiles and raised a wonderful £74.80.



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Enhancing the Prep...

On behalf of the girls and staff I wanted to thank all of our parents and FoGP for their support for our playground project. This certainly added to the excitement of our 25th anniversary. The gazebo arrived just before our Birthday Party in May and it has been used for so many different games and even some lessons since then.

The celebrations were made extra special with the appearance of the climbing frame at the beginning of the Autumn Term. The girls had waited patiently during the building work and tree clearance and they were not disappointed.

The climbing frame was made possible because of a very generous donation from former governor, Michael Bryer Ash. Michael was one of the governors who helped to establish the Prep in 1992 and welcomed the first girls in 1993. He retained a very strong interest in the Prep, often attending concerts, plays and Speech Days and we were sorry to hear that he died at half term at the age of 91.

FoGP hosted a wonderful BBQ at the beginning of the Autumn Term to mark the beginning of the school year and presented us with a beautiful tree to mark this important milestone in the Prep's history.

With the ongoing help and support of our parents and FoGP, I am sure we can start thinking of ways to celebrate Godolphin's 300th anniversary in 2026.

Julia Miller



School Welcome

The trepidation of joining a new school can be a little intimidating, especially if you are coming from abroad. The newness of it all can be overwhelming for a child, so it was fantastic to receive a "getting to know you" invitation for cookies from Tory (FoGP rep) meaning that when my children walked through the school gate on their first day they already had a friendly face in the crowd.

The friendliness of the school, teachers, parents and children alike has been wonderful. An early example of this was the BBQ that took place at the end of the first week of term where parents chatted amiably while the girls all played together. What a lovely welcome to a school.
Trazie Flynn

Our Juneberry Tree

Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance' is a fabulous all-rounder, offering spring flowers, summer berries and autumn colour foliage. The white star-shaped flowers in spring are lightly fragrant and very popular with bees and butterflies. In spring, the young foliage emerges bronze and matures to a mid-green. In summer, the Juneberries arrive which are eaten by birds. As the name suggests, this variety has fantastic autumn coloured foliage with the leaves turning a mixture of red and orange, before finally falling to the ground creating a fiery ring of colour around the tree.

Christmas Fair

Full of Christmas cheer, the Christmas Fair was buzzing and brimmed with joy. There were many smiley faces browsing the enticing stalls, stocking up on their Christmas shopping or finding something special to indulge oneself. FoGP not only had festive Prep areas but also introduced the new Prep Umbrella and old school uniform initiative. It was so nice to see so many Prep families and teachers, past and present.

Merry Christmas

Lots of good stalls there. My mum bought me a bobby hat..... It was good fun singing the Christmas carols. *Rosie Yr5*

It was awesome. The kids' room was very good. *Melina Yr 2*



It was amazing....I thought it was amazing you gave money to charity. *Elena Yr3*



Brilliant. *Ellie Yr4*



Old School Uniform



Our community has been so generous at donating second-hand clothing for Bag2School, that FoGP thought with the phasing in of a new school uniform, and as Bag2 school does not accept school clothing, instead you may wish to create something special as a memory sake.

Blazer Bear creates from your old school uniform, teddies and/or cushions.

These could make great gifts for Year 6 school leavers.

With each purchase a nominal amount will be donated to FoGP.

Please collect your order form from Mrs King. We are currently liaising with the school shop to use up some old uniform to have some cushions made for the Prep reception area!

This is an ongoing year-round fundraising project for FoGP! Bears £65 and cushions £50.



FoGP Merchandise

School merchandise is a relatively new venture for FoGP. So far this year we have created Godolphin tote bags, tea towels, cookery books, woolly hats and umbrellas.

All have been selling really well. However, we do have some stock left, so any last minute Christmas shopping please see Mrs King.

Tea towels £6

Tote bags £8

Cookery books £9.99

Golfing umbrella £25

Happy shopping!

Many thanks for all your support



Smile Amazon Shopping

Thank you to all of you who have already signed up to our smile amazon account. Any purchases be it personal or for your business, that you make means a small donation comes to FoGP.

If you have not already signed up, here's the information:

Shopping through SmileAmazon is just like shopping on Amazon, however, every time you make a purchase through AmazonSmile, be it for Christmas or the office, a small portion will go to FoGP and thus towards helping support the educational experience of the girls in Godolphin Prep.

It is so easy to set up just click on this link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1095833-0>

Please spread the word to family and friends too.

Should you require any assistance please contact FoGP.
fogp@godolphin.com



Happy Shopping!

Treasurer's Report

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. Your efforts have been amazing and this term alone we have raised much needed funds for FoGP and GPA. Our fundraising started with Bag2School, followed by our successful Prep Cookery Book campaign which resulted in our very own mouth-watering publication. The Christmas Fair was a huge success and kicked off the festive season perfectly; our Prep stalls, the Tombola, Face-Painting, Gingerbread stall, Secret Santa brought in over £500 in revenue and our merchandise sales totaled a further £600. Thank you for supporting us, with special mention to the choir who really made our Christmas Fair special.

Please continue to opt in to contribute £10 a term to our direct subscription. It really does make a difference, especially with regards to funding Speech Day drinks and Sports Day BBQ, not forgetting contributing to discos, science kit and resources for our Prep girls to enjoy. With the onset of Christmas shopping, we would be enormously grateful if you could subscribe to Amazon Smile, it takes a minute to sign up and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to FoGP/GPA.

Lucy Rose
FoGP Treasurer

FoGP Diary

Spring Term 2020

10 January - Bingo
13 March - Quiz night
Science Surprise
Easter Eggs

Summer Term 2020

Bag2School
Sports Day BBQ
Speech Day Drinks

FAMILY BINGO EVENING

On Friday 10 January 2020

From 5.00-7.00pm

At Godolphin Prep

Great prizes up for grabs

**£8 per head for food and
bingo booklet**

Interested in joining the FoGP Committee?

We always welcome any support, however little, any parent is able to provide for FoGP. Be it a one off for an event or being more involved with the committee.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the committee, please come and have a chat, or contact us on fogp@godolphin.org

FoGP Mission

Friends of Godolphin Prep objective is to inspire and coordinate the efforts of parents, staff and pupils in fundraising activities for the provisions of additional educational equipment for the school, whilst continuing its support of the Prep's chosen charities. These activities will enhance and reinforce the sense of community and values to which Godolphin aspires. We are deeply about the wellbeing of our pupils and FoGP aspire to introduce them to a wider range of exciting experiences, which alongside their school curriculum will result in rounded and resilient girls.

FoGP Committee Members and Volunteers



Dawn Wilson
Chair and Preprep Rep



Eve Parker
Vice Chair and
Year 4 Rep



Lucy Rose
Treasurer



Steve Brining
Secretary



Fran Gomarsall
Social Sec. and Year 3 Rep



Tory Wilkinson
Year 5 Rep



Louise Proudfoot
Year 6 Rep



Stephen Conway
Marketing

FoGP Year Reps

Please note, this is different from the Parents' Committee Reps.

The FoGP Year Rep. aims to keep the year group up to date with FoGP activities through being the contact with the FoGP committee; welcoming new girls to the school; promoting FoGP events and helping to build a better community.

Contact Us

Friends of Godolphin Prep (FoGP) is a charity whose purpose is to support the educational experience of the Godolphin Prep pupils. We are a voluntary committee made up from parents of Godolphin Prep.

If you would like to join us or have some ideas for us, please contact us.

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