

# FoGP News

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## FoGP Future Plans

Friends of Godolphin Prep have had another busy year and we're not stopping even with a change of Chair. After many devoted years, Elena Oderstone will be handing the Chair of FoGP committee to Dawn Wilson and Vice Chair to Eve Parker from September.

Our plan for next school year starts with supporting our Autumn Term programme. This includes celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prep and providing a hot chocolate breaktime. We will continue to fund raise through our Bag2School collections promoting our eco friendship and aim to raise more through subs donations and Pre-Prep Christmas card sales.

Our next big project is to raise enough funds to resurface the front Prep playground and have playground games painted on. For this to happen we need to raise in excess of £10,000. We already have some funding towards this and are optimistic that with your support we may be able to reach this target. Any additional donations welcomed.

We are also continuing to develop a close relationship with the Senior School and will continue collaborative GPA/FoGP events. Our next joint event will be our festive Christmas Fair on Saturday 17 November 2018. Once more we will be requesting your support on Mufti day to donate a gift so that we can hold Secret Santa and Christmas Tombola stalls.

Additionally, FoGP committee will be looking for new members to help achieve these future plans. If you are interested, please speak with Dawn Wilson or any committee member, or the Prep office.

We are looking forward to another successful year.

**Dawn Wilson**

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### Science Kits

In support of British Science week all girls were delighted to receive their own Science Kits.

FoGP Science Challenge Prizes of a flower press and wild flower book was presented to Seren in Pre-Prep and an Anatomy model and book were awarded to Esmé in Prep.



# Library books



*This year the Prep has had a focus on the Library and we have been very fortunate to have two librarians to help us, Mrs Clarkson and Lauren.*

*At the beginning of the Autumn Term we were delighted to be given new bean bags for the library by the Enhancement Committee. In addition, FOGP kindly agreed to give us £500 for new books but first Lucy, Jessica and Tabitha had to carry out a survey to find out which were the most popular authors from Nursery to Year 6.*

*Mrs Clarkson has been reorganising the library and removing the non-fiction books which were out of date and Lauren who has a passion for all kinds of books, has shared her enthusiasm by running Book Clubs for girls in all years. Her favourite books are by Enid Blyton, Friday Barnes and A. Spratt.*

*David Walliams' books, Harry Potter and The Wimpy Kid Books were the most popular authors in Years 3-6. In Pre-Prep, Eat your Peas, The Tiger who came to Tea and We're going on a Bear Hunt were strong favourites.*

*Over the summer the staff and Lauren would like to encourage everyone to follow the school's reading challenge and if possible to write short reviews of the books they have read. Details will follow.*

*She totally agrees with the advice of Dr Seuss –*

*'The more you read the more you learn and the more you learn the more places you will go'.*

Miss Miller



## Pre-Prep Chalkboards



*The Pre-Prep playground chalk boards were looking a bit worse for wear and FOGP were asked if they could help. Some kind FOGP parents (with an artistic flair) volunteered to revamp them, following the original design of the well-known characters; Hungry Caterpillar, Spot the Dog and We're going on a Bear Hunt, they were carefully brought back to life.*

*FOGP were able to fund the paints and boxes of chalk to allow these well-loved chalk boards back on the Pre-Prep playground wall for all the Pre-Prep girls to enjoy.*

Fran Gomarsall



# Bag2School



This May we had a very special Bag2School event. 375 kg of unwanted clothes were collected and £150 raised for the school. Our absolute record is 714 kg and £357, that was achieved in May 2013! But Bag2School is much more than just a fundraising event.

It is difficult to believe that seven years passed so quickly and that this was my last collection at Godolphin Prep. The time has come to pass the baton to Eve Parker, who is very enthusiastic and passionate to continue this long-standing and successful tradition to raise funds and, more importantly, to educate girls about Reducing, Reusing and Recycling.



The Girls are so motivated to be awarded the Eco Cup, medals, and eco prizes. And sometimes even teachers and parents could learn new things. Paper straws, bamboo toothbrushes, recycled notebooks - will be long remembered by the girls, and hopefully, together we will make this planet a bit greener, and a bit cleaner place to live.

**Elena Oderstone**

## Quiz Night



This term, for the first time in history, we organised a joint (Senior & Prep) Quiz Night.

Stephen Conway, father of Sophie and Lucy (from the Prep), and a great Chocolate Man!, teased our brains till we were able to unleash our internal Einstein.

It was a highly competitive environment, you don't very often see Mrs Hattersley lost for words!

That night, HRH Prince of Wales enormously suffered from hiccups from all the jokes about him at Godolphin.

In addition to all the fun, just over £700 was raised. Well done everyone!

**Elena Oderstone**



## Treasurer's Report



You attend the FoGP events, you bring in your spare clothes for Bag2School collections, you contribute your quarterly £10 with each term's bill. So just where does your money go? Well, here I will briefly explain where your money has been spent for school year 2017/18.

For the Christmas Fair, Christmas Raffle and the recent Quiz Night, which are joint events with the Godolphin Parent Association (GPA), all funds raised are used for joint projects that benefit the girls from both the Prep and Senior Schools. For the events held in 17/18, the profits have been used to pay for new equipment within the PAC.

For FoGP events, we use the profits for both Pre Prep and Prep items and activities. All the girls, from Nursery to Year 6, were asked to provide a wish list of books that they would like to see in the School Library. These requests were consolidated with £500 being spent on a large selection of the most popular titles. Also, the school and FoGP book initiative led to a further £403 being spent on the latest first steps reading materials for Reception Class. £427 was spent on a variety of outside play equipment for the Pre-Prep. These included a Rabo scooter, a Rabo balance bike and a green dinosaur, jumping ball and soccer ball hoppers. A new shed style toybox was purchased at £495. FoGP also funded the repainting of the chalkboards in the playground area.

For the last three years FoGP has paid a small contribution for the Year 6 Yearbooks and half of the cost of the Leavers Hoodies, both of which provide a small gift for the girls leaving the Prep.

FoGP also like to put on a variety of events for the girls to enjoy. We funded a Christmas Disco and Party, which is always a popular event. A dove release was made to celebrate International Peace Day. Science Week was celebrated with Science Kits for everyone. Easter would not be the same without a chocolate treat, so Easter Eggs were provided, including gluten and dairy free options.

We also try to fund events that benefit parents, with a BBQ being provided for Sports Day and drinks on Speech Day. Finally, the less exciting expenditure comes with subscriptions to Parentkind, which is the Parent/Teacher Association and the annual Lottery Licence, so we can organise the Christmas Raffle.

Rest assured, your generosity in supporting FoGP activities is appreciated and we strive to ensure it is spent to support the educational experience of Godolphin Prep/Pre-Prep girls.

**Andy Tyrer**

# ★ Committee Thank Yous ★

Elena Oderstone (Chair), Andy Tyrer (Treasurer) and Emma Palmer have all been integral members of the FoGP committee for many years, actively fundraising and enabling our girls to have a more enriched experience whilst at Godolphin Prep. Their girls are now moving on from the Prep and we are sad to be losing their commitment from the end of term. FoGP are grateful for all their hard work and wish them every success with their future ventures.

FoGP would also like to thank Miss Miller, Mrs Southgate and Mrs King for their continuing and invaluable input, advice and support enabling the committee to deliver the right equipment and events for the girls and parents.

Furthermore, we would like to thank the GPA for a smooth integration to joint committee meetings which have improved communications with the Senior School and opened up opportunities for more joint fundraising events.

And lastly, we would like to thank all parents and girls for their continued support enabling us to continue supporting the educational experience of the Godolphin girls and enhance our Godolphin community.

**FoGP Committee**



# FoGP Committee Members



**Elena Oderstone**



**Andy Tyrer**



**Dawn Wilson**



**Eve Parker**



**Fran Gomarsall**



**Stephen Conway**



**Emma Palmer**



**Sam Nolan**



**Sophie Hallen**

## Our Mission

FoGP is a charity, the purpose of which is to support the educational experience of Godolphin Prep Girls. Our objective is to inspire and coordinate the efforts of parents, staff and pupils in fund-raising activities for the provision 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 care 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.

If you would like to join us - please get in touch