

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY
ABBOTS SCHOOL
(FOSMAS)**

Charity Number 1030955

Annual Report

Year Ended 31st December 2010

Legal and Administrative Details

The Friends of St Mary Abbots School (FOSMAS) was registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners on the 6 January 1994 (Reg. no 1030955)

Address c/o St Mary Abbots School
 2 Kensington Church Court
 London
 W8 4SP

Trustees Molly Sieghart and Jules Roeber (Chair)
 Victoria O'Neill (Secretary)
 Jade Aebi (Treasurer)

Bankers Natwest Kensington, Melbury Court, W8

Auditor

Objectives

The objectives of the Association are to advance the welfare and education of the pupils at the school by

- a) fostering relations between the staff, parents and others associated with the school
- b) engaging in activities which support the school and advance the education of its pupils
- c) assisting in the provision of facilities or items not normally provided by the Local Education Authority

Structure

The management of the Association is vested in a Committee consisting of the following Officers:

Chair
Secretary
Treasurer

together with the following other members:

President (Head Teacher)
Parent Governors
Infant School Representatives
Prizes Secretary
Class Representatives
Representatives of the Teaching Staff

All parents, governors and staff of the school are automatically members

Statement of Accounting Policies

Voluntary Income	Cash donations over £50 are individually listed, those under £50 are totalled
Voluntary Help	Voluntary help is not included in the accounts. FOSMAS is entirely dependant on the voluntary help given by parents and staff
Non Cash Donations	Donations of goods other than cash (eg items donated to the Summer Fair) are not included in the accounts. However the proceeds of the sale of these items are shown as incomes
Expenditure	All expenditure incurred within the period is included in the Income and the Expenditure Account. Expenditure committed but for which invoices have not yet been received is excluded but is identified in the notes of these accounts
Fixed Assets	FOSMAS has no Fixed Assets
Investment	Other than the current and deposit account balances FOSMAS has no investments

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We experienced a very busy year in 2010, starting with the Quiz Night which was a huge success both socially and financially. Many thanks to Claire Whitman for organising this popular event and William Sieghart for his considerable efforts in compiling the quiz and hosting the evening, which raised over £1,300.

The Fun Run in the Paddock organised by Seally Gordon and Megan Bonetti was a fantastic day with many children participating. It raised £1,100, which is an impressive amount!.

The Summer Drinks Party, was a great social success; popular with parents and teachers alike. A beautiful evening in the gardens of Fr Gillian, many thanks to him and to Victoria Chandor and Lisa Jones who headed the team who organised this well attended event.

Our main fund raiser of the year was the Summer Fair. With some wonderful gifts donated for the raffle, and some fabulous stalls enthusiastically run by parents and friends of the school, with donations from many local businesses. We raised over £9,600 and we hope everyone who came had a great time. A very special thank you to Fr Gillean, who generously allowed us the use of his garden for the afternoon for the event, since the Paddock was unavailable this year.

The Fosmas Management Committee had become “top heavy” with the positions being held by parents in the Junior School, so we established the “Infant School Representatives”, three parents from the infant school who wish to help with the running of Fosmas: Melinda Dodd, Claire Slinn and Rebecca Miles, many thanks for them for stepping forward and their valuable input.

The Autumn Term saw some new arrivals at the school and I'd like to thank those of you who have joined in so enthusiastically with our efforts at FOSMAS. For the first time we organised a “new parents drinks”, specifically to say hello to Reception class with the Infant School, this was organised by the new Infant School Representatives, and was a successful evening for new parents to get introduced to the school.

The popular International Supper, hosted at the school, like the previous years it was very successful and well attended, highlighting the multi-cultural diversity in the school. Thank you to Megan Bonetti, Pippa Hoffman and Lida Richmond for organising this event.

Our Website was launched in the Autumn term, with pages of useful information on school fundraisers, how to contact the Fosmas team members, a brilliant “buy at” portal which donates money to Fosmas, a (launching imminently) Just Giving page for donations and sponsorships, and a tickathon, so we can see how much money we are raising against a target. There is a lot of room for innovation with

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proposed pages advertising parents businesses and a second hand page to help declutter. Sign up to Fosmastweets, and never forget a cake bake again.....

The Christmas Fair was a big success, with some wonderful prizes in the raffle, and some expertly run stalls raising well over £2,000. Christmas Parties were held for the children on the last day end of term.

Finally, throughout the year the Friday Cake Sales, of which we have held roughly three each term, have proved to be a huge success with the pupils and in raising just over £1,100 in funds. Thank you to all the Class Reps who ensure the cakes are baked and the stalls manned, and for the children and parents for buying!

I'm pleased to say that 2010 saw us raise a grand total of £16, 646, after all our expenses. We gave £21,401 to the school to use as per the agreed wish list.

Molly Sieghart and Jules Roeber - Co-Chair