

The MSA AGM

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

Present: Alun Dobson, Sophie Lerwill, Michael Hesketh, Charlotte Cummins, Michelle Bilby, Paula Harris, Sarah Mcmenamin, Julia Smith, Gen Hickson, Rebecca Fox, Alison Cousins

Welcome

Apologies: Liz Quick, Rowenna Barfield

Matters arising from previous meeting: No matters arising.

Headteachers MSA Report September 2020

The challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic have had an impact on the MSA's interactions at school. Our usual round of events have stopped yet the need for the community to come together to support the wellbeing and learning of children has never been greater. The challenge for the MSA is to find a virtual way to support the school community and bring those special events which add greatly add to school life.

In a 'normal' year the work of the MSA improving the experience for children at Marwood School has been wonderful. The events bring people together and give dispersed families the opportunity to meet and enjoy having children here.

The funds raised for a school with fewer than 120 children are a testament to the commitment and drive of all involved. Working in partnership with staff and governors to ensure the financial stability of the school is very much appreciated.

On behalf of the children, staff and governors I wish to thank all members of the MSA and the committee who give their time and energy to the success we see around us. I am sure that the MSA will come through the challenges stronger.

Thank you

Alun Dobson

Chairperson Report

I am delighted to present my first report as Chair of the MSA! When I took the reins from Mandy Perrin as Chair last year I certainly did not predict what would lie ahead (otherwise I would have bought shares in zoom!)...however I enjoy a challenge and look forward to this coming year.

Since the last AGM we enjoyed a very successful Christmas Fair and had put plans in place for several new fundraisers including the Marwood Colour Run and a flower arranging workshop with Hannah Burge from Fuss Pots. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19 the MSA has been unable to hold any fundraising events, apart from the school disco, in 2020.

I am grateful that the existing committee members are happy to continue for another year in these uncertain times, thank you. Moving forward over the coming months I propose

putting together a schedule of small virtual / socially distanced fundraising events which I will list below for us to discuss at our next meeting:

1. Non uniform day for Halloween
2. Christmas Hampers Raffle
3. Xmas t-towels
4. Car wash
5. Design a pumpkin competition
6. School Lottery
7. Virtual auction of promises
8. Making reindeer food pouches to sell
9. Marwood School photo competition

To raise awareness with parents of what the MSA is and how we use the funds raised, I propose a flyer being designed and emailed out in an upcoming school newsletter.

The MSA Facebook page works well and we have 178 people following the page, which is great. We have also had parents contacting the MSA directly through the page when looking for a school for their child. This will be a great platform to promote our upcoming virtual events.

To finish, I would like to say a huge thank you to the committee for all of their hardwork and to Mr Dobson for his support of the MSA.

Treasurers Report

Please find attached a detailed report on this year's takings and expenses for completeness.

Below is a summary of the year's activities for ease of reference.

Amount raised	£	5,935.45
Amount spent	£	2,366.05
Closing balance	£	8,624.65

A summary of the net fundraising totals is listed below (not exhaustive):

Christmas fair	£1,371.33
County fair	£399.63

Class fundraising – tea towels, mugs, etc.	£212.13
Cookie Day	£183.10
Top table	£158.50
School disco	£223.95
Non-uniform days	£87.00

The MSA also received a donation of £2,175.42 from the Marwood preschool and gift aid of £222.54 from HMRC Charities for the sponsored reading in 2018.

Capital expenditure incurred for and on behalf of the school this year included the following items:

Year 6 leavers present - calculators	£200.00
IXL online learning platform	£350.00
KSI learning platform	£742.50

The current signatories for the MSA account are; Michael Hesketh, Sophie Lerwill, Charlotte Cummins, Amanda Perrin, Lyndsey Phillips and Rebecca Fox; which will need updating when the new committee is in place. It was a complete pain that took months to add myself and Charlotte to the bank account and then COVID kicked in, so I did not remove Mandy or Rebecca. Subject to any objections, I was going to remove them in the coming year. Should anyone else be added?

I also need to update our details with HMRC Charities as they still have Ms R Johnson(?) as the named official – again as it did not prevent me from claiming the gift aid for the sponsored reading and it's like pulling teeth dealing with HMRC, I left this for the time being.

Treasurers action points, subject to the Committee's approval:

1. Remove Amanda Perrin and Rebecca Fox as signatures on the bank account
2. Update HMRC Charities

Am happy to stay on as Treasurer for another year if no one objects or wants to take over the role

Let's hope we all survive 2020-2021!

Michael Hesketh
MSA Treasurer

Election of committee

All existing members of the Committee confirmed that they were happy to continue with their roles for another year. The committee members are:

Chair – Sophie Lerwill

Deputy Chair – Charlotte Cummins

Secretary – Michelle Bilby

Treasurer – Michael & Anna Hesketh

Class Representatives

To help support the MSA committee to spread the word about upcoming events and get volunteers to help, class reps from last year are as below, should you not be happy to continue please let one of the MSA committee know.

These existing class reps are:

Foundation: Sophie Lerwill to recruit

Year 1: Claire Lynch

Year 2: Charlotte Cummins

Year 3: Anna May

Year 4: Paula Gove

Year 5: Liz Quick

Year 6: Gen Hickson

With Social Distancing measures in place at school, it is envisaged that communication will be more useful virtually. Please do use either facebook MSA page or set up whats app group for each year (whichever is deemed most suitable).

Upcoming events / fundraisers

T Towels

Gen Hickson is happy to arrange this for Christmas. This will be done with help in school to collect and collate prior to November deadline with the printers.

Amazon wishlist

Teachers can set up wish list from Amazon and parents and grandparents can go online and purchase this for the children directly. An email has been sent with the details.

Christmas hampers

Charlotte has kindly agreed to take on the role of organising the hampers for this year. In the absence of the school Christmas fair this should hopefully continue to be an excellent way to raise some funds.

Cookie Days

Dates to be confirmed.

Halloween/Non-uniform day

Friday 23rd October. Children pay £1 to come in non-uniform/Halloween fancy dress.

SPENDING

Webcam Visualisers

It was agreed that these can be purchased.

Christmas presents

Discussions around doing this again, in the past MSA have donate £800 to pay for this, £200 per class. Not yet confirmed.

Any other business

Next meeting – tbc, will be virtual