



Friends At Braes



Chair Report 2023-24

Friends At Braes (FAB) are a group of parents/carers and friends who support the school at events and fund-raise to enhance our children's education. New members and ideas are always welcome!

Our office bearers have been:

Chairperson

Susan MacKinnon

Treasurer

Caroline Herring

Secretary

Josie Carnie

Our committee members have been:

Jackie Ormsby

Gayle Paris

Moira Martin

Ersa Borsis

Lauren Murphy

Eve Murray

Amanda Anderson

Amy Torrie



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Lotto membership

This has grown from 50 members at the end of July 2023 to 59 members at the end of July 2024. Unfortunately we have lost a few members due to their young people no longer being in school. We have 58 members from August 2024, with 6 new parents joining..

Raffles

Our Xmas, Easter & Summer raffles were very well supported by parents and carers who purchased tickets. We also must acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks to the large number of local businesses who generously donated prizes. These made a significant contribution to our income over the session.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Easy Fundraising

Sincere thanks to our committee member, Jackie Ormsby, for continuing to promote Easy Fundraising at key points throughout the session. In total we have received £85.69.

Supporting events

It was a pleasure to be able to welcome S1 pupils back in October 2023 with a disco. I think it's safe to say that a fun night was had by all!

We have also been able to support a number of school events across the year: BYT shows, Wee Sleep Out, Xmas concert, Dance Showcase, Senior Spring Fling and the 3 nights of summer shows. These gave us the opportunity not only to raise valuable funds but to engage with parents and carers attending these events.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

In-person events

FAB were also able to attend the P7 pastoral evening in early June. We had our uniform recycling set out and were pleased with the interest & uptake from upcoming S1 parents. This also gave us the chance to speak directly to parents/carers about the work of FAB and hopefully encourage some to come along to our future meetings.

In May 2024 we ran a very well attended Adult Quiz Night. It was a great opportunity for people to mix and have fun (maybe too much for some). Special thanks must go to Alison Mitchell for being a fantastic quiz host. Sincere thanks also to our committee member Gayle Paris for running the tombola with her daughter Abby.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Pupil/Teacher representation at committee meetings

Over the course of the session we were pleased to welcome teacher and pupil groups from across departments to pitch for funding from FAB. You can see all the projects we've been able to support in a later slide.

Pre-loved uniform recycling service

The uptake of this service has been consistently high over the course of the session. It has been really well supported, evidenced by the continuous volume of donated items from parents/carers. Demand for blazers has been especially high from early June, throughout summer and just prior to the start of the new session. From our uniform waiting list, 23 parents have received blazers, 5 are waiting on suitable sizes. Feedback is very positive whether it be directly from parents to myself or via the ladies in the office who are assisting parents/carers. We have taken £379.11 throughout the year from donations.



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Over the course of the session FAB has attended many events in the school as well as running our own Adult Quiz Night bringing together teachers, parents, carers and friends from across the community.

2023-24 EVENT SUMMARY

- S1 Disco
- Xmas Raffle
- BYT Shows
- Xmas concert
- Dance Showcase
- S5/6 Spring Fling
- Easter Raffle
- Quiz Night
- P7 pastoral (uniform)
- Summer Show
- Summer Raffle

OTHER INCOME

- Lotto
- Pre Loved Uniform
- Easyfundraising



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We are extremely proud to have supported a number of pupil & teacher led projects.

FUNDED PROJECTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Modern Languages - 25 sets headphones	£250
<input type="checkbox"/> Kit for Lego competition team	£300
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 digital notice boards	£2100
<input type="checkbox"/> School sports festival - primary transport	£250
<input type="checkbox"/> Pop-Up Shop storage	£100
<input type="checkbox"/> E-Sports club equipment	£300
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Dept Chloe Patience workshop	£300
<input type="checkbox"/> Redecoration of the Shore	£250
<input type="checkbox"/> Falkirk Climate Change Conference	£300
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Learning Hub	£250
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry - 3 sets of Snatoms	£534
<input type="checkbox"/> Rugby Club strength & conditioning equipment	£250



REFLECTIONS

I have very much enjoyed our committee meetings. A particular highlight has been listening to engaging, well thought out presentations from a variety of pupils (some who have really risen to the occasion despite some nerves) and meeting teachers from across a number of different faculties within the school. This makes our fundraising efforts all the more worthwhile.

It has been a pleasure getting to know our team members better on a personal level whilst attending events and I thank you all for your support throughout the session.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Josie and Caroline for their commitment to FAB and their office bearer roles and wish Josie well as she moves on; Iain and Linda for their enthusiasm, input and support; Carol Anne and Diane for help with administration of the online raffle ticket sales as well as sending out communications on behalf of FAB.

Susan MacKinnon
(Friends at Braes Chairperson)



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Simple Ways to Support Our Work

Easy Fundraising Raise funds whilst shopping online at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbraes



FAB Lotto Monthly draw, only £2 per month
Email us for joining details

Keep Informed/Contact Us

 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BraesHighParentsandFriends>

 @BraesFAB

 friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com
Email us and ask to be added to our distribution list

Uniform Recycling

We operate an eco-friendly uniform recycling service. Donations of quality, clean items can be made at reception.

Items are available on the rack at reception or email us for assistance.

No prices: donations are welcomed.

