

CLESA NEWSLETTER

January 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From Sophie Fillmore & Nicola Woodward

We held the CLESA AGM in October & were pleased to announce that despite lockdown and a twelve-month sabbatical, CLESA still managed to raise a fantastic £6,278 for the financial year ending August 2021, mainly from the shopping gift card and school lottery schemes.

After the uncertainties created by Covid, it was wonderful to be able to hold the CLESA Christmas Fair again in November - always a highlight for the children. Sally Hardcastle and Jo Rees took on the immense challenge of creating a Covid-safe event to be organised in just a matter of weeks. It proved a Christmas Fair of many firsts. For the first time we set up PayPal to pay for tickets and used tokens in order to go cashless as well as introducing timed slots. We gambled on the weather & placed the majority of fair stalls outside. The introduction of the disco dome and fancy-dress stall proved popular and the Cafe Africa van & its hot drinks particularly welcome on a very cold but thankfully dry Sunday! Seeing all the happy children's faces on the day certainly made the hard work worthwhile. We also raised a significant amount of money for our schools - £3,790! A very big thank you to Jo and Sally and everyone who helped organise and volunteer on the day, including the head teachers and staff who gave up their spare time to spend even more time with our children!

The very popular 'Sausage Sizzle' and 'Tea in a Box' also made a comeback on the last day of term thanks to the efforts of Fiona Breen, Beth Guck & Debbie Wooff. Going forward, we plan to hold these 3 times a year at the end of every term.

We will be holding a meeting with the core CLESA committee soon to discuss potential fundraising activities over the remainder of the year. If you are interested in taking part, please email us at clesacochair@gmail.com.

Money raised in FY 2020/21 - £ 6,278

Thank you to Trudie Holt (Shopping Gift Cards), Melissa Osborne (School Lottery), Jo Benge (AmazonSmile & Easyfundraising), Debbie Wooff (Tea in a Box - July) & all the parents who signed up to the schemes for raising this money!



Summer Fair

*Organising Team
needed*

We are looking for a team of 4-5 people to organise the CLESA Summer Fair to be held in July 2022 (date TBC). If you are interested, please email Sophie & Nicola at clesacochair@gmail.com

Dates for the diary

Sausage Sizzle and Tea in a
Box – Friday 8 April &
Wednesday 20 July

Summer camp out – TBC June
2022

Summer Fair – TBC July 2022

CLESA Spend

How your fundraising efforts have been used over the last term...

Elangeni and Chestnut Lane Schools have commenced their spending plans as outlined by the head teachers at the CLESA AGM. It has been great for the schools to be able to spend CLESA funds again, following the end of the CLESA sabbatical, and use the money to pay for school equipment and opportunities which are not covered by school budgets and enhance our childrens' learning and experience of school.

Last term, Elangeni School used CLESA funds to pay for playground equipment, cameras (one for each year group), new library books, as well as funding the following experiences for pupils - Coding Panto for Year 3, Teaching Talons Workshop for Year 4, Victorian School Workshop for Year 5 and a Science Workshop exploring light for Year 6.

Chestnut Lane School used CLESA funds to pay for a library audit and the purchase of new library books, following recommendations from the audit. The school has also made a significant investment in purchasing new interactive IT screens for Early Years pupils. These are due to be installed over the next week and we look forward to sharing photos of these in the classrooms in our next newsletter.

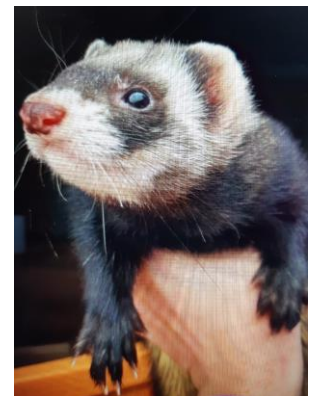
CLESA also paid towards traffic calming measures on Chestnut Lane this term. Prior to lockdown, CLESA agreed to fund half the costs of the signs and lights installed on the road following a campaign led by parents to tackle speeding along the road, with the local Council providing the remainder of the funding.



Traffic calming measures



New library books for Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools



Teaching Talons Workshop – Year 4

Can you help us reach our goal of selling 120 lottery tickets per week by the end of the year & raise money for our schools? Join the CLESA school lottery from just £1 a week - CLESA has a guaranteed winner every week!

It's a really easy way to support our schools – and maybe you will be next week's winner!!

To sign up, go to www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Chestnut Lane & Elangeni Schools.