



Annual Report 2014/15

I find myself writing my final Annual Report for the Friends of Swiss Valley CP School and would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and thank all of the volunteers and people/companies who have donated items to our various events which have been organised over the past 12 months, without your time and generosity we would not have been able to reach our end of school year total of **£5,440.37**, our aim now is to raise £12,000 in order to purchase:

- 3x Smart Touch screen televisions and/or Interactive white boards/ICT Equipment/Speaker System
- Outdoor Benches
- Canopy, fence & gate for Year 1 area

Purchases During 2014/15:

Collapsible Stage (£5,295) Bike Ride Medals (£65) Class Provisions for School Inspection (£900)
Selection Boxes (£165)

The money was raised at the following events:

School Discos, Film Nights and Own Clothes Days

Sponsored Events, including: Easter Bounce, Bike Ride and School Sports

Summer Fayre, Silent Auction, BBQ's (£255*) and Gardening Tea Parties

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Raffle and Guess the No. Sweets in the Jar & Marrow Sweep (£50*)

And through the very generous sponsorship and donations made by both parents and businesses alike, we would like to say a big THANK YOU to:

AMJ Assessors	AGM Computers	Andrew Price - Llanelli
Asda Living – Trostre	Cathedral Care Ltd	Charles Newman Consultancy Services
Co-op Felinfoel	Folly Farm	Gwilli Railway
Heatherton	Jollies Fish & Chips	Machynys Golf
Manor House Wildlife Park	National Botanic Garden of Wales	Oakwood Theme Park
Richies Meats	Royston Morgan Butcher & Delicatessen	Tesco
The Play King	The Scarlets	The Sospan
Welsh Chocolate Fountains	The Diplomat Hotel	South Wales Stoves
Seishin Karate	GSTL Geo Site & Testing Services Ltd	Simon Holt

School Discos:

Due to a drop in the numbers attending the school discos last year, we decided that we would only run 3 or 4 during the year from Easter 2015. However, the children have helped raise over **£1,029.04** over the past year by paying entry to the discos and purchasing squash, sweets, crisps, tattoos and various other items that have been on sale on the evening.

We will be reviving the Spooky Disco and other fancy dress themed discos if the children agree this year. The discos are split into two sessions, the first starts at 6pm and is for the Foundation Phase/Infants children (up to year 2) and the second starts at 7:15pm and is for the Junior children (year 3 and above).

Film Nights:

Once again the film nights proved successful, raising **£511.36**. Thank you to all of the children who paid their admission fee, which included a hotdog and squash with other items available to purchase on the night. There will be more film nights after October half term when the nights begin to draw in.

Own Clothes Days:

This year, rather than running School Discos we decided to raise funds for the school by holding 2 own clothes days, charging £1 to wear what the children wanted to school for 1 day only. We raised **£356.85** between the two days.

Christmas Raffle:

I would like to thank everyone who donated items for the Christmas Raffle, which was well supported raising **£317***. Thank you Mrs Rees and the children & staff in the school for stepping in to save the day when the raffle tickets couldn't be produced in time by the printers. If you have any items you would be willing to donate to this years Christmas Raffle please contact myself/the school as soon as possible.

Easter Bounce:

We decided that the weather was not favourable for bouncing outdoors this year, so the event was held in the school hall. The whole school joined in with the bounce, including the nursery unit. 1st & 2nd prizes were given to the children who bounced the most in each class and every child received a small chocolate which were kindly donated by Asda Living, Co-op Felinfoel, McMillan Distribution, Tesco and a number of parents, . The event raised a whopping **£1,357.40** – well done everyone.

Sponsored Bike Ride:

Our sponsored bike ride took place on Saturday 16th May, after having a clash of events we moved our starting point from North Dock to Festival Fields with various distances for the children to cycle/scoot to. Again we were lucky with the weather for our cyclists/scooterers to cover their chosen distances and return to Festival Fields to receive their medals. The participants have so far gathered an amazing **£918.65**.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered as marshals and to all of the children and parents who took part.

Summer Fayre & School Sports:

Once again donations to this event were very generous. Thank you to all of the companies, parents and children who donated items for our book, white elephant, silent auction and tombola stalls, they had a roaring trade all afternoon. I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who ran the stalls both inside and out, without your help the event would not have taken place.. The BBQ was a runaway success again and we ran it on both the Infants and Juniors sports days. I would like to say a special thank you to Royston Morgan from Llanelli Market who provided the burgers and sausages at cost and to Mrs Rees and her husband, Rob who ran the BBQ all afternoon during the summer fayre. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers who donated the BBQ and toilet after the previous ones had been put into enforced “retirement”!.

Thank you to all of our race sponsors and to the teachers who organised the sports day events. A huge thank you to all of the children who helped out on the stalls, selling programmes at the gates and helping clear up at the end of the day. Race Sponsorship total: **£630** Summer Fayre profit: **£1,117.49** giving us a total of **£1,747.49**, making it a very successful Summer Fayre & Sports Days.

Charity Fundraising:

Over the past year we have also supported the MacMillan Big Coffee Morning Events and Save the Childrens Christmas Jumper Day. We’ve run two MacMillan events over the past year which we have combined with events to help tidy up the school grounds and garden, raising **£920.00** over the two events for MacMillan and **£150.00**, for Save The Children, we will be supporting both of these charities again this year as everyone really got into the Christmas spirit in their super jumpers and I think a number of onesies were also worn! I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Richies Meats in Felinfoel for donating all of the burgers and sausages for our MacMillan event in July.

Thank You:

I would like to say a massive thank you to all members of the Friends of Swiss Valley CP School Team and everyone who lent a hand at our events. Without you we would not have been able to organise or run any of these events.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Julie McGibney who has taken on the role of Secretary from Sarah Lewis who was our secretary for 9 years! Debbie Dangerfield for updating our facebook page and our section of the school website, ensuring that it is kept up to date and to Gaynor Griffiths who continues as Treasurer.

We look forward to welcoming new and old volunteers to return this year and help support our fund raising activities. If you are interested in joining in, making some friends and having some fun, and can spare any time to help us keep running fundraising events please come along to our meetings or let us know if you can support us in any way.

If you have any ideas that you think would be a successful way of raising funds for the school, please get in touch. You can either come to one of our meetings - dates and times are regularly updated on our  Facebook Page: Friends of Swiss Valley CP School (Llanelli) or follow us on  twitter @SwissValleyPTA or Swiss Valley CP PTA or check the school website <http://swissvalley.amdro.org.uk/home/information/friends-of-swiss-valley/>, you can also make a suggestion to one of our current members or drop a note into the school addressed to the Chair of the PTA.

Here’s to successful fundraising for the 2015/16 school year and many more fabulous fundraising ideas.

Philippa

* Cash paid directly into school funds to be used for purchasing additional reading materials, rather than banked into FoSVCPS account.