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# FoBS Forum



Friends of Brentwood Schoo



Friends of Brentwood School (FoBS) is an association of parent and teacher volunteers who help to organise social and fundraising events throughout all parts of Brentwood School.

We provide a friendly, social point for parents beyond the School gates, whilst raising funds for those extra little touches that make being a part of Brentwood School really special for both pupils and parents.

Please take a look and register your interest in receiving information about the various events and volunteering opportunities that are available - we'd love to have you on board!



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FoBS raises funds for all sorts of things for pupils at the School; from Senior and Prep School House flags and Prep sports day medals, to portable floodlights, benches, 'moving up' pencil cases for Year 2, Year 6 Yearbooks and disco decorations, Upper Sixth Leavers' reception, as well as funding towards the table tennis tables, The Duke Of Edinburgh's Awards kit, outdoor trikes and teddy bears for Reception, the Trim Trail Click here to visit our website and much more.

## FoBS activities review

#### Mothering Sunday Sale

On 23rd March, we ran a Mothering Sunday sale for Preparatory School children. Having pre-paid their £10, the children came in with their class to choose a gift from a range of teddies, cups, glasses and colourful plants and have them tagged and wrapped.

It was wonderful to see the children's faces and the care they took with their selections and of course, wonderful to raise £1,800.

Thank you to the parent volunteers, who put in a long shift wrapping gifts and keeping the tables stocked! This was the first event that we were able to operate back in School grounds and it was great to be back!













#### Prep School House Cross Country Medals

We were delighted to be able to use some of our FoBS-raised funds to purchase medals for every child who completed the House Cross Country, on the 1st April 2022.

After their endeavors on the course, the children wore their Bayman, Lawrence, Heseltine and Quennell coloured medals home, with well-deserved pride.

#### Father's Day - 19th June 2022

FoBS organised for the Prep School children to design their own mugs for Father's Day.

The pupils' creative designs were sent off and printed onto lovely-quality china mugs and returned to the School to be sorted and sent home, raising around £700 for our coffers.







#### Brentwood School Community Fete

On 25th June, this fun and very well-attended event was held on the Senior School site. FoBS were delighted to host the 'Bake Off' tent, selling strawberries and cream, drinks, and cupcakes as well as running the "Showstopper" cake competition, where Senior School pupils showed off incredible creativity. Mr Bond had the unenviable task of choosing the final winner.







#### Sports Day Refreshments

FoBS were back at the Prep School Sports Day on 22nd June with a much-visited refreshments tent, selling a range of beverages. Big thank you to all our patrons, as well as our 'bar' staff; We raised £460 during a very enjoyable, sunny day.

# Year 6 Yearbook & Celebration of Achievement Disco

FoBS funds were put to excellent use celebrating our Year 6 pupils' final days at Brentwood Preparatory School.

We hugely appreciated the assistance of Year 6 parents Zoe, Laura, Lindsey, Lisa, Jenny and of course, Holly at the school office, in producing a stunning Yearbook featuring a fun page for each pupil, motivational teacher messages and memorable photos, which was presented to each child at the celebratory assembly.

Once again we were lucky enough to benefit from the expertise of Frankie at The Events Box, who worked alongside Sarah, Zoe and Tracey, to decorate the marquee for the Celebration of Achievement Disco in the grounds of the School with an exceptional balloon display, making the evening really special and memorable.









#### Amazon Smile & Easy Fundraising

To help raise FoBS funds in the least labour-intensive way (!) we'd be very grateful if you'd consider directing some of your Amazon purchases through **Amazon Smile** – simply select 'Friends of Brentwood School (FoBS)' as your preferred charity on the drop-down menu.

**EasyFundraising** offers you over 4,000 shops and sites, which donate for free every time you shop using them. Go to their website and select 'Friends of Brentwood' as your chosen cause, to help us top up our virtual funds this year.

## Dates for your diary

Preparatory & Senior School pre-loved uniform sales

12th Oct 22

Senior and Prep School pre-loved uniform sales will now take place together, in a dedicated room in the Garden Building at the Prep School.

Parking is in the Higgs Prep School car park (**CM15 8BD**) - the entrance off Shenfield Road, shared with the

Nuffield Hospital) and head to the black gates (to the right of Taskers House), where the sale will be signposted. Please note, we are taking cash where possible.

FoBS will be hosting sales in the Garden Building in the Prep School from 9.30am - 11am, with more dates to follow.

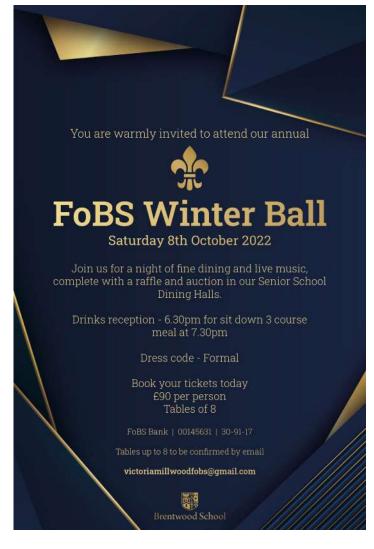
If you have Prep uniform to donate to FoBS, please put it in the boxes, which will be left outside the Prep School gates, the week of to the sale. Any Senior School donations should be left in labelled bags outside the Senior School Porters' office. Please ensure items are clean and pockets are empty!

All proceeds go to FoBS to continue their work in adding the extra little touches that make being part of Brentwood School really special for both pupils and parents.









#### FoBS Ball

The FoBS Ball will be held on Senior School grounds, with welcome drinks, a 3-course meal, evening entertainment, a raffle and an auction, it promises to be a fun occasion.

Tickets are now on sale! To secure your tickets, organise your table of 8 people and have a dedicated "Table Leader". One transfer per table should be made directly to FoBS (£90 per person, £720 per table) followed by an email to <a href="mailto:victoriamillwoodfobs@gmail.com">victoriamillwoodfobs@gmail.com</a>

If you would like to purchase individual tickets and are not part of a larger table, please follow the same process above and email Victoria, as we would be delighted to accommodate you on an existing table.

Ticket price includes an evening of entertainment including a performance by the Senior School Jazz band and & DJ. Please don't forget to bring a little extra money for our fundraising games, auction/raffle and casino tables.

We are looking for raffle and auction donations for the Ball. We can offer exposure for the brand/business on our social media platforms and communication materials. Please email Victoria on <a href="mailto:victoriamillwoodfobs@gmail.com">victoriamillwoodfobs@gmail.com</a> if you are interested or if you have any queries regarding the Ball.

#### Bicester Village Shopping trip

After a break of a few years, FoBS will be once again running a social shopping trip, traveling by coach, to Bicester Village. Drinks and breakfast

boxes will be available on the coach and it's set to be a really fun day.

Further details will be communicated soon via SchoolPost and FoBS social media but please email Ashley on oneala@brentwood.essex.sch.uk for further details.











#### Christmas Fayre

26th The FoBS Christmas Fayre will be Nov 22 held on Saturday 26th November, in the hall at the Prep School and we are in need of volunteers to help plan and run the day!



Please email **fobs.forum@gmail.com** if you are able to spare some time to help - even if just overseeing a stall for an hour on the day.

Any businesses interested in taking a stall, please email fobs.forum@gmail.com and we'll pass you onto our coordinator.





### Annual FoBS Christmas Lunch at The Plough

The annual 3-course Christmas lunch and raffle at The Plough in Mountnessing, will be going ahead again this year. Please keep an eye on our social media, where more details will be shared as soon as we have them!





## Keep in touch

If you are interested in helping FoBS, in any capacity, please <u>visit our page on the</u>

<u>Brentwood School website</u> and fill in the questionnaire so we know how to contact you.

You can sign up to help FoBS in various different ways – any input is very much appreciated!

















