



Hello!

Autumn term is nearly over, but what an amazing few months it's been!



In October we celebrated Black History Month. Led by FoE volunteer April Lee, we organised traditional African storytelling, African drumming, an Afro hair workshop, and even a special message from ex-England footballer Emile Heskey!



Our Halloween cake sale, fancy dress and second hand uniform sale raised an amazing **£428.15!** What a spooktacular result!



For Diwali, FoE volunteers prepared 15 cardboard lamps, one for each class to decorate and we lit them up with hand painted 'flames'.

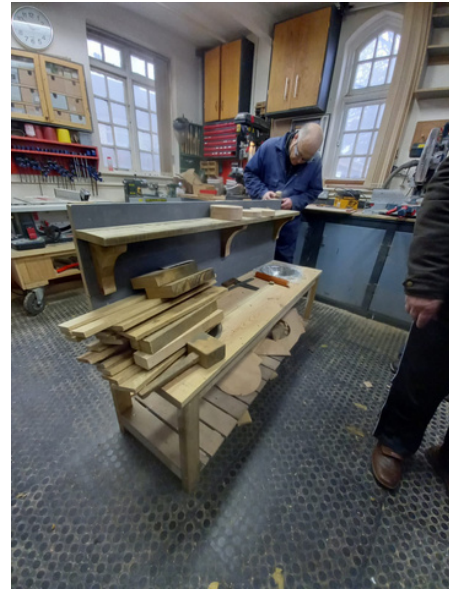


We raised a massive **£183.10** for SEND at school on International Disability Day. And we bought our wonderful inclusion team 15 new pairs of ear defenders for children to use.



Wait! There's more...

FoE invested in two new mud kitchens for Nursery and Reception classes - we teamed up with Age UK's Men In Sheds who are putting the finishing touches on them now.



A huge thank you to Steph Dang, one of our wonderful volunteers who ran a wellbeing session for teachers, a lovely way to help them stretch and unwind after a long school day. Check out Steph's classes on Instagram: @steph.s.fitness



To kick off the festive season, FoE arranged a visit from Santa himself, and he had a wonderful time singing with the children.

The Winter Fair was so busy with live music from Alex Barrow and friends, free arts and crafts, tasty treats, and of course the festive bags which raised a staggering £243 in 15 minutes!



The festive fun kept coming with the Winter Disco - FoE volunteers prepared 400 goodie bags, one for each child at the school to take home after having a serious boogie in the main hall. It's amazing how popular the Y.M.C.A remains...





Thank you...

The Friends of Elm Wood are a group of volunteer parents and carers who fundraise for the school, and put together the 'little extras' like the ones mentioned above. We couldn't do it without the support of you, the Elm Wood families who buy cakes, raffle tickets, tea towels, and attend the fairs we put on.

To all the local businesses and families who donated raffle prizes for this year's raffle, thank you! We had some very happy winners!

We'd also like to thank all the staff who support the things we do and help get the word out about events - we really appreciate it!

And a special thank you to Ana Garcia for managing all the second hand uniform that gets handed into the school - collecting donations, washing and then sorting so it's made available at the school. We've raised a fantastic £84 from sales this year so far!

One final thing - we now have a Friends of Elm Wood website! Thank you to Elm Wood parent Oli Evans who donated his time to design and build the site.

You can visit www.friendsofelmwood.org to find out about upcoming events, and how to get involved.

Here's to plenty more in 2024!

