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Parent Forum Group – Agenda 04.10.19

Agenda Item 1 Hop Tu Naa theme day (Carolyn Hastings - CH)

Update

- Ms Hastings is planning a **Hop Tu Naa Day** on the last day of term (**25th Oct**).
- This will include activities such as:
 - Dress up, Conker Championship, Traditional Manx Singing and Dancing
 - Key Stage 2: John Dog will demo willow weaving
 - Key Stage 1: CH asked for suggestions from the group for guests
 - Francesca suggested 'Ginny the Witch' from Cregneash.
- Ms Hastings asked if **John Dog** can meet with the Parent Forum to plan a day to make natural Christmas decorations.

Actions

- Ms Hastings to invite John Dog to the Parent Forum, 9am on 25th October.
- Francesca to follow up on Ginny the Witch options for Hop Tu Naa day.

Agenda Item 2 Mhelliiah Update

Update

- **Ticket sales** are progressing but more to be done. Selling more visibly at a table outside at pick up and drop off was suggested and more obvious posters around the school, in addition to flyers and FB posts.
- Katie has drafted a **flyer** to go out in children's bags. A few builds were suggested.
- The possibility of selling remaining tickets **on the night at a higher rate** was discussed. It was decided to keep ticket sales open and see how many, if any, are left.

- **Auction Prizes** continue to be confirmed including:
 - Steam Packet Voucher, Family Christmas Photo Shoot, Aurora Pilates sessions, Salmon Centre meal Voucher, Creg Meal Voucher, Kennaugh's Honey Platter, Dem Donuts, Mother T various gifts, Paragon, Shed Voucher...
- It was suggested we contact Ed for a Pavillion voucher.
- Previous options including Hairdresser voucher, Coop voucher or goods, Veg tray put on hold so as not to use all contributors for this event and have limited options to contact for next fund raiser.
- How to introduce the '**booby prize**' element of the auction was discussed. It was agreed to randomise all prizes in their mystery box with no indication of value. This will add to the 'fun' risk element of the event. The need to verbally explain and also include very clearly in the 'prize' list the booby prize element (e.g. bag of teabags, bag of potatoes etc) was highlighted to minimise the chance of someone bidding a large sum of money and becoming disgruntled if they get a booby prize. The key message is that the event is a fun way to raise money for the school and not about securing a good prize.
- The importance of **publicly thanking and advertising contributors** was highlighted. Many businesses have donated to help raise their profile and boost sales (as well as to help the school!)

Actions

- Eleanor to contact Ed re possibility of a Pavillion voucher
- Once all prize details confirmed, Craig will post all prizes and thank contributors on FB.
- **A poster detailing all prizes and thanking contributors** to ensure contributors receive recognition and publicity will be designed and displayed on the night – TBC who will produce.

Agenda Item 3 School Disco

Update

- School Disco date has been confirmed (**Thursday 24th Oct**).
- Kate has designed a poster. A few tweaks suggested. A slight change of time proposed to ensure clean up by approx. 6pm:
 - Key Stage 1: 4pm to 4.45pm
 - Key Stage 2: 5pm to 6pm
- Debbie has purchased glow sticks.
- How to minimise plastic with sweet wrappers was discussed. It was agreed to purchase loose sweets or a big box of sweets not individually wrapped that we can portion into paper bags.

Actions

- Craig to update Kate on changes to poster.
- Kate to update poster ready for distribution. **Should this be as a flyer in bags as well as online and around the school?**
- Debbie to provide Ms Quane with receipts for glow sticks, face paint etc.
- Joney to check cost and type of loose sweets from Top Banana. Compare cost with Debbie's previous Agrimark purchases.
- Debbie to track down left over paper bags from last Christmas.
- Eleanor to pack sweets into bags (with anyone else available).
- Parent Forum members to bring brushes and sponges to apply face paint.

Agenda Item 4 AOB Update

- **Laxey School Outdoor Learning (Forest School alternative)?**
 - Mark suggested we consider running our own version of Forest School for children in the Glen.
 - He provided a book, Run Wild, as a source of activities.
 - The group were keen to investigate further as this would be lower cost and could potentially be expanded to more year groups.
 - It was suggested that a **Parent Rota of helpers** be set up to help run this, including at least one parent who has outdoor experience/knowledge and others willing to help.
- **Dinosaur Hunt?**
 - Debbie asked if the Dinosaur Hunt previously run in the Glen for Reception children might be reinstated.
- **Recycled Uniform**
 - Craig to put up rail and post update on FB to inform parents of new Recycled Uniform Rail.
 - Parent Forum parents who have uniform to contribute to bring in to get rail started. (Debbie, Francesca and any others).
- **Orienteering**
 - Eleanor would like to update the group regarding Orienteering for kids.

Actions

- Ms Hastings, Mark, Eleanor & Joney to follow up on our **own version of Forest School**.
- Craig to speak with Reception teachers to consider possibility of restarting **Dinosaur Hunts** in the Glen.
- Craig to add **Orienteering** to next week's agenda.