

## FRIENDS OF WALNUTS - FOWS - YOUR SCHOOL PTA!

The highlight of this term for me was our very first Art Exhibition, at which we were able to display a piece of art from every child and young person in the school. They were amazing, and the many families who attended were highly impressed! Over half the canvases were sold, making more than £300 profit. We were then able to double our money through Local Giving match funding (along with generous donations made on the day) making a grand total of over £1,800! Many thanks to all the mums and staff who helped set up or worked hard on the day, and to the pupils and their teachers for producing such beautiful artwork.

There have also been lots of other fundraising efforts going on. Congratulations to Jana H on her 10 k run, which raised £150 (photo on page 4). We also received £219 from Waitrose and another £300 donation from a supportive family. We were lucky enough to get perfect weather for our summer fete. A great time was had by all, and around £300 was raised in the process. Many thanks to all those families who contributed cakes, prizes and their time. In addition, the Blue Bags and Weather Lottery continue to bring in regular funds - thank you to everyone concerned for your help and support.

As a result of all this, FOW are able to give the school its fourth piece of equipment for the outdoor gym, and a £1,900 donation towards equipping the new classrooms at Hertford Place. We have also raised £425 towards our lap top fund target of £2,500, which we will continue to work towards next year. Staff and family members are all welcome at FOW meetings.

Next term's meetings will be:

- Wednesday 30 September, 9.30 - 11.0 at Hertford Place
- Wednesday 25 November, 4 - 5 pm at the main site, Hazeley

Hope to see you there!

Kim