



Hello everyone,

Firstly the formal bit;

The Friends of Rhiwbeina AGM was held on the 13th of January. It was great to see some new faces coming along to be involved in ideas for raising funds. It is always good to have new people on board.

For the period January 08 - December 08 the Friends of Rhiwbeina were able to donate a **total of ...**

£8,243

to our School. The committee and all those involved would like to thank parents, children, families and friends for all the support given to the various fundraising events. We look forward to your continued support.

The money was used to purchase the New Reading Scheme and to part fund the new computers in every class.

Cessation of existing committee members: Kathryn Pinches, Helen Nazareth and Jane Clarke stood down from their committee roles, our thanks to them for their great service over the years and for their continued involvement outside of the committee.

Election of new committee: Lisa Humphrey continues as Chair, Carl Jones is newly elected as Secretary, Phil Saunders and Geraldine White continue in their roles as Treasurer and Lotto Secretary, respectively.

We thank all those involved for their hard work, and invite any contribution you can make in giving of your time or sharing of ideas, however big or small.

Now the dates for your diaries;

Family Bingo - please note a change of date. This event has been re-scheduled to Thursday 5th March. Note: Friday the 6th of March is an inset day. Doors will open at 7pm, refreshments will be served in the interval, and it should finish about 9pm. All welcome, parents and children alike, this is a family event.

Entrance is only £1 for adults, and children are free. It is £1 per bingo strip, each strip is for 5 games.

If anyone could help out at the Bingo, please get in touch with us via the website, phone Lisa on 02920 615969 or grab someone in the playground who looks like they may know what is going on.

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Junior Disco's – due to the inspection this event has been cancelled, we are sorry for any disappointment this may cause. Our calendar of events/commitments to the end of the school year is such that it is not been possible to re-arrange.

Sponsored Bounce - 15th May

Summer Fete- 13th June

Rhiwbeina Fun Run – 22nd June

End of Term Event for Parents (*awaiting details*) - 10th July

Raising money for 2009

Friends of Rhiwbeina do a great job of raising funds to benefit those most important to us. One of the areas we hope to raise cash for this year is equipment for the Junior playgrounds. If anyone has any other suggestions of what they think F.O.R should contribute to for the School, please let us know via the website.

Please support the **LOTTO**. A membership form can be obtained from the school office or better still why not download one from the website. This really is one of the easiest ways to show your support to our school and you stand a chance to be a winner too.

The recession is biting us all, but you can get many retailers to contribute to FOR whenever you shop online with them. Check out the website for details on **EasyFundraising.org** and **TheGivingMachine**. If you have any questions on how to use these services, please get in touch via the website.

An apology;

'Big Invitation Fundraiser'

It has been brought to our attention that a few parents and children have been upset by this fundraising campaign and have raised concerns over the books being distributed through the School classes. We take these concerns seriously and would not wish to upset anyone, least of all the children.

Friends of Rhiwbeina offer their sincere apologies to the children and the parents that have been upset.

This was a new campaign to us last year, and it's success in raising £702 was key in our decision to run the campaign again this year.

Now that all people connected to the School are aware of the 'Big Invitation' next year we will contact new parents to the school in writing asking if they wish to participate, and remind all those parents currently participating that they may renew their books on line or by phone. This will negate the need for books to be issued to the children.

If you would like to purchase a book or need any details on any point, please email lisa@rhiwbeinapta.co.uk or call 029 2061 5969.

The next F.O.R meeting is on the 17th March
at 7pm in the Staff room.
Come to the Main Entrance and buzz.