



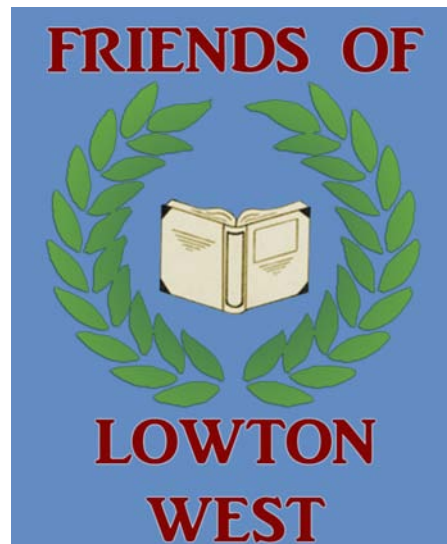
## WINTER NEWSLETTER 2018

### IT'S FEBRUARY ALREADY...

... Christmas is a distant memory and we're all looking forward to Spring and warmer weather. But the Friends of Lowton West Team have been pretty busy since we started the school term back in September and we wanted to share with you what we've been up to.

### CLARKS SHOE SAVE

You may remember we asked for your old school shoes at the end of the summer term? Well, 10 bin bags later, they were taken to Clarks Store at Junction 9 Retail Park (Warrington), and handed over to the management team. Clarks will take these shoes and generate funds from them to create and support educational opportunities for school-age children across Africa. Shoe-perb!



## Fabulous Fundraising...

### Christmas Fair - £284 raised

The FOLW once again ran the games & craft activities during the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December. Games included Guess the Teddy's Name, Christmas Crackers, Hook and Duck and we also ran a tuck shop, gift stall and craft activities.

### ASDA Green Tokens

Through the Green Token campaign in Asda towards the end of last year, we raised a fantastic £200! Thank you to everyone who supported us!

### Assembly Refreshments - £226 so far!

New for 2017, the FOLW team also provided tea and coffee before the various year assemblies which took place across the term, including the recent Reception assembly! Hopefully parents welcomed a hot drink as they settled into watch the children, so we're hoping to continue this service.



### GETTING INTO THE GROOVE!

The Friends also ran some fun events for all ages this term! On 7th February we held the Infants Party, which was an afternoon of fun and frolics for our infant children, with help from Jimbo the children's entertainer.

On the 8th February and 14th February, it was the Y3 and Y4 / Y5 and Y6 School Disco - the kids had their dance shoes on, and were full of disco fever, throwing shapes on the dancefloor!

**NEXT EVENT:**  
**Shop 2 Drop**  
**Fashion Night!**  
**6:30pm, March 14th**

PLUS: More coffee mornings, the Summer Fair, and Sports Day Refreshments (weather permitting!)

# HISTORICAL HIJINKS!

This term, there were two curriculum activities Funded by the Friends of Lowton West Association:

## Egyptian Workshop (£255)

History Alive came to visit the Year 3 children. The children got dressed up and explored the ancient Egyptian lifestyle. The children also examined different artefacts that were over 3000 years old.



## Victorian Workshop (£265)

History really did come alive in Year 5 when pupils experienced what life was like in a Victorian classroom. Desks were rearranged in rows, children sat with hands behind their backs and silence was the order of the day! Miss Banks, the Victorian teacher, taught the importance of learning the three 'R's - reading, writing and arithmetic. They practised spellings on slate boards and handwriting using dip pens and ink whilst trying not to blot their copybooks.

# COFFEE MORNINGS

October and November traditionally see our Autumn coffee mornings for children across KS1 and KS2. The Infant coffee morning was particularly busy, meaning a mad dash took place for extra cake and milk!

KS1 raised £528

KS2 raised £454

**\*\* Your cake donations are vital to the success of these coffee mornings! Please keep them coming this year – thank you in advance!\*\***

## AND, FINALLY...

We recently ran a poll amongst the FOLW team members to find out when the best time to meet was. Daytime meetings proved the most popular, but there are still many ways you can help if you're a working parent/ carer:

- We have several evening events taking place over the next few months where we need help
- The summer fair is always on a weekend where we need LOTS of help
- You can support the team remotely via email or on this Facebook page. Send in ideas, challenge any actions you see in the meeting minutes, email third parties on our behalf as and when necessary.
- Got a fund-raising idea? We are always looking for new ideas on how we can raise money for Lowton West, so if you've attended another school event recently, or you think you just might have an idea, please let us know. It's easy to get in touch... just leave your details at the office and we'll take it from there!

### Charity Donations

Every year the Friends of Lowton West Association donates to a local charity. This year, the group asked the School Council for their thoughts as to who we should choose and in return, the children chose Wigan Pride and the Railway, based in Leigh. Each charity will receive £100 each.

Queries? Questions? Fundraising ideas? Get in touch via the school office, we'd love to hear from you!