



# Friends At Braes

## Chair Report 2021-22

Friends At Braes (FAB) are a group of parents/carers and friends who support the school at events and fund-raise to enhance our children's education. New members and ideas are always welcome!

Our office bearers have been:

Chairperson

Leah Curry

Vice Chairperson

Susan MacKinnon

Treasurer

Caroline Herring

Secretary

Josie Carnie

After nearly 3 years in her role as Chairperson, Leah stood down towards the end of May. Susan has been acting Chairperson since then. We would like to thank Leah for her contribution to FAB over the years she was involved.



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### Lotto membership

This has grown from 36 members at the end of July 2021 to 47 members at the end of July 2022.

### Raffles

Our Xmas & Easter raffles were very well supported by parents and carers who purchased tickets. We also must acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks to the large number of local businesses who generously donated prizes. These were our main source of income for the session.



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### **Return to in-person events**

FAB were able to attend the P7 pastoral evening in May. We had our uniform recycling set out and were pleased with the interest & uptake from upcoming S1 parents. We also managed to sign up some new parents to our wider distribution list!

FAB served refreshments at the school show in June over 3 evenings. In addition to our core members we were ably supported by some volunteers who generously gave of their time. Our thanks goes to Alison Mitchell, Peter Mitchell, Ross MacKinnon, Kenny MacKinnon, Lynne Robertson, Fiona Davidson, India Herring, Gayle Paris, Elaine McMillan and Amanda Anderson.



## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

### Pupil/Teacher representation at committee meetings

Over the course of the session we were pleased to welcome teacher and pupil groups from across departments to pitch for funding from FAB. You can see all the projects we've been able to support in a later slide.

### Pre-loved uniform recycling service

The uptake of this service has been noticeably higher over the course of the session. It has been really well supported, evidenced by the continuous volume of donated items from parents/carers. In particular there has been frequent turnover of blazers, to the stage now where we have very low stock. Ad hoc feedback to FAB members and via the ladies in the school office is that parents/carers are finding it especially valuable during the current cost of living squeeze. A couple of parents have also remarked at how much they like the eco-friendly side of this service.



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In spite of the Covid pandemic related restrictions limiting the types of events we've been able to hold, we have still been able to raise money and are proud to have supported a number of pupil led projects.

## 2021-22 EVENT SUMMARY

- Xmas Raffle £2190
- Easter Raffle £817

## OTHER INCOME

- Summer Show £440
- Lotto £1124
- Pre Loved Uniform

## LOTTO PAYOUT

- Lotto winnings £602

## FUNDED PROJECTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Care packages                   | £70   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Through Landscapes     | £1000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of School Day              | £500  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery Making Group          | £225  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Leaders                 | £260  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F1 Racing Group                 | £330  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P7 Transition - Sensory Garden  | £200  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bug Hotel (Eco Group)           | £200  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boxing Club equipment           | £250  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Club                  | £250  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Braes Food Pantry               | £250  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girls rugby team new kits       | £250  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Electronics new parts | £100  |



## REFLECTIONS

I think we would all agree that the last session has continued to be challenging, however, it has been pleasing for us to be able to fund-raise in a slightly less limited capacity and to have had the funds again to support worthwhile projects in the school.

I'd like to personally thank Josie and Caroline for their valuable advice and support; Iain and Linda for their enthusiasm, input and support; Carol Anne and Diane for help with administration of the online raffle ticket sales as well as sending out communications on behalf of FAB.

I look forward to working with everyone in the 2022/23 session and hopefully being able to reintroduce more in person fundraising events.

Susan MacKinnon  
(Acting FAB Chairperson)



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## Simple Ways to Support Our Work

Easy Fundraising      Raise funds whilst shopping online at  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbraes](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsatbraes)



FAB Lotto      Monthly draw, only £2 per month  
Email us for joining details

## Keep Informed/Contact Us

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BraesHighParentsandFriends>

@BraesFAB

[friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com)  
Email us and ask to be added to our distribution list

## Uniform Recycling

We operate an eco-friendly uniform recycling service.  
Donations of quality, clean items can be made at reception.

Items are available on the rack at reception or email us for assistance.  
No prices: donations are welcomed.

