We're looking for new members and volunteers!

We've put this leaflet together to give you more information about us.. And to explain what we mean when we ask for committee members or volunteers

Does the term 'committee member' make it sound scarey and formal?

It did to me, before I started joining in a couple of years ago. I volunteered on a stall at the Christmas Fair, really enjoyed it, went to a couple of meetings… and have been volunteering ever since.

So what does a committee member do, what would I be letting myself in for?

- We meet once a school term – generally for an hour - to plan the fundraising events into the school diary – specific event, date, time, stalls to include etc.
- There are 2 formal positions on the committee – the Chair and the Treasurer – because we're a charity, that's a legal requirement. These are the only positions with specific roles.
- All of the Committee members can volunteer to get involved with setup activities for events eg.
    - Fundraising ideas – either your own ideas, or you're more like me and know a good idea when you hear it;
    - Planning & sourcing refreshments – milkshakes? Slushies? Hotdogs?
    - Booking Bouncy castles, disco hire, groups to perform at an event
    - Sending out letters for raffle prizes or entertainers to come in
    - Maybe you're a bargain hunter and would love to help us that way

We decide, with the school, what the funds we raise should be supporting
We also volunteer at the events when we are able to.

So, if I don't fancy the committee, but want to volunteer as a helper - what then?

- When we have an event coming up, we have a 'volunteer list', we'd love more names on that.
- We also ask for volunteers when we tell you about an event.
- There's the obvious jobs – running a stall; face painting; present wrapping; serving refreshments etc at an event;
- There's the less obvious but essential jobs eg.
    - Collecting donations from each school together into one place;
    - Sorting the donations out into stalls eg tombola; chocolate tombola; raffle; present room etc;
    - Maybe you're happy to get a shopping list of items for an event eg. Hot dog rolls, wrapping paper, other consumables that we need;
    - Sorting out tombola tickets & labelling prizes on an event day;
    - Setting up tables or cleaning up after an events;
    - Designing and producing posters & publicity.
- Our next big event is the Xmas fair, Tuesday 19th December which will be at the Junior School. The prizes/presents won/bought at the event come from the Mufti donations that are handed in to the schools.

If you are able to help us out, either come along to the AGM, or contact either school office and leave your details.

Thanks for reading!

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