



WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT GREAT MARLOW SCHOOL

Friends of Great Marlow School (FoGMS) are a friendly group of parents and teachers whose aim is to support the children in the school through involving parents, carers and the wider community in fund raising events.

FoGMS invite all parents / carers to the first FOGMS meeting & AGM of this school year on

Wednesday 21st September 2022 6:30pm in room T4

The success of GMS has been significantly aided by the generosity of FoGMS whose members have organised popular events that have raised much needed funds to enhance the school's environment and learning facilities.

In order to introduce new ideas that keep the events alive and vibrant we would absolutely love you to join us so you can find out what we have planned for this school year, but also to hear from you with your ideas for fundraising and community events. These can't happen without you and we are extremely grateful and indebted to you for giving of your time and energy so generously and selflessly.

YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:



www.easyfundraising.org.uk - sign up and nominate Great Marlow School as your chosen beneficiary, make every online purchase count from flights & holidays to groceries by signing up to easyfundraising and using this page every time you buy something online - from John Lewis to Dominos Pizza!



Ever shop on Amazon? If you do then please consider signing up to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

and nominate Great Marlow School as your chosen charity every time you shop they will give money to GMS for us to spend on the students - it doesn't cost you anything, Amazon pay us as a charity because you have shopped with them.

OR:

Do you work for a company that MATCH FUNDS or MATCH GIVES?

Typically Banks, Building Societies, Insurance Companies, Supermarkets, Utility Companies, Phone Companies and Car Manufacturers are all known to offer match-funding schemes so please do ask your company if they do this it can make a huge difference to our fundraising and **every single penny that FoGMS raises goes directly back to resources for the students at GMS.**

Barclays, for example, offers its employees the opportunity to match funds they raise for their chosen charity up to £750 per year. This is available for three activities a year! Aviva, in response to feedback from their staff, has introduced a 'EPlus' matching scheme. The scheme gives Aviva employees the chance to receive matched funds for any money raised on behalf of a registered charity of their choice.

Total raised by FOGMS during school year 2021-2022 was **£20,989.10**

A few examples of the many additional resources funded just in the past 3 years by FoGMS for all the students at GMS are:

- A new projector in the drama department M10 room which is used by all students.
- A donation of £7,500 towards the new garden room reflection and learning space
- Logo/d sweatshirts for the Sports Leaders programme
- All inclusive OUTDOOR SEATING for the students to be able to sit, eat and relax in the school grounds
- 6 x outdoor Table tennis tables
- Drinking fountain in the Canteen area - with chilled water access for all the children.
- Ongoing leases for the two minibuses at an annual cost of £11,040.
- PE cycling initiative which has proved incredibly popular with the students was given £3,250.

The Minibuses are continually in use and FoGMS has an ongoing yearly commitment to raise the fund to pay for the lease of these vehicles.

THIS TERM'S FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR DIARIES (detailed info will follow in due course)

- **New Parents coffee morning** - a chance to meet other new year 7 parents over a coffee and grab a bargain spare blazer off the 2nd hand uniform sale rail. 21st September from 9:30 - 10:30 am
- **Year 7 Disco** - 13th October 7-9pm - a chance for all the new Year 7's to celebrate their move up to Secondary school together.
- **Curry & Karaoke evening** - Saturday 15th October - Tiger Garden will be providing the food for this evening and we have booked the amazing 3 minute Rockstar band for the evening entertainment.
- **Bag2School Collection** - 1st November (more details about bag2school will follow nearer the time)
- **Year 8 Disco** - 3rd November 7-9pm - this was so successful last year that we have decided to run it again for the Year 8's, traditionally it was only the Year 7's that got a disco night.
- **Brush Party** - Saturday 19th November 7pm at school, £32 a ticket, no experience required, a fun evening with friends painting a beautiful picture you get to keep.
- **300 Club** - £20 annual subscription with 2 winning numbers selected each month for a chance to win £150 1st prize or £50 2nd prize
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If you had numbers last year and want to keep last year's numbers then please email fogms300@gmail.com ASAP and if you want numbers then email us too!

Keep an eye out on Xpressions for more details on all of the above

We look forward to seeing you at our AGM and Meeting on 21st September and to working with you in service to our school community.

Kind regards on behalf of all the FoGMS Committee, Jane Trainer - FoGMS Chair