



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GPA

Hello! I'm Rozet Shah – a parent of boy/girl twins in Year 1. I've agreed to carry on in my role as the GPA Chair for the 2018/19 academic year.

I am aware that some of you may be completely new to the School, whilst others have been associated with the School for some time now. Either way, I thought it might be helpful if I set out what the role of the GPA is meant to be.

The GPA is an association consisting of volunteer parents at the School. As these parents also have other roles/jobs, it is commendable that they give up their time and effort to help the GPA carry out its objectives.

The GPA committee is currently made up of:

- Chair – Rozet Shah
- Deputy Chair – Brad Hyett and Saori Amos-Yeo (shared role)
- Secretary – Sara Reading
- Treasurer – Nikki Wood
- "Class reps" (generally each class puts forward at least one parent to be the class representative).

The objectives of the GPA are to:

- arrange social activities and events for the benefit of the School community (namely, the children, parents and staff);
- raise funds for the benefit of the School and chosen charities;
- provide a welcoming service for new parents; and
- help foster positive relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the School.

As you can see, it's all important stuff!

The main beneficiary of GPA fundraising is the School. For example, in the Summer term the GPA funded the purchase of some new play equipment for the Nursery, a chiller unit for the Kitchen and a set of microbit units for the Science Department. The GPA also paid for the implementation costs of the Accelerated Reader Programme (at a cost of over £7,000), which has been successfully running since April due to the hard work of a dedicated group of parent volunteers.

From time to time, the GPA also decides to support external charities. Child Bereavement UK was the chosen charity for the Summer term and I am pleased to report that this charity will receive £1,900, raised from the events that were held in the Summer term. The GPA will also make a donation of £100 to the RSPCA, a charity supported by the Year 5 pom-pom stall at the Summer Fair held in June.



If you'd like more information on how to get involved with the GPA as a class rep or would like to volunteer to help out at a specific GPA event, then please reach out to me or any member of the GPA committee. The GPA would also be grateful for any feedback on past or upcoming events.

Kind regards

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