

## **Grouville PSA Annual Meeting Minutes - 15 November, 2021**

*Seven parents, as well as non-parent officer bearers, took part in the meeting.*

### **1. President's Report**

Nichola Turner gave a report on the year. Here are some highlights:

*Le Pre Arthur (Arthur's Meadow) - Our Forest School Opposite the Main School Entrance:*  
Much work has been taken place in the meadow. The boardwalk now meanders some two-thirds of the way through our meadow and the brilliant Jersey Field Squadron plan on installing the final pieces by Spring 2022. The meadow is now much more user-friendly.

The meadow is being used by a whole host of community groups such as the Cubs and Jersey Mencap. As well as wonderful nature under the boardwalk, there are features when you look up the way as well. Bat boxes and owl boxes have been installed.

Kleinwort Hambros are a firm that has giving us a lot of support. Teams from their office have been raking pathways and picking up grass cuttings. The firm also donated £5,000 towards the cost of the boardwalk.

A group of local volunteers are also now meeting monthly to help look after the, now-raked, pathways as well as the native hedge that you pass on the road outside the school building. The PSA are so grateful to Maggie Esson for leading and inspiring us in this project.

Nichola also spoke about the new play equipment installed in the grounds. The equipment was installed over autumn half-term. Ali Hand did brilliantly in the successful pursuit of a grant from the Association of Jersey Charities to pay for this. Many children will be grateful to Ali and the Association.

The focus of the PSA's fundraising is a vital one. Reading is vital at Grouville and it is so important to give our children the very best resources we can. Therefore, this year's focus will be on improving the library for Key Stage 2 children (i.e. for Years 3 - 6.) The more money we can raise this year, the more brilliant our reading resources can be.

### **2. Chair's report**

Emily is stepping down now and says that she has been really proud to be Chair. She particularly mentions the creativity of the PSA during the unusual 2020 / 21 school year. Emily spotlighted the Virtual Disco in particular. Emily has really enjoyed being part of the PSA and hopes that new parents can feel inspired to join in with their new ideas.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Accounts were presented for up until 27th October, 2021. Jon said that the PSA has reserves of around £21,000. Of this amount, £9,000 is allocated to the McGugan Trust. This leaves around £12,000 for general use. Jon says that we should continue to keep some funds in reserve but that much of this money can be used to improve the Key Stage Two library.

#### **4. Election of Committee Members**

Marina Noel was elected as the new Chairperson. Nichola will remain as President, Jon as Treasurer and Graeme as Secretary.

Ali Hand has agreed to be Class Rep for Year's 2 and 5. Marina Noel will be class rep for Year 6. That means that Class Reps are still required for: Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. What we are looking for is volunteers to pass messages to and from the PSA. Class Reps can also help organise fundraising for your specific year group.

#### **5. Fundraising ideas for the coming year**

Here are some possible ideas we came up with:

Bikeathon, Virtual Discos, Wish List of items that donors may wish to pay for (this is done by some other schools), Yes Day, Break the Rules Day and, of course, Hot Dog day.

New ideas (even if you are not sure if they will work) are always welcome.

#### **6. Christmas**

Marina "Joyeux" Noel is hoping that a group may be willing to get together to plan for Christmas activities.

The End.