



THE FNMR MONTHLY PEEP

LATEST NEWS & UPDATES FROM THE FRIENDS OF NINE MILE RIDE PTA



PTA FUNDRAISING

Striving to support our school!

Behind everything we do is the ambition to provide additional funds for our wonderful school and with the help of the school and parent community we are able to do just that! Your help really does make a difference and here's how.

We recently funded the installation of the new **Key Stage 2 lockers** which have provided much needed additional storage and are going down a real treat with the children. We also allocate each class within the school an annual spend and are delighted to hear that the planning is already underway for this academic year, with digital cameras on the agenda for Years 3 and 4! Other regular contributions from the PTA go towards the hire of the Lenovo laptops and iPads used across all classes within the school, the well utilised Athletics subscriptions and other ad hoc spend for example last term we helped fund the Year 6 party.

Despite the challenges of this year, FNMR have been busy with new fundraising ideas and we went virtual for the first time with our hugely successful **Virtual Summer Fair!** Our auction, local sponsorship and live events (as well as the ever-popular Disco!) is likely to be repeated and made even better for our Christmas fair so watch this space for further details. Funds raised from the Summer Fair, combined with the class lockdown photos (arranged by a wonderful parent), the clothing sale and second hand school uniform sales so far have raised.....

over £2000 for the school!! An amazing achievement! 

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MEET THE NEW PTA TEAM

The lead PTA team had a complete overhaul back in April so we thought it would be a good idea to introduce your new team heads!



Chair - Rachel Tasker joined FNMR in 2017 and has 2 children currently attending the school. She has been actively involved in organising school Fairs, the Circus, gin tours and other events which involve the local community and raising money for our school. The aim after recently becoming Chair is to work with the team and the school to find new and interesting ways to raise funds, to involve and benefit all members of the school, and to work with the local community where possible to achieve this. Rachel's background is in Retail Merchandising, which she still does on a Freelance basis and Rachel is also passionate about interior design, crafting and MarioKart.

Vice Chair - Jenni Brunton joined the PTA in September 2019 when her eldest son joined Nine Mile Ride. Jenni was keen to join FNMR to get to know the wider school community and help raise funds for the school as she knows how limited these funds are. Outside of the PTA, Jenni juggles many hats besides being mummy to two boys. She runs a wellness company, teaching Pilates, offering holistic treatments and is an essential oil wellness advocate.

Vice Chair - Gemma Lee joined the PTA alongside Jenni in September 2019, when her son joined year 2. Gemma also has a daughter who recently turned 1. After 15 years in childcare and management, Gemma is taking a career break, so what better way to fill some of her time than to help the FNMR plan and organise fun filled events for everyone, get to know others in the school community, all whilst fundraising for the school. Gemma enjoys cooking, gardening and family days out.

Treasurer - Emma Shrimpton is a mum of 2 children, one currently at NMR, the other hopefully joining next year. Emma loves being outside, food, fitness and exercise, which is lucky really as she is a personal trainer. She also works part time as a finance business partner supporting children's services for the council, so has a real understanding of how little funds schools get, which prompted her to join the PTA to help give back. Emma also joined FNMR to widen her network of friends, have fun and maybe a glass or 2 of wine along the way.

Secretary - Jon Tanton Brown has been a part of the PTA for a few years now. He joined because he wanted to help the school raise as much money as possible, and he remembers his dad helping when he was at school so thought he'd carry on the family tradition!! In his spare time Jon enjoys cycling, walking, badminton, golf, football, poker but mainly spending time with his family. When Jon isn't busy doing his PTA role and being a dad, he has a data analytics consulting company, currently working with O2.

"Despite current circumstances, I am so excited about working with our fab team of enthusiastic PTA volunteers and the local PTA community to put on fun events for the pupils and parents of NMR school, and I am so grateful for the support we receive from all of the school community,"

Rachel Tasker, PTA Chair

HALLOWEEN



JOIN OUR SPOOKY TRAIL & HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Despite some restrictions this year, we want to make Halloween just as fun for our little ones whilst raising funds so please join us in getting this spooky party started!!

Virtual Halloween Disco

This year's Halloween disco will follow the huge success of the summer disco and be a virtual event taking place on **Thursday 22nd October. Purchase your tickets now!**

Lots of fun and games to be had including a scavenger hunt, music and goodie bags.

- Key Stage 1: 4pm-4.45pm
- Key Stage 2: 5pm-5.45pm



Spooky Trail

Maps are available to purchase for our Halloween spooky trail which will run from **Wednesday 28th October until Sunday 1st November.** Join in the fun and find the local community displays marked on the map.

NB: Please observe social distancing at all times and do not follow the trail in groups. Please do not approach doorways of those taking part

**ALL TICKETS & MAPS TO BE PURCHASED
VIA [PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FNMR](https://pta-events.co.uk/fnmr)**



GOOD QUALITY SECOND HAND UNIFORM



Please continue to donate your pre-loved quality logo'd Nine Mile Ride uniform to 79 Kiln Ride, Finchampstead.

All proceeds go directly back into the school.

We currently have lots of logo'd cardigans and jumpers across all ages ready for winter so please do check out the full stock list online at pta-events.co.uk/FNMR



PTA SPECIAL MENTIONS

a spot for our 'above and beyonders'

Thank you to parent **Gemma-Key Newton** for organising the class lockdown photos at the end of last term, a really great fundraising idea and important keepsake for the children. We raised over £480 for the school! Thank you.



Thank you to our previous PTA Chair and parent **Becky Daybell** for the very generous donation of a whopping 18 bags towards our school clothing collection last month. The event as a whole raised nearly £200 for the school! Amazing contribution, thank you!

Thank you to fellow PTA member and parent **Stuart Lee Lewington** for gifting a new boom box sound system to the school! A very kind donation which will be used and enjoyed by the whole school community for years to come, thank you!