



Friends of Discovery Academy School Newsletter 1

Who We Are

In December 2024, 10 parents and carers met with Mrs Windle to discuss the idea of starting a Discovery School Fundraising Group. This was the beginning of the Friends of Discovery School Academy, which is like a Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) but wider and open to people outside of the parent/ carer community if they would like to help us raise funds.

Why open it wider as a Friends Association rather than a PTA?

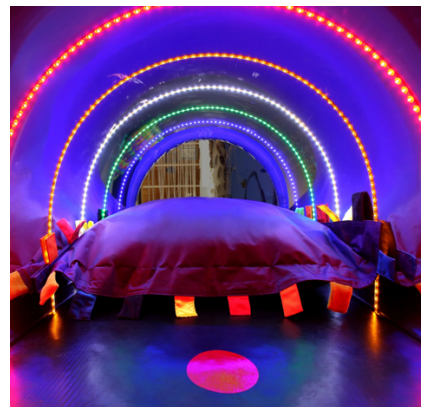
The parents and carers of our older children might want to continue to be members of this group after their children have left the school. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and others may want to help us fundraise and join the group. Maybe even people from outside the school community would like to help us fundraise. Everyone is welcome and parents and carers are automatically members.

How can you lend your support?

You can attend our regular meetings which a staff representative will always publicise well in advance. If you can't attend regularly but can drop by occasionally to say hello and share any ideas you have for fundraising you will always be welcome; or if groups are not your thing or you are just too busy, just come along to the events we organise and help out on the night or help by simply coming and spending your money.

Here's a list of a few things Mrs Windle said school would like the group to work towards purchasing for school:

- › Extending the outdoor gym
- › Sporting equipment and resources
- › A sound system/ karaoke
- › Small equipment used continuously- balls, cushions, sensory resources
- › Virtual Reality resources
- › Larger scale sensory equipment
- › Musical equipment



Mr Shirazi, who attended our January meeting, is also keen on fundraising to help get more children confidently performing on stage.

Getting Started

Friends of Discovery Academy School will be helping to organise the **March 7th Curry and Games Evening** and our next meeting on Wednesday at 1.00pm on 5th of February will be helping to plan that event.

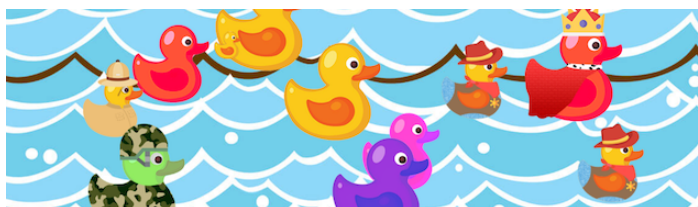
Here at Discovery we would like to invite you for a evening of fabulous entertainment to raise funds for the school. FDAS and school have worked together to organise a night of food, games and laughter. Tickets are priced at £5 per person this will include food and hot drinks (Cold drinks will be sold separately £1 each) bingo, raffle, open the box , quiz (additional cost applies) We hope you can join us We are looking forward to it and every penny raised goes back to the school and our children. Please feel free to bring along any friends or family to the evening. The evening will be cash only and entry tickets to be purchased in advance through school (please send money in a named envelope and how many tickets you require). This is a adult only event.

Other fundraising events to watch out for in this academic year:

Virtual Duck Race – 21st – 28th March

Jumble Sale in May

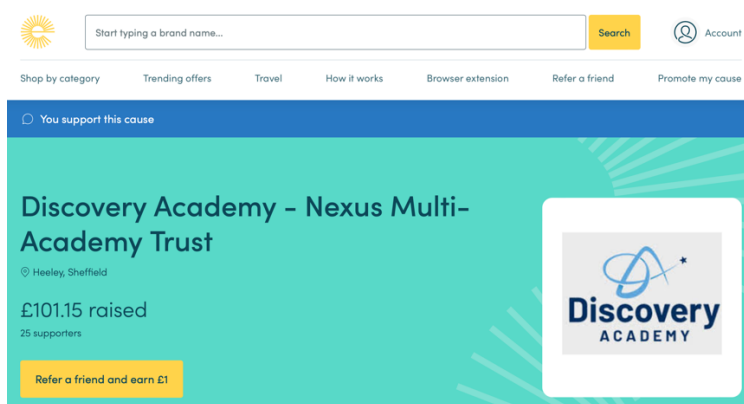
Car Boot Sale in July



easyfundraising

The school has an easyfundraising account, which means you can raise FREE donations for the school every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Discovery Academy when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – **at no extra cost to yourself!** These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to the school, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/discovery-academy-nexus-multi-academy-trust>



Date for your diary: the next meeting of Friends of Discovery Academy School is at 1.00pm on Wednesday 5th of February at school.

Please come along if you can. If you have not been before, you will be more than welcome.