

BRITISH EMBASSY STUDY GROUP
Friends Parent Teacher Association
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Core Committee:

President:	Mary Suphi
Vice President:	Ebru Sisman
Treasurer:	Holly Thomas
Secretary:	Cate Lyons
Infant Chair:	Sandra Kraushaar
Junior Chair:	Cigdem Erdogan

15th June, 2009

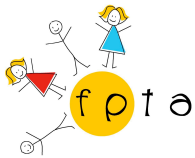
Dear Parents,

I would like to opening the Annual General Meeting of the 2008-2009 FPTA Committee by welcoming all the parents and staff who have attended tonight. According to the FPTA Constitution, which may be viewed on the BESG website, the purpose of the AGM is to elect new members of the Core Committee as well as to provide a full report of the year's activities and financial progress to the full membership of the FPTA i.e. parents, staff and friends of the school.

So I would like to begin by drawing your attention to the mission statement of the FPTA:

1. To raise funds to purchase goods and services that enhance The BESG's learning environment, over and above budgeted items.
2. To encourage parental involvement in The BESG.
3. To serve as a link between the BESG and parents.
4. To encourage activities which demonstrate staff appreciation.
5. To welcome and support new parents and families.
6. To involve families in social activities at The BESG.
7. To support The BESG during special events.

We have worked tirelessly to achieve these goals with the added honour of serving the school during the 50th Anniversary in 2009.

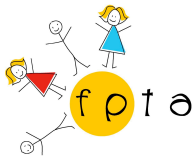


To this end, I would like to summarize the activities we have undertaken this year:

- Welcome BBQ
- Creation of FPTA logo
- Halloween Party for children
- Guy Fawkes Night
- Personalised Christmas Cards by children
- Christmas Gifts for Children
- Christmas Gifts for Non-Teaching Staff
- Refreshments at Christmas Productions
- Hot Chocolate Fridays (in association with School Council)
- Pancake Day
- Mamma Mia Dinner & Dance for children
- Easter Egg Hunt & first ever Art Exhibition
- 50th Anniversary Ball (in association with 50th Anniversary Committee)
- Hot Dog Lunch
- School Photographs
- Year Book
- Summer Fair
- Teacher's Appreciation Lunch
- Assisted events such as: Harvest Festival, Parent Teacher evenings, Sports Day, Leavers
- 2nd hand Uniform Sales
- Weekly Newsletter Articles
- Supported the school with 50th Anniversary Activities such as the website

We have many, many people to thank. We are very fortunate to have worked with a very special **School Council** this year who have demonstrated hard work and generosity. They assisted us with hot chocolate Fridays and when offered the proceeds, they offered it back to the FPTA so that a more substantial end of year purchase could be made for the school. To me that shows how successful **Andrea Gibson** has been in teaching these children the true meaning of participating on the School Council.

I have been humbled by the giving nature of the Core Committee that I have worked with for the past year. **Ebru Sisman** has been on the Core Committee for 2 years, this year as the Vice President and while running her own business, travelling internationally and raising 2 small girls, she has enhanced every event with her exceptional talent for design and decoration. **Cate Lyons** has been the Secretary, never once missed a committee meeting, taking minutes and sending out information. Cate added her professional skills to the yearbook, working with our designer, **Banu Onal** to produce an amazing yearbook - due out next week! **Holly Thomas** joined our school in September 2008 and without batting an eyelid, accepted my offer to be Treasurer on the committee. She has been patient, patient and patient with the process, with me and with the hundreds of pieces



of paper in multiple languages that come her way and has been fantastic at keeping our accounts. **Sandra Kraushaar** and **Cigdem Erdogan** have been very supportive in their roles as Infant and Junior Chairs, both working mums. **Bella Kim**, who left us in January was our Social Secretary from September and the gap was too big to fill when she left us!

I also want to thank the **Class Reps** and their **Class Rep Assistants** who have been hardworking, supportive and enthusiastic this year, as have all the staff. A big thank you to all.

As this was the 50th Anniversary, the FPTA worked in association with the Board of Governors and the school, to host the first ever Ball. It was an outstanding success and one which the entire Anniversary Committee should feel proud: **Heleen van Rossem, Anne Godfrey, Vanessa Atacocugu, Nicky Weisser** and the incomparable **Angela Atherton**.

However, my biggest expression of gratitude goes to **Dawn Akyurek** and **Melek Burton** who have made my job easier with their encouragement and support. I continually refer to Melek as the 'glue that holds the school together' and I am sure no-one would disagree. So thank you all from me!

Our official business tonight also includes the stepping down of members of the Core Committee and the election of new Core Committee members in their place. Vacant positions of the core committee for academic year 2009-2010 are as follows: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Secretary, Infant Chair and Junior Chair. The Constitution states:

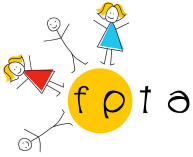
ARTICLE VI: ELECTION OF THE CORE COMMITTEE

Section 6.1: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee will each year be responsible for the recruitment of potential candidates to serve on the Core Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the President, the Infant and Junior Chairs, one staff representative and one person from the general membership. In April, the Nominating Committee will be responsible for announcing the elections and then recruiting candidates for the upcoming FPTA elections to be held at the May AGM.

Section 6.2: ELECTIONS

At the May Annual General Meeting, the slate of nominees shall be presented. Additional nominees may be presented from the floor provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Election shall be by voice except when there is more than one candidate for a particular office, in which case the vote shall be by secret ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be elected. If there are more than two candidates and no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, there shall be a runoff between the top two candidates.



In the absence of anyone coming forward for these positions up until this moment, I shall open to the floor, each position and ask if anyone would like to nominate a candidate for a position. The candidate will be duly elected once the nomination has been seconded (if only one person comes forward for each position).

Election Process.

Core Committee elections are now closed.

I would like to thank you all for coming and to wish the newly elected Core Committee and new FPTA committee the best of luck and much success in the coming year.

I would now like to hand over to the FPTA Treasurer for her end of year financial report.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Suphi
Outgoing FPTA President