



Roseberry Academy

Friends & Teachers



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Although we've had a tricky end to the academic year, we've had a really successful year of fundraising. We'd like to thank all the teachers, school staff, parents, friends and local businesses who have supported RAFT this year.

We've managed to raise **£2,518.33** this year through two cinema nights, Christmas cards and printing, two cake sales, two Bags2School collections, performance raffles and photos and the sale of the school tea towels. We try to make sure that our fundraising provides opportunities for the children to have fun, a few cakes and for parents to win a few raffle prizes or create special memories of their children such as the Christmas cards.

This money we raise each year goes towards the school **Enrichment Fund** and also any other equipment and materials that teachers need which the school is unable to fund.

The Enrichment Fund

This funds school trips and extra activities to enhance our children's learning. We have an allocation of £10 per child per year which means that the price of school trips is lowered for parents. It also means that usually we need to raise £2230 each year for this fund alone before we can spend anything else. Clearly this year children have missed out on planned trips, but our fundraising activity has been restricted as well.

As it is difficult to plan for the future and what (if any) trips may happen in the next academic year, **we've allocated each teacher a starting amount of £100** for any classroom projects or activities to help enhance their teaching. If and when trips can resume then we will continue to subsidise these in the usual way (providing we can carry on fundraising!).



As we look ahead to September it would be great if we had some more volunteers to help and support our work. Whether you'd like to come to our termly meetings or just be on our volunteer lists if we ever need helping hands.

You can email raft@roseberryacademy.org or keep an eye out for details of our first meeting in the new term.

How we've spent the money

This year we've spent just under £1,800 on additional equipment, activities and support for the school. This includes:

- Footballs, playground equipment and storage
- Gardening tools, seeds, plants and fencing for a new garden area
- Car mats, cars and k'nex for wet play time
- Party food and prizes for class Christmas parties
- Two new sofas for the library area in the upper school
- Teachers' Twinkle subscription
- Payment for Times Table Rockstars
- Modroc for Y3/4 project
- Plus a contribution to the school text service



We have also spent just over £800 on subsidising school trips and visits which has included Zoolab for year 2, Mrs Murton and Mrs Davies classes, The Christmas Elf trail for EYFS and years 1 & 2, Year 4 & 5 trip to the Dorman Museum and a trip to Beamish for Year 5 and 6.

A message from the Principal _

Whenever I think of Roseberry, I think of a family. As a family, we know each other well. We care for one another, share the ups and downs of life and support one another - always. Never has the strength of our school family been more evident than during the recent pandemic. As soon as we heard the announcement from the Prime Minister that, within 48 hours, school gates were to close to all but the most vulnerable of children and the children of Key Workers, everyone pulled together to put a plan of action into place.

In the midst of the planning, I was contacted by members of RAFT to ask if there was anything they could do to help. The RAFT committee is made up of people like you and me – people with households to run, with work and home-learning to juggle. This situation was new and uncertain for them, too. However, they didn't stop to think of themselves – they thought of our school family. I was touched at their care and warmed by their generosity of thought. They asked if there was anything practical that needed to be done and if there were resources we would need. RAFT understands how financially challenged we are as a school and how the funding of schools has never been kind to those within North Yorkshire.

They ordered pencils, rubbers, whiteboard pens and rulers so that, when children returned to school, we could ensure that each child had their own resources to use, in order to uphold our strict hygiene procedures. Members used their work connections to donate hand sanitiser and surface cleaner for use within school.

RAFT works tirelessly to arrange a variety of fun activities throughout the year to raise money for our school, providing the extras that our budget just cannot support. They meet on a regular basis but meetings are never stuffy or cliquey – they are friendly, yet professional, and get the work of supporting our children done quickly and effectively. It is a well led, well run, committee with the feel of a family and it welcomes new members with tea and coffee, cake and a smile.

I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to the members of RAFT for their dedication, creativity and sheer hard work behind the scenes throughout the year, ensuring that all of our children benefit from the funds that they raise. They are always the first to arrive at an event and the last to leave, but never complain. They do this amazing job because they care. They care about their children and yours. They are valued members of our Roseberry family – and we are blessed to have them!

Thank you, RAFT.