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Friends of Meersbrook Bank School

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What a fantastic few months of fundraising!

We've still got a long way to go, but we're creeping a little closer to our full playground renovation target of £200,000! Take a look at the last page for the incredible fundraising that has taken place over this term - we're currently at a total for the term of **£20,203** towards the playground fund!



This phenomenal fundraising has been a true team effort - the children, teachers, office staff, parents, relatives and generous members of our community have all played their part in getting us to this point and we're immensely grateful.

Work has already started in the Foundation playground and the children have been very excited to see the fun new equipment being added. The work has been planned in phases, so the top yard and bottom yard have got plenty of improvements to come too and we're hoping to have the funds to start on those as soon as possible.

We've got lots of plans to keep the fundraising going next year and would love you to join us in any way you can. We've got an FMBS social event planned at the Cross Scythes on **Wednesday 17th January** - please come along and meet some friendly faces, we'd love to get to know more of the parents at the school.

Our Aviva fund closes on Christmas Eve, so there's still time to send out any final pleas for donations on social media if you haven't already - let's nudge the total up as much as we can before it closes! The link to share is: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/project-playground-mbs>

If you pop into the big Tesco on Abbeydale Road, the Tesco Express in Birley or Tesco Express in Totley between now and **mid-January**, don't forget to add blue tokens to the Meersbrook Bank box. If we get the most blue tokens when this closes, we'll get another £1500!

Thank you so much to everyone that has generously donated time, money, cakes, gifts and anything else over the last few months. Every donation helps to make a difference and it's fantastic to see everyone working together to make the playground more fun for our kids.

A huge thank you as well to Mick Coldwell, our fantastic lollipop man! Mick generously donated his time and skills to frame the Arctic Monkeys prize and helped us to raise such a lot of money with that prize draw. If you see Mick, please say thank you!

Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time to help out at the Christmas Fair - it was slightly chaotic but great fun and all of our volunteers worked really hard to make it happen. Special mention to Santa and his Chief Elf, Mrs Bayarri, who made the Grotto such a magical experience for the children. And another special mention to the fantastic Y6 kids who came up with and ran the games at the fair, they were all brilliant!

We've been so impressed with all of the children's sponsored activities - please say an extra special thank you from us to your kids if they got involved, it was really lovely to see so many different fundraising ideas.

Our local community has been incredibly generous too - we are extremely grateful to Andrew Hulse from UHY Hacker Young, who has donated an amazing £1500 to our playground fund!

And finally, a big thank you to Mrs Harvey, who has put in so much work to plan the new playground - it has taken a huge amount of time and effort to get to this point but it's amazing to see the plans, they look incredible!

We hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas and we look forward to getting you all involved in some more fun events next year.

Thank you so much for your support and best wishes,

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Spring term Key FMBS dates:

- Mid-January Tesco community grants (blue tokens) closes
- Wednesday 17th January - FMBS social at the Cross Scythes
- TBC - evening in late January - FMBS general meeting at the Cross Scythes
- Friday 9th February - Bake sale
- Friday 8th March - Quiz night
- Thursday 21st March - Spring disco
- Friday 22nd March - Bake sale

Autumn term 2023 FUNDRAISING TOTAL £20,203.22

Reindeer
food - £111
(so far!)

Aviva
Crowdfunder -
£8276 (so far!)

Arctic Monkeys prize
draw - £4864.74

Christmas Fair,
Christmas raffle and
refreshments sales at
christmas events -
£1669.53

Local giving - £500

Pitchfork Trust - £1000

Donation from UHY Hacker Young - £1500

Halloween bake sale - £166.95

Teachers' sponsored run - £2115

