



THE MAIN HALL



GRIMSDYKE

CHRISTMAS FAIR



WE DID IT. We actually did it. We managed to put on the Christmas Fair - after an absence of a year thanks to a national lockdown...and what an affair it was! It was bigger and better than ever before, thanks to the hard work of FOGS, the school staff and you, the parents.

The planning starts quite early on to accommodate the collection of teddies, books, toys and tombola items from the children as well as prizes for the raffle from local businesses. The responses this year were absolutely fantastic allowing FOGS to offer great value items at the fair and the best ever prizes in the raffle!

Execution of the fair itself starts in the week of the fair with the selling of tokens and programmes, food preparation and then setting up as many of the stalls and the grottos the night before, ready for the school community (and Santa) to descend on the school.

There was a lovely family atmosphere and a real buzz around the school as its community had the chance to come together, albeit whilst responsibly observing COVID19-protocols. We have to deal with these challenges to allow us to continue to have school events that ultimately benefit the children.

FOGS continues to deliver something different where possible. Firstly, on the food front, we added a new dish to the menu this year which was well received...and we sold out of literally everything in record time this year, so we will need to ensure we make more next year! The silent disco proved really popular this year with many kids strutting their stuff and expressing themselves on the dance floor.



All That Glitters...



A whistle stop tour of the fair...



GOOD OL' SANTA MAKING KIDS SMILE



NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS POPPING!



NEW FOGS UNIFORM BEING MODELLED



SANTA'S GROTTTO - NAUGHTY & NICE!



The top raffle prizes this year were so very generously donated by local businesses; these included a helicopter ride (**Dilip Kandaiah - AFP Pinner**), personal training sessions (**Energy 360**), a massive toy bundle to make any child happy this Xmas (**Toy Galaxy**) and a £200 Amazon voucher (**Robertson Phillips**) amongst many more. Well done to the lucky winners of any of the raffle prizes...and thank you so much to all the donors of prizes that had a total worth of over £1000! We are so lucky to have such generous support. Some other supporters of the fair:

Prize Donors:

Social Dhaba
Ket Patel (*plus food donation*)
Smoothies Dry Cleaners
Hatch End Hardware
Dona Theresa
Sea Pebbles
Cutting Edge II, Northwood Hills
Domino's Pizza
Hatch End Motor Spares
Wenzels

Bakes by Asha

Jack Harvey London

Hatch End Eyecare

PSD Sports

Penny (Personal Trainer)

Morrisons

Sakonis, Hatch End

Made With Love India

Food donors:

Pragna & Ketan Patel

Dilip Kandaiah & Rakhee Shah

Dimple & Raj Kothary

Tina & Rasmeet Kambo

Selma Powell

Nihar Jimulia

Dee Radia

Ila Shah

Bhavisha & Mitesh Shah

Amit Patel & Sonia Anand

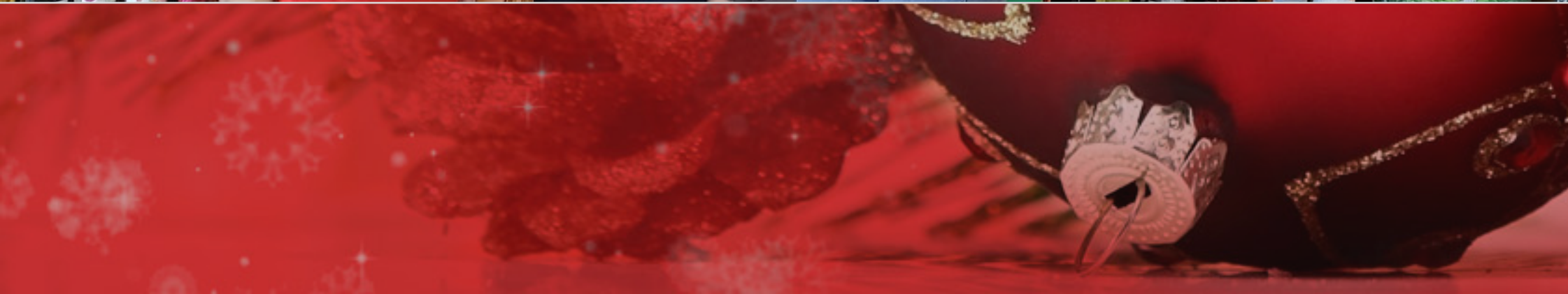
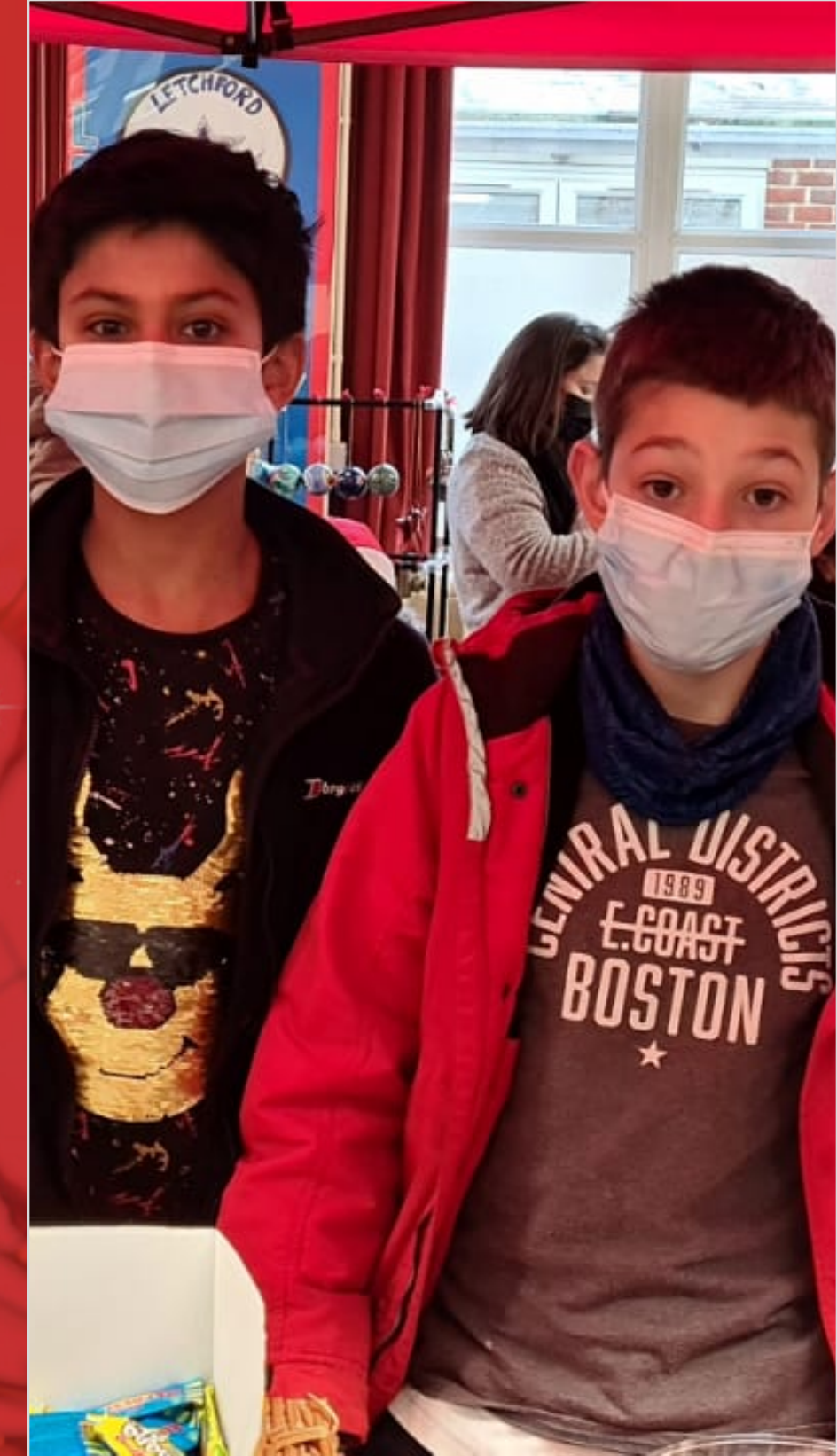
Vikrant Doshi

Roshni & Moon Manji

Minal Patel

Plus all the lovely volunteers and school staff that took time out of their day. Even a little help goes a long way, and they did more than a little!

We have also struck a great partnership with some external suppliers who enjoyed trading at the fair: BioWare Products, Fragrance Plus, A Life On Canvas by Smita and Made With Love India



Some feedback...

"The fair had so many different things to do that the 4 hours just went so quickly!"

"Although my kids loved the pizza, they didn't know what they were missing out on... the curries were amazing - as usual."

"I couldn't believe the buzz in all the rooms...everyone was genuinely so happy to be there"

"The external stall holders were all impressed with the how well it was organised and one commented on what a lovely community we have. Well done everyone 🙌"

"Being a volunteer I now know how much work goes into setting up an event like this. The FOGS team works tirelessly to make sure that everything goes smoothly for everyone attending. It's impressive to witness from the inside."

"Hey Neil, I had a great time, I hope you did too. Please will you let the FOGS team know that I think they did an amazing job. The fair was beautifully organised and run - very impressive. Thank you so much for the support you give to the school and our children. All the care really shows, and is appreciated."





This year the fair raised a whopping **£7,789** (which may go up to an unbelievable **£10,289** if all our match funding requests are fulfilled). This is a phenomenal amount and the highest we've ever raised at Xmas!

Please contact us if the company you work for operates a match-funding or donation-matching scheme and we will take care of whatever needs to be done.

The Fair is an opportunity for everyone to help one another, spend quality time with family and friends and the wider community. If there are ways in which we can make it better, or you have ideas on how to make it different, please get in touch.

If you would like to get involved more, please contact any FOGS member to offer your services.



CLASS OF 2021



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT EVENTS:

MOVIE NIGHT

4th FEBRUARY 2022

THE AGM & QUIZ NIGHT

18th MARCH 2022

