



*Family Fun Night – Friday 06 March 2020*  
*Beetle Drive, Books, Baguettes*  
*(Beetle Drive Review by Rachel Blythe)*

### **Event description**

60-70 tickets sold. Tickets mainly sold in advance in the covered area in the playground. The first half of the event (5.45pm – 6.45pm) was donated international food. This included barszcz czerwony czysty made by the some primary 6s. There was a story with a prize for smaller children. Beetle drive itself began at 6.45pm. 4 Beetle Drive prizes won at the event and also a book prize for the evening story. The event ended at 8.15pm.

### **Event thoughts**

- The aim was a quieter event, which was not another disco and which gave parents an opportunity to get to know each other better. This aim was achieved. We had positive comments about running this different event.
- The event broke even, but made only a little money.
- If running again, we could make slightly more profit. Decisions around volume of prizes/catering could be better tailored to the size of the event. Haris [father of Fajr, p1b] had some good ideas about a book raffle as part of the event. This would have raised more money and have been fun, but we could not run one, without more adult helpers.
- A repeated comment about why people were not attending, especially from parents with children in p5-p7, was that the children were not keen on a Beetle Drive. So wondering about trying a Spring event, designed by the Pupil Council – what are they interested in? If those buying the tickets see the children as the decision makers, perhaps we should try this too? We could take the children's ideas and help them turn these ideas into an event.
- I would be happy to see a Primary 7 leavers' stall at all/any F@B events, raising its own money for the Primary 7 leavers' event. This adds an extra buzz to an event. It means that more people are promoting and interested in the event and are helping to organise, set up, tidy up, buy tickets or buy sold goods at the event.
- We had a small attempt to promote other Parent Council activities at the event – the next Parent Council meeting, the Summer Fair, EMF, Growing and Cooking. This attempt ran out of planning time a bit, but it makes sense

to have a Parent Council information stall, promoting other PC/F@B activities, at a quieter event, like this. Repeat this element?

- The Beetle Drive element tended not to be completed at tables with smaller children. Also some confusion over the exact rules at various tables.

### **Event Finances**

By 2pm on 06 March £88 was collected via ticket sales, with around 60 tickets sold. A few more tickets sold on the door. £68 spent on making tickets, buying prizes and on baguettes. Some of the Parent Council's stock of drinks and crisps/sweets, was sold at the event, as were teas and coffees. No charge for donated food.

### **Primary 7 leavers' stall**

Primary 7 leavers' stall – second hand books and handmade bookmarks – made £18 during the evening. Well done to Abbey, Kayla and Brooke! They are interested in running this stall again at the Summer Fair.

### **Thanks**

Thanks to all attendees

Thanks to all helpers at the event including: Haris, the Desborough family: Lori, Michael and Abbey [p7a] and also to Kayla [p4], Brooke White [p7a], Bence Solymar and Imre [p5b], Rebecca Winterstein, and Anna Robiczkoa.

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Thanks to event planners: Haris, Ailsa McMullan and Jenni Longstaff