

NORTH BAY EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL

Executive Committee (EC) Fundraising Policy

General principles

- North Bay is a child-centred environment. Children have the right to pursue their learning without the influence of any commercial pressures.
- The EC is committed to fundraising activities that are consistent with North Bay's Ethical Core Curriculum (ECC):
 - To ensure that fundraising does not result in undue exposure of children to mass media and consumerism
 - To take into account environmental considerations and to support conservation wherever possible
 - To be non-discriminatory with regard to gender, class, ethnicity, ability or lifestyle
 - To reflect, where possible, the cultural and linguistic diversity of the school and the wider community
 - To include children actively and creatively where appropriate; children are not to be involved in direct fundraising
 - To ensure parents and guardians do not feel under undue pressure in relation to financial contributions; parents and guardians contribute to the school in many different and significant ways, including working with the teachers and children e.g., paired reading, going on trips, coaching school teams, being on committees, organising events, gardening and maintenance in the school.

Purposes

- To provide, at the request of the Board of Management, funds for the running of the school, including general running costs and occasional costs, e.g., equipment
- To pay the school insurance annually
- To facilitate events that give parents/guardians the opportunity to contribute to their school community socially, creatively and culturally, as well as financially
- To maintain a reasonable level of financial security in case of emergencies or for future development

Fundraising practices to date

1. Direct contributions:
 - a) Envelope day
OR
 - b) Standing order
 - c) Copper pots

The letter requesting the voluntary contribution (envelope day or standing order) is the most direct request for money posted to each household of children attending the school. Parents are asked to contribute within their means and their contribution is confidential. While their contribution is important to the school, it is a voluntary contribution and is only one of many ways in which parents can contribute to the school. Collection of the voluntary contribution is the sole responsibility of the Executive Committee.

2. Fundraising events with a social/cultural aspect:
 - a) Annual - these are whole school events involving children, staff and families:
 - (i) Christmas cards - creative artistic contribution from children in designing card each year; multilingual greeting reflecting cultural diversity in school;
 - (ii) Calendars - enthusiastically received by children, parents and extended family and friends;
 - (iii) Summer fair - annual social and cultural family event.
 - b) Special Occasions:

The recommendation is that one major event be held in any one year:

 - (i) International food fair - popular social and culinary event that takes place in spring every second year, supporting multicultural ethos of the school;
 - (ii) Table quiz - not a major event to organise and is a fun social event;
 - (iii) Theme night - e.g., Cuban night, combining music, dancing and food very successfully;
 - (iv) Auction - generates substantial funds and is usually held every second or third year.

Annual Christmas raffle is held in early December, involving sale of raffle tickets to family and friends.

This is the list of current active fundraising events. New ideas are always welcome.