

Friends of Ernest Bevin School newsletter

Dear staff, students and families,

EBC staff bids

The FEBS committee has raised donations to spend on a variety of new equipment and resources for our students' education at Ernest Bevin College. After our AGM in November 2021, we asked staff to submit a FEBS funding bid and in response FEBS has purchased the following:

1. Scola Air Drying Modelling Clay

Currently the college does not have a kiln. However, to re-introduce and deliver ceramics into the curriculum the art department wanted to purchase air drying clay to give as many students as possible the opportunity to work with this material and to experience ceramics as an extra curricular project.

2. Guitars

Five small guitars have been bought for students taking part in peripatetic instrument lessons in KS3, learning how to play the guitar.

FEBS parental engagement survey

The survey has been sent via MyED and for those who would like to have their say it will only take a few minutes. All our families of students are members of Friends of Ernest Bevin School. Our fundraising efforts have already enhanced the education and experience of the boys in the college and will continue to do so with your support. We would like to get to know you and the events/activities that interest you so please don't forget to have your say and take part in the survey by clicking on the link to the message sent on 2nd February. For those families who submitted their reply, thank you for your responses, your input is invaluable.

National Random Acts of Kindness Day

Takes place on Thursday 13th February 2022 and we wanted to show kindness and appreciation to our wonderful staff within the EBC community. To help us **Sainsbury's** have very kindly donated hot drink sachet/tbags and chocolate bars that will be given to staff by the SLT to **#MugAColleague** for doing a fabulous job.

Match funding

A MASSIVE thank you to **Accenture and Benevity** for their recent **match funding of £140**. FEBS has been incredibly lucky to have the support of an EBC and FEBS volunteer who has used their matched funding scheme through their employer to boost our fundraising efforts.

There are lots of companies that offer employees the chance to 'match' any money we raise – it's a very simple process that involves filling in a form. It's an easy way for FEBS to raise more money through parents and carers' employers. **Accenture and Mrs Freeman** have contributed over the last few years and this has made an incredible difference to what we can fund at Ernest Bevin College and we're thankful for their continued support. Please do check with your employer if they offer matched funding schemes, as this would allow us to move ahead with bigger projects in the future.



Amazon shoppers

With half term next week don't forget you can shop for **Valentine's Day** and easily raise money at no extra cost when you choose 'Friends of Ernest Bevin School' on www.smileamazon.co.uk and it won't cost you a single penny extra [well apart from the cost of your own shopping! 😊].

This will make a HUGE difference to FEBS and it only takes 2 minutes to sign up by clicking here: https://smile.amazon.co.uk/charity/my-impact?encoding=UTF8&ref=navm_accountmenu_smile

and follow these 4 easy and simple steps:



STEP ONE ❤️ sign into smile.amazon.co.uk

STEP TWO ❤️ Go to **Your Account** & select **Change your charity**

STEP THREE ❤️ Select **'Friends of Ernest Bevin School'**

STEP FOUR ❤️ Start **shopping** 🛒

WHAT'S IN YOUR AMAZON CART TODAY?

FEBS open meeting

Join us on Thursday 3rd March at 7pm on Zoom and stay informed and make a difference. Details to follow on MyED.

Finally, from us all here at FEBS we wish the Bevin community a pleasant and restful half term.

Thank you for ongoing support!
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