



Friends of Grange PTA – Minutes of Meeting

Date	Friday 7th October 2016
Attendees	Julian- (Josiah, Isaac, Esther). Jehan – (Ahmar, Rayyan). Samuel – (Iphraim, Anastasia), Samuel. Asma –(Akramul, Eliza). Sultanara – (Eshan U, Sara). Kulwinder – (Sajelpreet.) Shagufta.
Topics of discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Why are we starting a PTA • Ideas for the future: - <u>social events</u> for parents and children – movie nights, quiz nights, family bbq. <u>ESOL</u>, <u>workshops</u> for parents CV/job application, e safety, reading, <u>SATs</u>, <u>Parent Volunteer Group</u> – bakers, arts and crafts, reading, trips. • Input and suggestions from parents– flipchart • Next Event?

Minutes

- The start discussion was based around why we are setting up a PTA and what it is for.
- Links between home and school for the children.
- Events and fundraising.
- Beneficial for the children, creating a better atmosphere. Children like to see their parents around school involved in their school life.
- Parents then wrote down their suggestions for the school, what they would like to see happening:-
 - Multi lingual letters for parents
 - Basic first aid for parents and children.
 - Emphasis on healthy eating (party days as well)
 - Cooking lessons with parents
 - Attendance – why does sickness affect their attendance
 - English classes for parents
 - Community resources – what can we do around Newham, what is available to us?
 - Craft activities
- Parents said they would like to see more workshops and activities available in school for parents and also for parents and their children to do together.
- Concerns were raised about attendance and worries about percentages going down due to illness. It was explained that this is part of the LA structure and will be put down as unauthorised absence, however as a school we are aware whether the reason children are absent is either due to illness or medical.
- Would like to see other parents and carers who cannot speak English involved and supported through ESOL classes.
- Next meeting will be based around fundraising for *Children in Need*.