

GREENBANK MINIBUS

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

Following discussions and extensive research over the last few months, FoG has decided to focus all its fund-raising efforts, for this academic year and the next, on raising sufficient funds to buy and run a Greenbank minibus.

We are under no illusion as to the enormity of the goal we've set. Simply put, this is the biggest single fund-raising effort FoG has ever undertaken. However, we feel that the benefits to the children and Greenbank are completely worth the effort. For it to be successful, though, we need as much help and support as you can provide!!

If we can raise enough money (at least £20k by July 2023), we aim to order the minibus this summer, so it's ready by Christmas.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Having considered various options (including leasing, electric and hybrid options), we have concluded that the best approach is to purchase a new or nearly new petrol/diesel 17- seater minibus at a cost of circa £40k. Our plan is to keep the minibus for 5 years, then sell it and replace it with, ideally, an electric vehicle.

WHY A MINIBUS?

Greenbank takes immense pride in the sheer diversity of its extra-curricular provision as the school feels that this enables our children to pursue all of their different talents and interests. As such, Greenbank organises a multitude of activities for our children in Nursery, Preschool, and School that take place off-site including day trips, residential trips and sporting activities/fixtures.

To date, Greenbank has used coaches for a number of activities (eg swimming lessons, day trips) and relied on parents to transport children to off-site sporting activities and fixtures. When children join Junior school, there can be many off-site activities in any one week. This places a significant burden on busy parents and, on some occasions, sadly there hasn't been enough volunteers. This has resulted in activities having to be cancelled at the last minute, leaving us with some very disappointed children.

A Greenbank minibus would avoid this disappointment and take the burden off parents. Class size permitting, it can also be used for trips where a coach would have otherwise been used, thereby reducing the overall cost of that activity. As an extra bonus, as the minibus would be liveried up with the school's details, it will be a great marketing tool for Greenbank.

HOW WILL WE FUND IT?

So far this year, we've raised just under, £10k. This means we need to raise another £30k by July 2024...

- Through our usual fund-raising activities e.g Family FUNdraiser, school fairs etc;
- Asking parents, grandparents, and anyone with a connection to the school (eg alumni) to make a one-off donation towards the cost of purchasing the minibus;
- Offering a sponsorship package to businesses whereby, in return for a £5k donation, they can have their name placed in a prominent position on the minibus.

If we can raise at least £20k by July 2023, Greenbank will loan FoG the balance, enabling us to buy the minibus this summer.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Support and attend our fundraising events, and donate a prize if you can.
- Ask your employer if they have a match funding scheme and if they are willing to match fund any of our events.
- Make a one-off donation by filling out the pledge form.
- Do you have a connection to a business that may be interested in our sponsorship package? If so, email office@greenbankschool.co.uk using the reference MINIBUS to let us know and we will let you have further details.
- Lotterbee - Sign up and ask grandparents or other family members to sign up!! It's £1 a number, and you can buy as many as you like. (prize: £25 most draws, £100 Christmas and Summer Fair draws)

THANK YOU (IN ADVANCE!) FOR YOUR SUPPORT