



# THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from Soho Parish

23/06/2022

## Headline

The Soho Food Feast was a roaring success, raising more than Food Feast 2019! Due to higher costs this year, the profit for the school was a slightly lower but still 'whopping'

# £34,003.50!

We are so grateful to the army of **parents and staff - current and ex - and friends of the school** who volunteered for face painting, ticket sales, bar work and much much more. Without you, the Food Feast would not happen. A special mention to **Paul Yusuf, our Premises Manager**, who worked solidly from Friday evening to Monday morning.



As always, we are indebted to **the restaurants** who give so generously of their time, skill and ingredients. It was generally agreed that 2022 was the most delicious ever! Without the restaurants, the Food Feast would not happen (can you sense a theme?). The full list of restaurants is included at end of this Scoop. Please pop in and say thank you if you are passing, or better still – stay for a meal!

We were particularly pleased to welcome back **Margot and Fergus Henderson** (Rochelle Canteen and St John's) with their grown up children who attended Soho Parish. How wonderful to see Hector as a professional chef now, having been his teacher in Year 6! The Food Feast was Margot's brainchild so we were delighted to have her back to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



We were also delighted to provide **Chef Amy** with her own stall (first time the school has done this) in conjunction with **Chefs in Schools charity**. The brisket buns were delicious and most people mistook us for another Soho restaurant! Well done, Amy and Nicole – our children eat so well!

Our major Sponsors, **Shaftesbury and Hearst Magazine (Good Housekeeping)** were once again very good to us, enabling us to make all the necessary purchases in advance of the

event. Without the cushion of events from previous years, this sponsorship was essential – without it the Food Feast could not even get started!

We are also grateful to **Greene King, Portobello Brewery, Happy J's and King of Soho Gin** for drinks sponsorship.

The wonderful entertainment, all provided at no cost to the school, was particularly enjoyable this year.

We are thankful for -

The demos: **Margot Henderson of Rochelle Canteen, Jackie and Jana (Chef /Tao's mum), Neil Borthwick of the French House, Mamma Pastrama and Luca Dusi of Passione Vino.**

The DJs: **DJ Stuart, DJ Dave Flack, DJ Tom Gray**

The bands: **Wandering Soul, Steve and Ben Somers, Allan and Anya Rose Barbazza**

The judges: **Mia and Kezia from Junior Bake off and Rev'd Simon**



PTA – **Mary, Melissa and the PTA committee** organised a fabulous raffle and carried out lots of promotion for that and the event itself. In addition to loooong stints selling merchandise! We are very grateful.

Finally, and from the bottom of my heart, I thank **Anna Ashford** who co-ordinated this event magnificently in the face of huge challenges. This year, hospitality is sorely challenged by lack of available staff and restaurants were having to pull out right up to midnight on the eve of the event. Anna kept her nerve and I'm sure you'll agree that a wonderful feast was enjoyed by all who attended. Anna was ably supported by **Steven Tooley**, our ex-Deputy, with an amazing social media campaign and **Pedro Ramos-Pinto**, who co-ordinated the volunteers and acts so brilliantly, as well as numerous other jobs which were needed along the way. Thank you too to **Lucy Tammam**, who may have left the school and FF committee as a parent, but manned the volunteer tent on both days.

*Louise*

The funding from the Food Feast helps us to fill our 'funding gap' caused by our smaller class sizes (due to our small Victorian classrooms). It provides teaching support for pupils with SEN, supplements our healthy Chef-cooked meals and enables curriculum enrichment activities. We are so pleased to have it back after two years' absence and we can't wait for 2023!

## Diary Dates

27<sup>th</sup> June – School photos

WC 4<sup>th</sup> July – Active week

8<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to parents

10<sup>th</sup> July – Soho Parish Sunday service at St Anne's

18<sup>th</sup> July – International Evening

20<sup>th</sup> July – Meet the teacher morning

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Class 6 leavers' event

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1:30pm – Last day of term

# BE THE MAYOR OF SOHO FOR A YEAR

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity has arisen for one of you to become the **MAYOR OF SOHO**.



The winning mayor will receive a framed certificate giving them the Freedom of Soho for the year with additional prizes.

Last year's winner, Michael Y6, has done a tremendous job of representing the school in local events.

The Mayor will also officially open the Soho Village Fete on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July in St Anne's Gardens at 12 noon, wearing traditional Mayoral robes.

Just write a short application, which has been sent with this Scoop, explaining why you would make a good Mayor of Soho and any ideas you have for improving our local area. We would

like the winning piece of writing to be read out loud, either by yourself if you wish, or by an adult. You may also end up in the local newspaper!

**All entries must be received by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July.** The panel (Louise, Rev. Simon and Michael) will convene to choose our Mayor on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July and the winner will be announced in our assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

# GADGETEERS

This year's Summer Reading Challenge theme is **Gadgeteers**, created in partnership with **Science Museum Group** and illustrated by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford. This year's theme 'Gadgeteers' will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. With resources and activities from the Science Museum Group, the Challenge focuses on inspiring children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science are for everyone.

The Challenge and the accompanying book collection will show that imagination can unlock endless possibilities, and the library is where this starts. Through taking part in the Challenge, with free packs from public libraries or on the children's website, children will be able to join six fictional 'Gadgeteers.' The characters use their curiosity and wonder to understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

**The Challenge will launch in libraries in Scotland and N.I. on Saturday 25 June and in England and Wales on Saturday 9 July.** Children can also join in the fun online, [here on the official Challenge website](#).

### If you are looking for something to read in the meantime...

As the writer of the Scoop, self-promotion feels a bit cheeky! But I'd like to share with you all a project that I've been working on for the past few years (I

actually used the book as part of my interview at Soho Parish in 2017!). It is a picture book about an alien's first journey to planet Earth and all the 'Why on Earth?!' questions they have. It is available to [purchase on Amazon here](#).



### ★★★★★ Curious kids

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 15 June 2022

#### Verified Purchase

Beautifully written poem book, great for children of all ages. Have just read to my baby and looking forwards to reading to my 8 year old - will definitely spark conversation and is a brilliant way for curious minds to think about the world we live in!



City of Westminster

# ART AND POETRY COMPETITION 2022



Open to all children and young people in Westminster.

Theme: **'Peace and My Faith'**

To enter visit: [westminster.gov.uk/faith-exchange](https://westminster.gov.uk/faith-exchange)

Closing date: **8 July 2022**

**GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!**

