



REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- FC24/020

Committee:-	Finance and Governance Committee
Date:-	17 th July 2024
Author:-	Martin Hammond, Clerk
Report Title:-	Request for funding – St Mary’s CEVA Primary School – 125 th anniversary
Wards Affected:-	William Knibb

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the committee’s views on a request for funding from St Mary’s CEVA Primary School towards projects celebrating and marking its 125th anniversary

2. Recommendations

The committee’s views are requested

3. Information

3.1. St Mary’s school is 125 years old in September this year and they have chosen to mark this anniversary by developing a series of projects, for which they are seeking funding from this Council and other organisations. They already have secured £1000 from Kettering Old Grammar School Foundation, and support in kind from Groundwork Trust towards a garden creation.

3.2. The projects proposed are:-

- Creating a professional video of living history to be screened in 2025 - cost implication £880
- Community events to promote, obtain and gather images, memories and messages - cost implication £540
- Commemorative art work using reclaimed items from the community of those linked to St Marys school - £440
- Memorial garden with time capsule - £680
- Digitising photos to preserve the history of the town: £800

Total cost £3340

- 3.3. Whilst focusing a lot of their effort in September, this project is a year long project and the school will be hosting the final viewing of all photos, video and celebrating this school's proud traditions. The school is very proud of its heritage as one of the oldest foundations of a school in Kettering. They want to capture the stories and create memories, mark the passing of time and plant a time capsule to be opened in 50 years time. They aim to create living history of the stories of those who have been part of this educational establishment, celebrate the many generations of people who have been educated in our school. In addition, they want to gather the stories of people who attended as part of other groups such as scouting, the Italian Saturday school as well as capturing essences of the diversity they celebrate in a school where 29 different languages are spoken. The projects they are planning are all based outside of the curriculum and are fully focused on creating community engagement to capture and preserve the history of this school.

4. Consultation and Engagement

See the points made above in 3.3 by the school.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

- 5.1. The School was awarded a grant of £200 under the love Wildlife Competition by KTC in February this year in respect of the provision of hedgehog homes, bird feeder and related biodiversity activities and wildflower sowing.
- 5.2. There is no obvious grant programme which would support any of these projects that the Town Council runs. The community resilience fund was established to help communities help themselves, with a focus on supporting vulnerable groups and localities. St Mary's school serves an area of relative disadvantage and this project could be seen to be relevant to those objectives. It has £6000 uncommitted at present.

6. Climate change implications

None particularly

7. Policy Implications

The Council includes the word "heritage" in its strapline and the Council's corporate plan refers to the Council's role in supporting civic pride and encouraging local groups to recognise and celebrate the Town's history and traditions.

Background Papers

Emails from St Mary's School