

BROOKBURN PTA – HAVE YOUR SAY

SURVEY RESULTS (FEBRUARY 2022)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to take part in the survey, and for your comments and suggestions. The results of the survey will be discussed at the next PTA Committee meetings and at upcoming Fundraising Committee meetings.

There were 51 respondents: a very small sample of the total PTA membership (all parents, carers and staff).

Please note for data below, for questions where the answers total more than 51, respondents could select multiple answers.

1. Did you know that all parents, carers and staff (teaching and non-teaching) are automatically members of Brookburn PTA (Parent Teacher Association)?

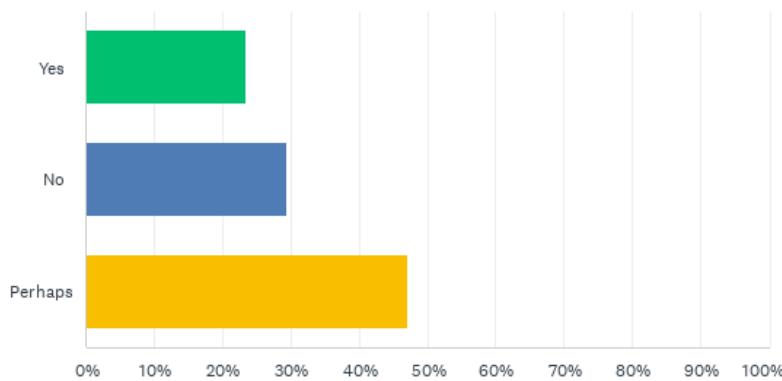
- 62% of respondents did not realise that all parents, carers and staff were automatically members of the PTA.
- The PTA Committee needs to better communicate to parents and teachers that they are members of the PTA and are actively invited and welcomed to AGMs, EGMs and sub-committee meetings.

2. What is your current level of involvement with the PTA?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I regularly attend PTA meetings	7.84%	4
I volunteer for PTA fundraising events and activities	23.53%	12
I volunteer for other PTA activities such as Den & Allotment Days, School Streets	7.84%	4
I support the PTA by attending events and making donations	64.71%	33
I help with projects relating to spending PTA funds	9.80%	5
I used to be involved but I am not anymore	3.92%	2
No involvement	25.49%	13

- Nearly 65% of respondents currently supported the PTA through attending events and making donations. We know this a good reflection of the majority of the membership.
- 25% of respondents felt they have no involvement at all with the PTA.
- Only a very small % of respondents come to meetings and events such as den days and this is reflected in the wider membership – we know as a % of PTA members, these activities are poorly attended.

3. Would you like to be more involved with Brookburn PTA?



- Roughly half of the respondents were potentially interested in being more involved in the PTA.
- 25% said “no” (although these could be people already involved who do not want to be more involved!)
- 25% expressed a clear interest (“yes”) in becoming more involved.

4. What do you feel your main barriers are to becoming more involved?

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not enough free time	86.00%	43
Doesn't interest me	0.00%	0
Meeting days/times are inconvenient	4.00%	2
Meeting locations are inconvenient	2.00%	1
I don't know when or where the meetings are	6.00%	3
I don't know how to get involved	6.00%	3
I don't feel like I would fit in	6.00%	3
I don't like the way the PTA is set up	2.00%	1
I don't know anyone on the PTA	8.00%	4
Other (please specify)	12.00%	6
Total Respondents: 50		

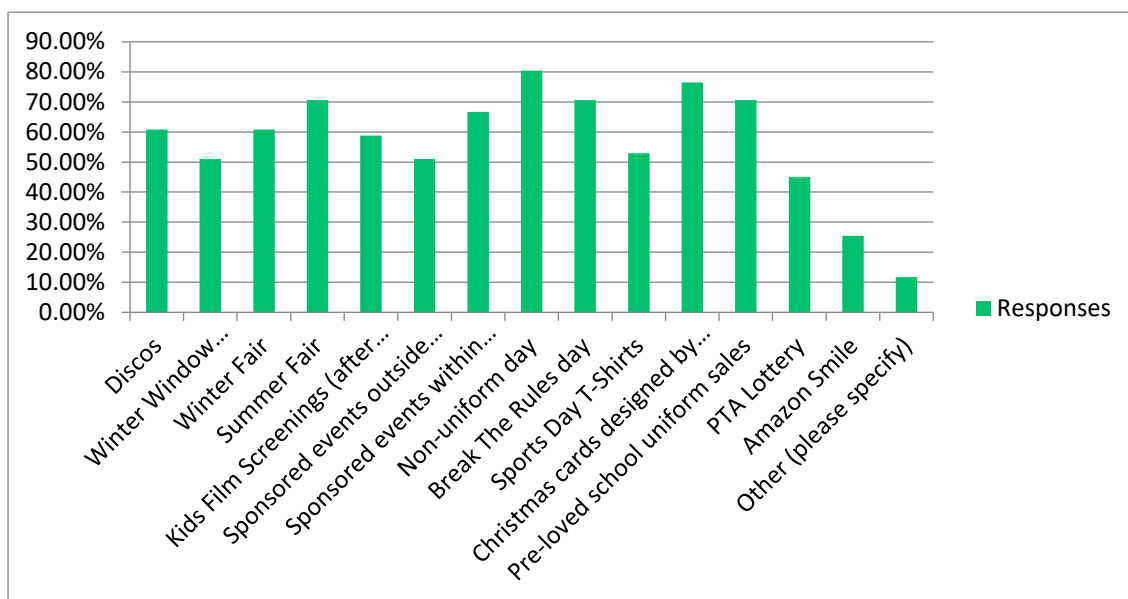
- “Not enough free time” was the main barrier to participation with 86% of respondents listing this as an answer.
- Not many people felt day, time, locations of meetings were major barriers.
- The PTA Committee should perhaps focus therefore on ensuring that meetings and activities are shorter and that we more clearly communicate opportunities within the PTA that are not perceived as time consuming.

We had some “free text” responses to this answer too:

- Really wish i could support more as I know more volunteers are needed but just too much going on with work and other things! Will volunteer to help whenever i can.

- Been twice and questioned who am I as the ladies seemed to be thinking that someone is spying on the PTA
- It's tricky for me to get more involved at the moment because of the age of my younger child. I'm hoping to have a bit more time when she's a little older and to get more involved.
- Being a single mum and the time difficult with child as often meeting at tea/ bed time
- I am already involved and will do all I can to help out.
- I am happy to support events - but as I already have voluntary commitments and I work I do not have capacity to help at present.

5. What PTA fundraising activities would you like to see return/continue?



- All of our previous offerings seem to remain popular, with non-uniform days being the most popular activity.
- Interestingly, coming in second with over 75% were Cauliflower Cards, with Summer Fair and Pre-Loved Uniform sales also popular with 70% of the respondents.

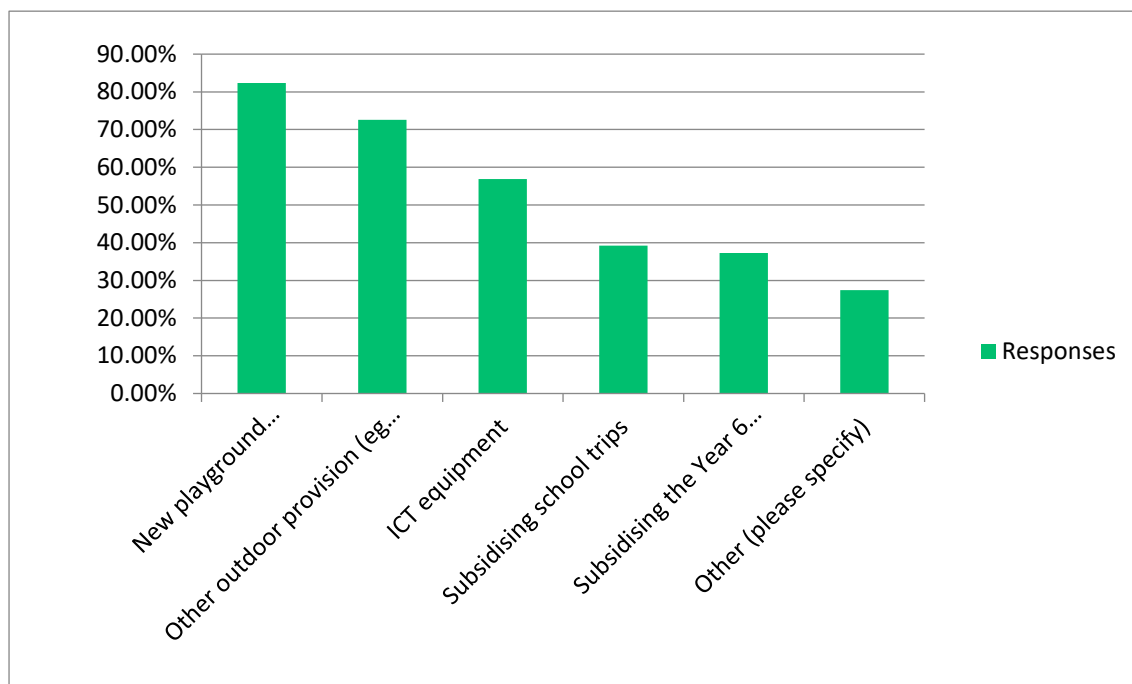
We had some additional suggestions here too:

- As feels manageable for the brookburn staff team with help from parents. What is amazon smile please 😊
- The calander
- Also some PTA events making use of treasure woods etc... Although I realise would likely need splitting by year group to manage numbers
- Calendar
- More after school variety - maybe a chess club
- Maybe a Christmas jumper sale where people donate second hand jumpers and everyone donates a pound to the pta to buy one. Prior to Xmas jumper day

6. Do you have any new ideas for fundraising or PTA-led events?

- A ceilidh! When Covid numbers are lower. I can help to organise musicians and a caller. Could be outdoors and involve a pop-up bar and bbq. Parents and kids invited...
- Sponsor football match classes or parents in each yr group vs children in the year?
- Been thinking about raffle prizes but it's a tricky ask following the impact of the pandemic on small businesses. So could parents with relevant skills offer their services by auction instead? eg free football lesson, a beautiful plant, etc?
- I'm just very very up for the uniform sale thing... Once I have more free time I'm keen to become involved in this
- I think doing more things that enable parents to spend more time together would be helpful
- Second hand book swap - unused books can be donated to the school or swapped over with other pupils
- Get the school to become Terracycle campaign collection point. Can get vouchers for selected charity (could apply to PTA as it's a charity) and also get school equipment potentially
- PTA litter pick
- Mental health fundraising or awareness for parents and children as I don't think the community is that accepting of mental health issues that can affect children and the way they act. Eg children can be angry or aggressive but parents see them as a problem child rather than teaching their children to notice these things and help/be extra nice
- Zoom bingo / quiz nights
- Something linked with treasure woods?
- Summer festival. Kids cook for parents dinner! Kids and parents quiz!
- Maybe some kind of parents social event. Especially for new parents at the school. With staggered drop off & pick ups it is harder to get to know your child's peers parents
- Book sales (or other themed/specific sales) at school outside the office, before/after school (parents/children donate unwanted/good condition books).
- Capitalise on Halloween with a similar event to the Winter Window Walk/event at Brookburn.
- Film nights are a great idea for the kids.
- Xmas jumper Sale as described before.
- Trail through treasure woods or the Ees like they do in Fletcher Moss
- Easter event - egg hunt, cakes, egg and spoon etc.
- Love the idea of film or shows for the kids after school! And the return of the disco and summer and winter fairs!
- Tesco fund for a project

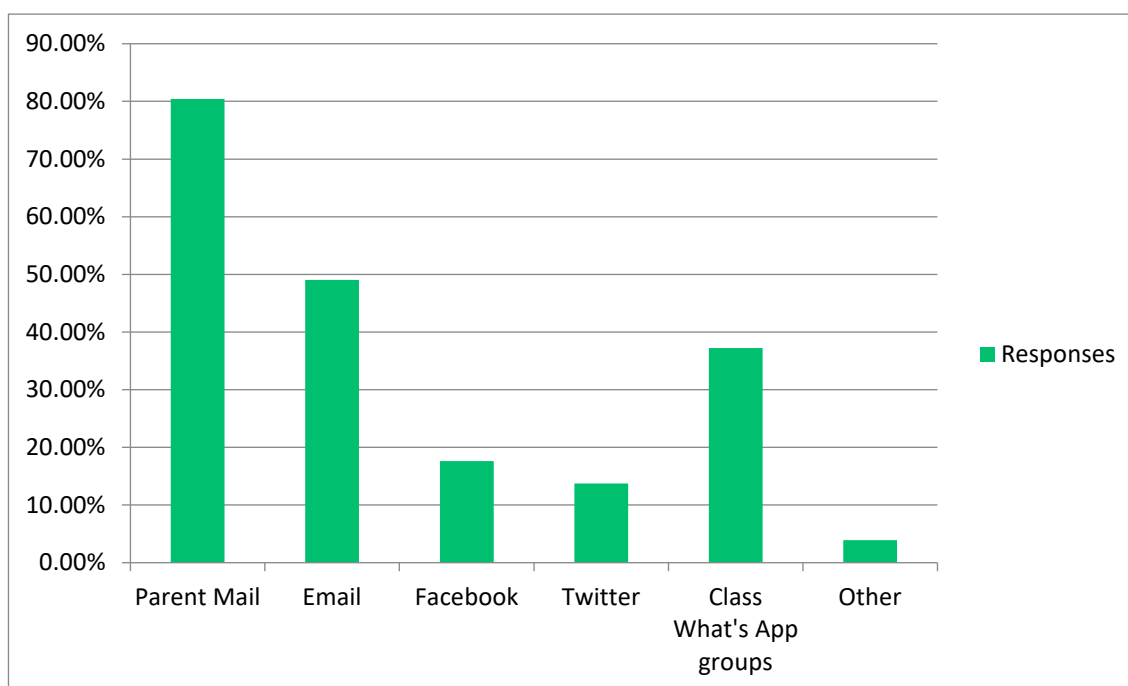
7. What would you like to see PTA funds spent on?



- Antibullying provision and inclusion
- Music, drama, arts provision in school
- Constant supply of footballs, tennis balls, skipping ropes
- I seem to think Mrs Conlon's windows are falling out of their frames?
- Feels as though school budget should pay for the things unticked but I realise this perhaps isn't the case! Subsidising school trips for those who can't afford it I would say but not prioritising it for all as we are a relatively well off parent population. As long as those families that need the help can be anonymously / quietly identified and supported.
- Subsidising for families who need it... Perhaps if they indicate cost being a barrier to their child attending (this may apply to many families not generally seen as requiring extra help)...
- Getting one or two teachers trained as Forrest school teachers... Apologies that I looked into this previously but then work pressures prevented me from taking this forward... I'll have more free time soon- in which case I'll get in touch again
- I pads for use across the school are a great example of ways the PTA could impact the learning of all pupils.
- Art/ music/ sports / science workshops for children to be exposed to varied learning experience
- Personally I am able to fund school trips but think it would be great if the PTA could help to make sure all children can take part.
- Library books and reading books/ things in classroom- I.e art/ science ??

- When having themed activities perhaps inviting/paying for an appropriate guest eg someone dressed as a dinosaur when learning about the Jurassic period etc This would make it more real and fun for the children who would probably learn more.
- EYF's outdoor area.
- Pot of money for class extras.
- Artist projects with the children.
- Subsidising trips for families on low income

8. What is the best way for the PTA to communicate with you?



- Parent Mail is the preferred method of contact; we should also continue to utilise What's App groups via Brookburn Connectors.

9. Any other comments regarding the PTA:

- All doing a fantastic job.
- Thank you for all the time and energy that you give. It is MUCH appreciated!
- Your amazing!
- we once did a boozy Robbie Williams night (in the days of Ali Rodd/ Emma Shale) - could we do more like this? or parent pub quizzes etc? we also discussed women's clothes swaps.
- Thank you to those who work so hard.
- Thanks for all your hard work:0)
- Thank you the PTA for having supported the school and children and got creative with fundraising and activities when the context has been difficult
- Thanks to all who help out
- Thanks to you all for the time you put into this it is much appreciated. I thought the Winter outdoor event worked much better than the indoor fair and think raising money through sponsoring kids is the way forward, especially if it's sport related...the marathon worked really well.
- Thank you for all of the hard work that you all do. Your time and effort to raise money makes a massive difference to the day-to-day experiences of children in our school and it is very much appreciated. :-)
- Maybe you could have a crèche facility available when meetings on so those that struggle with child care could use it and attend ? Thank you
- You are doing a fab job!
- PTA is doing a great job.
- Thank you for all your hard work.
- I think the PTA do a wonderful job and provide great assistance to the making Brookburn a great place to go to school.
- You do a great job, more of the same please
- Thank you for all the great work you do :-)
- You are doing a fantastic job - Thankyou!