



FISHES Newsletter

Termly updates on our PTFA - Autumn Term

Thank you!

We want to start off by saying a massive thank you to each and every one of you. Whether you donated items, you volunteered at an event, you did any of the Christmas wrapping or if you worked behind the scenes on setting up ticket sales etc. There are so many roles to get involved with and all the events that have run this term would not be possible without you. So THANK YOU!

What we have raised this term

Spooky Disco: £440.70

Christmas Cards: £522.78

Quiz Night: £447.99

Wreath workshop:

Christmas Fayre: £3476.79

Christmas shopping: £1145.64

Total for Autumn Term: £6,288.90

How can you help?

FISHES is run by volunteers, most of whom also work. If anyone is able to give up some of their time (even just half an hour here or there) be it at an event, organising prizes, making contacts with local businesses then we would love to hear from you. Please either catch one of us at school or email

freegroundsfishes@gmail.com

Many hands make light work!



Easter Bake Off

Release your inner Mary Berry and get baking! In March we will be holding our annual Easter bake off. More information will be sent out nearer the time. There will be different categories including an adult one!

Link Tree

<https://linktr.ee/fishes8>

Visit our Link Tree page for easy access to links to all our platforms



Different ways to help

- When you do online shopping go through 'easyfundraising' to help raise extra funds donated to the school.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/freegroundsfishes/>
- Consider buying second hand uniform from the school not only does this raise money for the school but it helps to reduce waste in landfills.
- Do you work or do you know someone that works for a company that would be willing to be a sponsor at events, donate raffle prizes or donate through match funding? Let us know.
- Can you spare some time to either help set up or pack away events, help run a stall at an event, this can be as little or as much time as you can spare.

Can you help with donations

- If you are having a clear out over the festive period please think ahead to our Bags 2 School collection on 24th January. They will take clothes, soft toys, beddings, curtains, shoes, handbags, towels please check out their website <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. The more the donations weigh the more money we are donated.
- Are you participating in Dry January? Any alcohol you would like to get rid of please think about donating these to us, we can make use of these at future events.



Upcoming events for Spring (further information will follow)

January - Dry January donations

24th January - Bags 2 School Collection & Non-Uniform Day

26th January - Sponsored Zumbathon

3rd February - Family photo session

23rd February - Valentines Disco

1st March - Quiz Night

8th March - Non-Uniform day in exchange for items for our Rainbow Raffle

24th March - Easter Fayre

25th March - FISHES Easter Bake Off

Please get in touch if you are able to help with any of these events

Match Funding



Dear parents/carers,

You will hopefully be aware of the fantastic work your PTFA are doing to raise funds for our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about the match funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for the PTFA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee works on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTFA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTFA and help us raise money for the replacement of the play trail.

If you are able to help us this way, please let a FISHES member know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you for your support.

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