



GASPA Winter Fundraising

Christmas shopping at Grand Avenue

I'm really pleased to share our latest fundraisers in another packed edition of the GASPA newsletter.

Huge thanks to the wonderful team at Hawes & Co in Surbiton who have helped us promote our fundraising outdoor Christmas market with 102 boards across Berrylands and beyond: a new record!

Thank you to everyone who supported our second hand uniform sale (£205 raised), our Bag2School collection (£168 raised) Cauliflower Cards (£830 raised) and Comedy Night (£557 raised).



Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined the charity OGM meeting on zoom - our annual return to the Charity Commission is now filed and the agreed funding (£200 to each year group in place of cake sale funds - and £18K towards the studio build are now with school).

Plans are in full swing for the Grand Avenue Christmas Market on Saturday 27th November 2021 (2-6pm). We have lots of exciting stalls this year and plenty of fun for all the family. The Silent Auction opens on 14 Nov and our Text Raffle is open now there are loads of amazing prizes to be snapped up.

Since our last newsletter we had the exciting news that the new "studio" for the school is going ahead. There is more information later in the newsletter about this and fundraising for the project.

Without volunteers to run and take charge of events they do not happen. So, if you feel you have a little time to volunteer one step would be to join our GASPA volunteers' group. You can support events flexibly depending on your other personal commitments.

Together our help, time and donations make a massive and immediate difference to the education of children at Grand Avenue so huge thanks to everyone who has helped us continue to deliver this school year.



*Lu Richards
GASPA Chair*



Grand Christmas Outdoor Market

Sat 27 Nov
2-6pm

**Christmas gifts,
Santa's Grotto,
tombolas, games,
stalls, sweets,
food, mulled
wine & hot
chocolate!**

**Christmas
carols
with special
guests**

**From cakes
to gin with
jewellery cosmetics
face-painting candles
crafts toys & books - we
have a huge range of
private vendors.**

**Plus clubs, charity
stalls and much
more**

IT'S BACK
The Grand **ONLINE**
SILENT AUCTION

LIVE FROM **14 NOVEMBER** **30**
untill 28 Nov 8pm **LOTS**

Lets get bidding folks

easydonate.org/GrandXmas21Auction



GRAND AVENUE

Text Raffle

£250 TOP
CASH PRIZE
donated
by



TEXT/SMS
GRAND21 to **70331**
Each entry is £3

Winners drawn and announced at 8pm on Sunday 28 November

White Spider
Taster session
for 2

Craggy Island
Climbing
Centre taster

Metropolis
Hairdressers
Cut & blow dry

Mindful Chef
voucher

£100 & £50
John Lewis or
Waitrose
vouchers

Berrylands
Bootcamp (2
wks unlimited
sessions)

Wessex
Distillery Gift

Colin Bull
Swimming (1
term of lessons)

Jewellery by
Melancia

The Antelope
Ale and Cider
House voucher

The Cornish Co
Cream
tea hamper

Windsor Castle
Family ticket &
guidebook

Painshill Park
voucher

Baylis & Harding
hamper

Tweezerman
goody box

Mr Mulligans
Family Pirate
Golf Adventure

Original Sprout
gift set

Alpine Snowsports
Aldershot
vouchers, Priors
Farm Discovery
walk voucher
and much more

Funds raised through the raffle will be invested by GASPA in Grand Avenue School's wishlist and Grand Build. GASPA needs to raise funds for this and for other charitable purposes.



Your donation will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme, operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easydonate.org

Our Grand Outdoor Christmas Market

This year our Christmas fundraiser event will be held outside, with covid secure procedures in place to encourage visitors, market feel, one stall per year group plus lots of local businesses, clubs and crafters. Save the date - Saturday 27 November from 2 - 6pm.

All Grand Avenue families and friends are encouraged to attend and support the fundraising event, helping to run stalls where they can but most importantly enjoying this whole-school family fundraiser.



So what else to expect... at the market

- Nursery volunteers will be selling Playpress gifts (at least 35% off RRP generously donated by this playset company)
 - Reception volunteers will run the Gift & Chocolate tombola (using donations from our non-uniform day on 12 Nov)
 - Year 1 Sweets & popcorn
 - Year 2 Bottle tombola (with donations from the non-uniform day on 26 Nov)
 - Year 3 Drinks Bar (mulled wine/ hot choc/ soft drinks as well as a licensed bar will be available)
 - Year 4 Santa's Grotto - booking is [open](#) for Santa slots on our website - as we aim to keep this indoor 'stall' free flowing!
 - Year 5 Food - BBQ (with veggie options), snacks and mince pies
 - Year 6 Spinning Santa & Lucky Jars - amazing prizes including vouchers, tickets, toys and sweets to be won!
 - Only your teachers could run the 'Pick your nose' game!
 - Plus our Year 6 pupils games and gifts
- Not to mention DJ and local opera singer Gareth John !

The fair team have been working hard to bring extra stalls to the event and local businesses have not let us down. On offer you can find jewellery, seasonal decorations, candles and melts, soap bars, cosmetics, pottery decorating, face-painting, books, toys, organic jams, jellies and cordials, cake decorating kits, wreaths, local beer and gin!



Grand Christmas Lights Trail 10 - 12 Dec

Naughty Christmas elves have taken the gifts from the traditional carol 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' and hidden them - along with 12 letters - in the windows of homes all over New Malden (well, the bit that's nearest Berrylands...)! Can you help save Christmas and find them all?

The trail starts at Fonseca's Deli (169 South Lane) where you will be able to take advantage of a special offer - a free kids hot chocolate with every adult hot drink - before you set off.

So grab your lantern and join other Grand Avenue Families between Friday 10 and Sunday 12 December - even visit the Gingerbread House - and have some sparkly winter fun!



Buy a
GASPA junk
modelling
lantern kit to
create your
own trail
lantern (£3)

Download your trail map for just £2 from www.pta-events.org/gaspa and print copies for everyone in the family. Once you've solved the clues on the map, you can enter into a prize draw for a chance to win a lovely festive family prize.



Pre book a timed Grotto visit
at the
Grand Christmas Market
on Sat 27 Nov at
www.pta.events.org/gaspa

£3 per child
sibling discounts available -
includes a gift from Santa

Covid secure measures
in place

Book your Grotto visit!
with Santa and his elves!

The Grand **ONLINE** **SILENT AUCTION**

easydonate.org/GrandXmas21Auction



Over 30
lots to
bid on!



Harry Potter Studio
Tour, sky walk, or an
entire term at
Stagecoach!



Four huge toy bundles, Hatley
clothes collections, Rose
Theatre pantomime
tickets, dinner out or in!



Look
online and
try a bid
or two!

**STAGE
COACH**



Shop and support GASPA!

You can raise money while shopping with MyNameTags, easyfundraising.org, Amazon Smile and now My School Fund (Argos & Sainsburys). If we could keep up the current activity we could raise almost £50 a month for the school - that's a lot of cake sales!



Amazon Smile is a simple way to support GASPA - every time you shop with Amazon - at no cost to you. For every eligible purchase you make, Amazon gives 0.5% of the purchase to your school charity GASPA- it really is that easy!

Here's how to do it

- Instead of shopping through the main Amazon site, go to smile.amazon.co.uk
- Nominate the charity you would like to support. We are listed as Grand Avenue School Parents Association
- Start shopping!
- Bookmark 'smile.amazon.co.uk' to help you remember

If you use the Amazon App

- Update to the latest version of the Amazon App
- Open the App and find settings in the main menu
- Tap on 'Amazon Smile' and switch to on
- Check that 'Grand Avenue School Parents Association' is selected as your chosen charity and follow on screen instructions
- For App donations, currently you will need to renew your charity every 6 months.



To set up an account, go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gaspa/. Select Grand Avenue School Parents Association (GASPA) - Surbiton as your cause and then go to easyfundraising before you shop to raise a % of your shop for the school. You can also add an easyfundraising widget/extension to your browser.

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REDUCING YOUR CHILD'S LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOLS/PTAS

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07777 777 777

24% of every order will be donated to our PTA/School!
Just use our school ID on the checkout.

School ID: 28427

www.MyNameTags.com

GRAND STUDIO KIT OUT



Our new studio space build is on the way and now GASPA is raising money for the internal kit out - and our mini GASPA group are working on a name for the new building.



The new 'agile' space close to the year 5 & 6 annex block will be a STEM room, with science and also music resources - all in one place - accessible, stored safely and logically.

So our new wish list includes

- storage cupboards
- blackout blinds
- stools
- chairs
- interactive whiteboard
- computers
- printer
- recording equipment
- additional science equipment.

The 'kitting out' will be funded by GASPA fundraising, voluntary contributions and possibly additional sponsorship.



If you have any ideas to help fund or could donate items for the Grand Build do get in touch with the school or committee (committee@gaspa.org.uk).

Please note: images for the purpose of illustration only.



Traffic: Keeping students safe outside the school gates

Globally, road traffic accidents are the leading cause of death among children and young people aged 5-29 years (<https://stateofchildhealth.rcpch.ac.uk/evidence/injury-prevention/road-traffic-accidents>).

Road traffic accidents are preventable.

Child fatalities (those aged 0-16 years) increased in 2020 compared to 2019. In 2020, there were 52 child fatalities, an increase of 3 from 49 deaths in 2019. In 2020, the majority of casualties occurred on built-up urban roads (<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2020/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2020>).

In Sheffield only last month a parent, Rita Magni, was waiting for her children at home time outside Phillimore Community Primary School on Monday 4 October, when she was hit and killed by a car following a collision. She was 30 years old. Stories of accidents and near misses are all too common.

Yet despite reports of traffic chaos, there's little evidence of parents giving up on the school run or more children walking or cycling to school.

Problems arise because everyone's arriving at the same time, and trying to get as close to the school as possible. Most mornings we all witness inconsiderate or illegal parking on the roads close to the school. The increased traffic levels and idling vehicles don't help air quality for our children either.

So, how can we beat school run traffic danger outside Grand Avenue?

More considerate parking and waiting

- Traffic chaos is often the result of inconsiderate parking and waiting.
- Always obey parking and waiting restrictions, don't block driveways or double park - even for a few minutes - and switch off your engine while you're waiting for your child.
- Always leave adequate space for emergency vehicles to pass.
- There are no exceptions to stopping on white zig zag lines, and parking on double yellow lines is prohibited at any time.

Walk or cycle

- Are your kids ready to try cycling, or walking part of the way to school.
- Change where you park. You may be able to find a parking space a little way away from the school.
- Check out local Facebook groups to see if anyone has a spare driveway they would let you use for a few minutes every day when you walk your kids to and from school.

Share lifts

- Find other parents who live locally and take turns being school run drivers and giving lifts.
- Bear in mind that organising the right child restraints in the right car at the right time can get complicated.

Try a walking bus

- You could try a 'walking bus', where 2 or more parents lead children to school.
- One adult leads the children, and the other walks at the back of the group.
- Both adults must wear hi-vis vests.

Small changes could make a big difference, and even save a life.



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Step 1

Visit myschoolfund.org to sign up for free and link to your child's school



Step 2

Register your credit/debit card to your account



Step 3

Spend at participating retailers



Step 4

Start receiving your eGift Cards!



We're part of the My School Fund initiative.

Together we can boost our school's budget, plus your own!

It's completely free to sign up and both you and your child's school will receive eGift Cards to be used at participating retailers based on a percentage of your spend.

Visit myschoolfund.org today!

SCAN FOR INFO



The Noticeboard

Steers the Greengrocers will donate £1 for every Christmas tree purchased by a GA family (purchase includes free delivery)!

Strong Body Coach Pete Bodley-Scott will donate £10 for any parent taking a trial class <https://strongbody.coach/boot-camps/> who then signs up for 10 boot camp lessons (before end Dec 2021)

Coffee on the Corner will donate £5 per tree purchase to GASPA but you need to present a flyer (below) when you buy (shared via class reps)



[Banjo Robinson](#) have offered 30% off any subscription package with the code GRAND1

Matched Funding

Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise our fundraising efforts from you our individual PTA volunteers. It is an informal, albeit corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee. Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised or donated to a charity.

It is likely that there will be an upper limit and certain criteria applied, such as the recipient organisation being a registered charity (GASPA is). Some companies will pledge time and resources instead of money, enabling their employees to support a cause during their working week.

If you think you can help under your company scheme please get in touch with committee@gaspa.org.uk.

DIARY DATES

- Grand Text Raffle opens
 - Non-uniform day (gift & chocolate)
 - Grand Online Auction opens
 - Xmas Decorations put up at school
 - Non-uniform day (bottle)
 - **GASPA Outdoor Christmas Market**
 - Grand Text Raffle Draw
 - Grand Online Auction closes
 - Secret room (children buy & wrap small gifts for parents) - in school
 - Christmas Jumper Day
 - Grand Christmas Lights Trail
 - Xmas Decorations taken down
- Fri 5 Nov
- Fri 12 Nov
- Sunday 14 Nov
- Fri 19 Nov from 3.30pm
Volunteers needed
- Fri 26 Nov
- Sat 27 Nov**
- Sunday 28 Nov, 8pm
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- Mon 6 - Fri 10 Dec (class order to be confirmed)
- Fri 10 Dec
- Fri 10 - Sun 12 Dec
- Fri 17 Dec
- Volunteers needed