

Oakwood PTA News

Extra funds from Christmas

Thank you to Raj and Barclays for the extra match funding of **£708**
Zoe at Harper & Strand for the additional donation of **£216** from the hair tinsel event and Ali and Shell for the expected match funding of **£1,000** from the £2 Room. Helping to raise our final total for December to an amazing **£12,201!**

PTA funding *from Clare*

It was great to receive almost **£9,000** worth of requests from school this term for our Pot 2 funds. By discussing them all at our meeting we were actually able to find a way forward for all of the requests, albeit they may be funded from different Pots. You still have the opportunity to request PTA money for things you or your children think are important at Oakwood next term so please start thinking now and you can send in forms anytime you like - they're all on the PTA events website to download. **Next meeting is 8pm Tuesday 16th May** - we'd love to see you there.

Dates for your diary...

May

16 PTA Meeting 8pm

June

09 Children's Discos

16 Parent's Karaoke Night

July

08 Oakfest

December

09 Parent's Xmas Party

Past Events

Hair Braiding *from Nancy*

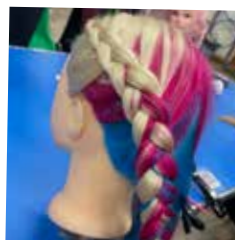
Back in February, Oakwood held its first hair braiding workshop, courtesy of the wonderful and very talented, Braid Maidens. A St Alban's mum who has become a local celebrity after appearing on ITV's This Morning.

Mums (and one Dad) were all taught three show-stopping hairstyles. Armed with a model's head each, they practised with various amounts of success! A very fun night was had by all, raising **£262**, and we're pleased to see the practicing still going on as pupils sport their snazzy new braids at school.

World Book Day costume sale *from Amy*

As part of a wider effort to encourage sustainable fashion and clothing, for the second year we ran our eco-friendly second hand costume sale in preparation for World Book Day.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated a costume, and to those who attended the sale - which was as popular as ever raising **£110!** It was a real pleasure to see so many reused costumes on World Book Day this year, as always thank you for your support. This is an annual event so don't miss out on the next one!



Past Events

Quiz & Pizza Night *from Steve*

On Friday 10 March, 6 highly intelligent teams took part in the latest PTA quiz night. The returning champions were severely depleted and others saw an opportunity for glory; there was a healthy competitive atmosphere with rivalries around the hall - Acorns dads v Acorns mums on one side of the room, ex-quiz master Roberts had assembled a strong looking team but the other Year 4 parents team decided to ignore the team size limit to give themselves the best possible chance of winning which lead to early accusations of "cheating".

In mark of International Women's day, two of the early rounds were on "Queens" and "Female Lead Protagonists" - the trickiest question proving to be the quiz master misreading his wife's handwriting so describing Beatrix "The Bride" Kiddo as Beatrix "The Brick" Kiddo (from Kill Bill) which explained the blank faces around the hall. The music round on Police and Detective dramas led to lots of humming along around the hall. The table round on local street names proved surprisingly tricky unless you have a dog to walk and really separated some of the teams. After the pizza interval, the identify the pasta round proved we all know spaghetti but little else which was then followed by current affairs and a tough 1-20 round.

Those who had been making notes throughout waiting for a repeat of the observation round at the end were left disappointed.

The final scores really showed that the more members of the team, the better you did, so the accusations of cheating by having 11 on a team came out again - some may say this was from sore losers, others say they just like to stick to the rules.

Fun was had by all and all are looking forward to renewing some old rivalries again at the next quiz but hopefully starting some new ones too. What will you need to learn for next time... we've done chocolate tasting, we've spotted pasta, we've identified shops and streets in St Albans - what food item will be next, what local knowledge will be asked about? Come along so you don't miss out.

The quiz raised an amazing **£516**.



Gardening - Lend a hand day *from Laura*

A break in the dreary weather allowed us to take on a much overdue Lend a Hand Day earlier in March. We had a pretty decent turn out of parents and children, some arriving in wheelbarrows - others with litter pickers, to take on a multitude of tasks. Our main focus was getting the outside area behind the Beech and Cherry classrooms ready for use. A whole host of helpers got stuck in to the weeding and relaid the artificial grass to make it safe for use. Another attempt at growing a willow arch was made (third time lucky!) and spring flowers were planted to brighten up the area.

The kids really got stuck in too! A deceased frog was given a burial; a huge bag of litter was collected and a bright and colourful sign was painted for the herb garden, saying "please help yourself". So next time you're passing, and want to add some flavour to your dinner, please do, don't be shy...

The school allotment was weeded and prepped for the growing season. We're still looking for parent volunteers to get gardening sessions up and running again for KS1 so please do let us know if you're interested in finding out more.

A second Lend a Hand day will be scheduled in late Spring to tackle other areas of the grounds - including making some raised beds for KS2 so if you fancy a bit of woodwork or some weeding then please do come along. It's a great way to meet the Oakwood community and there are a LOT of biscuits.

We need you!



Past Events



Cinema Night *from Julie*

The school hall buzzed with Friday night movie vibes on the 17th March, with our ever-popular, sell-out event, 'Cinema Night'.

Swept up in all the excitement of 'Sing 2', the 160-strong audience were happily singing along to the soundtrack by the end of the night!

Raising an impressive **£426**, this was also our first event to give the Oakwood Community a chance to vote for the film... great choice Oakwood!

Easter *from Sam, Clare & Amy* Eggstravaganza

We had a wonderful VIP visit from the Easter Bunny last Saturday who helped the children find the names to chocolate bars around the school grounds for them to complete the trail for their egg prize. We also had crafts, games (in between the showers), and a very popular cafe. We were also pleased to be able to give some toys and books away within the community during these tough times that had been donated at previous events. The event raised a fantastic **£616**.



Upcoming Events

JUN
09

Children's Discos

from Sam

We will be hosting our popular discos for the children on Friday 9th June - one for the Acorns and KSI children followed by another for KS2 - DJ Mole is back to get the party started and its sure to be another great event. Details to be emailed soon.

JUN
16

Parent's Karaoke Night

from Emma

Back by popular demand - "Doin' it for the kids". Join us for the second Oakwood karaoke night. To be held at the The Barn at The Horn, party and sing with your Oakwood pals. Hosted by Emma Hossack, there will be prizes for the best solo artist, best group, best girl band, best boy band, best duo - but do not fear this is just a fun night to let your hair down! and for those who don't want to sing, that's fine, please come along for a no pressure night of fun.

JUL
08

Oakfest

from Andrew



We are so pleased to welcome back our big Summer event. Please keep Saturday 8th July free for our day festival on the school field. All the best parts of previous Summer events, exciting activities for all ages including inflatables, crafts, games, dancing, bingo and the popular tuck shop, food stalls, bar and live music. If you'd like to be involved in bringing the fun to life please get in touch and speak to organiser Andrew Harvey, andrewkharvey@hotmail.com, or contact one of the PTA.



What have we spent the money on?

Here's what all the money you've raised at our events has been spent on so far this year.



POT 1
50%

Central School Fund

Ms Buckley uses this pot to spend on items she feels will enhance the school.



POT 2
25%

Termly ad-hoc Fund

Split into 3 pots, one for each term.



POT 3
25%

PTA Fund

This pot is used to fund projects that the PTA feels passionately about. The committee and attendees discuss and decide upon how this will be spent in our regular meetings.

MUGA - Multi Use Games Arena

for whole school
Full amount
£8,455

Autumn Term:

Diverse Books
for UKS2 £600

E-safety books
for whole school £200

Giant Maths Strings
for whole school £185

Reading Corner furnishings
for Beech class £140

Resilience Workshop

for UKS2
£580

Annual regular contributions:

Trips and workshops
£2,625

Classroom donations
£825

Lend a Hand/Gardening
Up to £750

School Council bid
Up to £250

Year 6 leavers fund
£1,050

Acorns Welcome
£50

Christmas Contribution
(Tree, online panto, crackers)
£200

Spring Term:

Playtime resources
for EYFS/KS1 £400

Newspaper subscriptions
for LKS2 £32

STEM Merry Go Round project
for UKS2 £470

Protective Behaviours Books
for whole school £75

Inclusive Books
for LKS2 £720

Who can apply for Pot 2?

ANYONE! (teachers, parents, children) can apply for funds from this pot by submitting a **PTA Funding Request Form**.

We welcome and encourage requests from all areas of the school community. Requests can be submitted at any time but we vote once per term on the requests received. This is usually around each half term.

HAVE A QUESTION, SUGGESTION OR JUST WANT TO GET IN TOUCH?

Email us at oakwoodpta@gmail.com

Pay for events online at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta>

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Funding form available at: www.pta-events.co.uk/oakwoodpta/index.cfm?event=documents



(Cause name Oakwood Association)

'DOIN' IT FOR THE KIDS'

Karaoke Night



16.06.23

20:00-01.00

**THE BARN AT THE HORN
VICTORIA ST, ST ALBANS**

£15 PER PERSON

INCLUDES KARAOKE & DISCO

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING CATEGORIES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER, EMAIL EMMAHOSSACK@OUTLOOK.COM
SO SHE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH A SONG LIST TO CHOOSE FROM

The poster features a central orange circle with a white border. Inside the circle, the text 'OAK FEST 2023' is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of this, the date '08.07.23' and time '2-9 PM' are also in bold black text. Below the main title, 'OAKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. The background is a light beige color with a pattern of orange diagonal stripes. Scattered around the central circle are various colorful musical notes (pink, blue, yellow) and stylized green trees with blue trunks. At the bottom, there are yellow flowers and a yellow ground area.

OAK FEST 2023

08.07.23
2-9 PM

OAKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL