



# Oakwood PTA News

## Latest Funding

Following the amazing fundraising season we just had, raising **£10,864**, we wanted to share with you how some of our funds have recently been spent at Oakwood! If you have any ideas on how they can be spent please send us a form by February 21st or come to our meeting on February 28th in person where we will be voting on how the funds are spent.

**£140** online panto and popcorn which the kids love in the run up to the end of term

**£54** on fully eco-friendly crackers for their school dinner celebration

**£40** on the outdoor Christmas Tree

**£80** Mini Trampette for Acorns to help with motor skills and balance

**£40** 2 x toasters for Acorns to support their good food initiative

**£200** on Diversity Books for KS1 suggested by a parent to support exposure to diverse family stories

**£200** on Hockey sticks and balls for KS1 to encourage more sport and improve hand/eye coordination

**£116** on Outdoor Chess Sets for KS2 to encourage play and strategic games

**£330** on Crates for KS2 to allow older children to continue their love of building and imaginative play on the junior playground like the infants have

**£300** on UKS2 books to improve reading corners and provide more challenging texts

**£1,300** on SEN equipment for the whole school

**£1,000** on whole school science workshop

**£500** on KS2 climate change/Rainforest virtual reality workshop

**£660** on KS1 Great Fire of London workshop

## Dates for your diary...

### February

- 23** 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
- 25** World Book Day (3/3/22) Costume Sale
- 26** Lend a Hand Day TBC
- 28** PTA Funding Meeting

### March

- 18** Quiz & Pizza Night

Easter Eggstravaganza TBC

### July

Summer Event TBC

### September

Oakwood Olympics TBC

### December

- 03** Xmas Fair TBC
- 10** Parent's Xmas Party
- 14 15** Panto Alban Arena



## We need you!

A few of our proposed events need organisers in order to go ahead.

You would be given advice and guidance as to how these events have been run in the past but can put your own stamp on things, mix it up and make it yours... if you see this symbol  we need volunteers so do get in touch!



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

Email us at [oakwoodpta@gmail.com](mailto:oakwoodpta@gmail.com)

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

Please 'like' our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans](http://www.facebook.com/OakwoodPrimarySchoolPtaStAlbans)

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



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# Xmas Events

## Christmas Walking Fair & Grotto

Thank you to all who came out and supported Oakwood at our first outdoor walking fair! The stalls were really well attended and in just two hours we sold out of most of our stock and raised an amazing **£2,345** for the school. A huge thank you to Sam Hunt and all the volunteers, the school staff for their support and Santa and his elf for making a special appearance at the Grotto. Luckily the weather held up nicely, but we're hoping the next one can be indoors again, with the addition of the playground for new features like the outdoor photo booth, so if you have any other ideas and would like to help out please let us know.



## Fab Bricks, Panto & Xmas Treeasy

We hope you had a wonderful time at the Panto which raised **£403**. Fab Bricks raised **£42** and Christmas Treeasy raised **£123** from 32 orders.

## Parent's Xmas Party

We had great feedback on the parent's Christmas Party, so thank you to all who bought tickets and to our regular organisers, Rachael, Caroline & Lucy for another wonderful event. Despite having to reduce ticket sales due to covid the event made **£1,919**. Venue and DJ are booked again for Saturday 10th December 2022 and we hope to see you there!

## Deck the Halls

**£50** was raised by the children at Oakwood in their Deck the Halls design completion. Aimed at decorating the dining hall before their Christmas Dinner day we saw children's artworks hung up on display and winners and runners up in each age category. Congratulations to all the children who took home certificates and prizes and thanks to all that entered.



## Class Hampers

Thank you for all your generous donations for the class Christmas hampers, and to all those who helped collect and put them together, especially Sophia for overseeing the event. We raised **£656**. Congratulations to all the winners, we hope you enjoyed all the yummy treats.



# Xmas Events



## Wreath Making

Another great event held in early December that brings together the community, art and fundraising making a profit of **£228**.

Our host Melissa said "It was a delight to host the PTAs second christmas wreath workshop! There was a lot of merriment and some lovely festive creations made."

Thanks to Oksana for providing refreshments and we look forward to seeing you again next time.



## Let it Twinkle

Thank you to Mrs Shillum and Mrs Covey-Crump who judged the entries and chose the below display as the winner. This year's prize was a magnum of Prosecco, books for the kids and chocolates. You've got to be in it to win it, so make sure you enter this year!



## £2 Room



Thank you to Amy for organising this fantastic event and pulling it off in challenging circumstances. The children all really enjoy coming in and selecting their family gifts from our sale room and thanks to the parent helpers on the day who help with the choosing, wrapping and label writing! The event raised an amazing **£1,953** and any left over items we were unable to store were added to the teacher's collection for the Women's Refuge and the Open Door St Albans Charity.



The festive fundraising season at Oakwood raised an amazing **£10,864!**



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# Past Events

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## Quiz & Pizza Night

WE NEED YOU!

The last event raised a fantastic **£961**. Thank you to Nancy and Katie who have run this event very successfully over the last few years. It's now time to find new volunteers to take over from them, so please contact us to get involved as without your help we can't organise such popular events. Our quiz master is preparing the questions so now we need the organisers! (Ps: they've made wonderful handover notes so if you're considering volunteering snap this one up quick as it's pretty much all laid out for you!)

## Burns Night

A wonderful inaugural Burns Night Ceilidh was held on Saturday night! Thanks to Alison and her amazing team of organisers who kept the drinks flowing and the band going! We raised **£980**. Please do share your feedback on all events, especially new ones so we know what works well and how we can put on the best events that you want to attend!



## Marie's Walk

Marie Shenton walked 100 Miles between October and December 2021 to raise funds for Oakwood PTA. Thank you to all those who sponsored her. We are pleased to confirm that with matched funding from Marie's employer we have been able to generate **£2,128** additional funds, which has taken our total for Xmas over the amount raised in 2019 which is a mammoth achievement in these times.

Please ask your employer if matched funding is an option at your workplace. If you would like to discuss the process generally with Marie please speak with her at drop off or contact us.

## Upcoming Events

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## 2nd Hand Uniform and World Book Day Costume Sales



As part of a wider effort to encourage sustainable fashion and clothing we have introduced a new event focusing on reusing fancy dress costumes amongst our community and raise some funds along the way. Following in the footsteps of our successful ongoing uniform sales, this year we are introducing a World Book Day costume sale just in time for the big day on Thursday 3rd March. Please keep a lookout on emails for details of where to donate outgrown costumes and where they will be available for purchase. Any leftover costumes will be donated to Reception for dressing up boxes so please donate all in good condition.

WE NEED YOU!

WE CAN'T RUN ALL THESE WONDERFUL EVENTS WITHOUT YOUR HELP PLEASE VOLUNTEER WHERE YOU CAN

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# Upcoming Events

## KS1 Gardening

After half term, Key Stage 1 will get back into the school garden to start working on composting, growing plants and vegetables using recycled goods and feeding our worms! They will also prepare the beds for more planting and will start to spot some of the spring flowers that they planted last term. The children love this activity and there are lots of ways in which it links to and enriches the curriculum. We are so grateful to parent volunteers for supporting this and to the PTA for the funding. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to the school office so that you can complete the necessary training and paperwork. In addition, we would love parents to join us at our next Lend a Hand Day when we prepare our outdoor learning spaces. Date TBC so watch this space!



## The return of Oakwood Olympics?

WE NEED YOU!

Subject to agreement with school on dates etc we are seeking to reintroduce some sort of Sports Activity day, along the lines of the popular Oakwood Olympics from a few years back. The event usually takes place at the end of September and is a great way for the new Acorns and parents to get to know each other, the event is really popular and allows all school pupils to try new sports and activities. We'd really like to find a group of volunteer organisers to take this on with our support. The previous event consisted of a range of sports and game activities covering more unusual types to help widen the children's experience in active sports.



## Easter Eggstravaganza

WE NEED YOU!

We are hoping to bring back this Easter event which saw an Easter hunt with prize, plus games and sporty activities alongside the popular cafe.



## Summer Event

WE NEED YOU!

We are hoping to hold some sort of summer event in early July. The format of the event is still being agreed but we really need a group of volunteers to take this on and show the rest of us how its done! Please contact us ASAP so we can get those people together to discuss what type of event can be held as things evolve over the next term. Although we're slightly behind on planning already, we have many contacts who can pass on knowledge, so fingers crossed we can arrange it in record time once agreed!



LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE...