



Greenbrae School

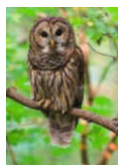
PTA Newsletter

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With the end of the school year fast approaching, the PTA thought we would update you with what has been happening this session and let you know about our organised future events.

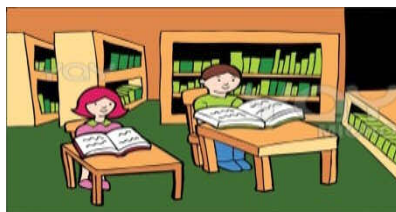
You may be wondering where some of your money has been spent so far?

At the start of the school year, each class, along with the two Nursery classes, was allocated a kitty of £200 each (total £2000). This was for each teacher to spend as they saw fit. You may have been aware of trips to



Satrosphere and a visit of Live Owls to P2 and P3. These are just a couple of extras which could be afforded as a result of that money being available.

Any of you who had previously helped out in the school library will know that the system of checking books in and out by hand was time consuming and ineffective.



The school requested a more up to date computerised system, this was installed at an initial cost of £1516. There is also an ongoing annual financial commitment to keep this operational. The PTA has already covered this year's payment (£595) and hopes to be able to continue to cover it in future years.



At Christmas, all the children, along with staff and PTA helpers, went to the Arts Centre pantomime, by coach (£1221.30). The kids were thrilled with the show and during the interval, were treated to sweets and juice. Not forgetting the Nursery children, Miss Crozier requested, and was granted, funds to go to a show at the Lemon Tree. During the run up to the end of the Christmas term, each class held a Christmas party and the PTA funded the party food and drinks (£133.53).

Some of you may be aware that at the last disco, we trialled a photo booth.



It was a great success with the children and as a result, we have worked out a more cost effective method and invested in a digital Polaroid camera to be used at future events (£104).

Due to the ongoing building work at school, **the fayre this year is to be held at the Bridge of Don Baptist Church between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 11th June.** Hopefully the change of venue will attract even more visitors and, of course, we'll be on the hunt soon for helpers so let us know your talents and if you'd like to volunteer family members to 'man' the bouncy castle, or any other stall - get in touch!!!



A very important event for the P7s (the leavers disco) with the P4, P5 and P6 is going ahead.



The PTA have secured a venue, at the Baptist Church, on Thursday 23rd June. The school is not available due to ongoing building work. We are looking forward to seeing all the fabulous outfits then. P1s to P3s haven't been forgotten. Usual times for both discos.

Although all spending is published and in full view at the school via the PTA meetings minutes, we thought the above would clarify our continued fundraising. We are conscious that the opening of the new extension (4 extra classrooms, a new gymnasium and complete refurbishment and redesign of the interior of the current school) will call for a variety of new equipment in addition to what will be provided. The school has requested that we save funds for this purpose. It will be easier to ascertain what is needed once the build is finished and the classes are working in the new environment. With monies already raised and the proceeds of the upcoming fayre, with the guidance of the school, we hope to be able to fund resources such as up to date computer items, new gym equipment or library books/furniture - dependent on where the greatest need is.

On reading the last paragraph, you may feel you have other suggestions, which would be of benefit to the whole school, as to our future spending. We would welcome this, and a form will be available from the school office for you to request funding.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents for your continued support, without your help your children wouldn't have all these lovely extras in their education.

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