



Penshurst Parent Teacher Association

SUMMER 2023

Welcome

It's been a while since we last updated you on PTA news. The summer term has been quite busy! We approached Easter with the children at school doing their sponsored bunny hop in the pouring rain. Despite the miserable weather, our wonderful children achieved something amazing by raising £1,510 in sponsorship. Extreme weather has continued to impact some of our popular events, with pouring rain or sweltering heat.

The PTA is extremely grateful for the support from the parent community this academic year. We will be sending a separate letter to express our thanks and explain why we constantly provide dates and requests. In short, we have raised a significant amount of money, which has greatly supported the school. Please refer to the details on the right to see how your contributions have been spent in school. Thank you all very much.

This summer, we plan to work on the school field. We will be implementing a primary drainage scheme to address water pooling, allowing the field to be used for more of the year. Additionally, we will be funding the construction of a robust path around the field with an all-weather surface, providing opportunities for daily exercise regardless of the weather. For more information on our long-term goals for the school's outdoor areas, please refer to the aforementioned letter.

FUNDS RAISED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

>£13,500

WHERE THE MONEY WAS SPENT:



£2,000 School Trips



£1,919 6 iPads
for pupil use



£1,731 Contribution
to energy costs



£1,249 Book inserts
terms 3 - 6



£1,100 Chrome
charging units



£950 Anti-Bullying
Teach-in-Day



£571 New
School Hall laptop



£520 Energy-efficient
school lighting



£200 Sports Day
ice-creams



£150 contribution to
Y6 Leaver Hoodies

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What we've been up to this term



Coronation Logo Competition:

There were some brilliant entries for the competition to redesign the school logo with a Coronation theme. Paul Owen, managing partner at Instinctif Partners Design & Creative had the tough choice of choosing winners for each year group, as well as an overall winner. Sophia in Reception was crowned the champion with her beautiful design - seen above and in remastered form - with Paul noting her "stylish combination of the school emblem, crown, colour and suitability for remastering as the school's logo". Well done to all that entered as the judge also noted that all entries showed much effort and imagination.



Penshurst & Cowden Fetes

The PTA had stands at Penshurst village fete and Cowden fete. We showcased our new "hook-a-duck" kit, a remarkable creation by Kayleigh King, mother of Jacob in Reception. The children also led biscuit decorating and slime-making activities. The candy floss machine delighted the audience at Penshurst, just like on Bonfire Night. Both events faced challenging weather conditions, with high temperatures at Penshurst and a thunderstorm at Cowden. However, they highlighted the sense of community that village life embodies, and it was wonderful to involve the school children in leading activities.



Coronation Coffee Morning

We enjoyed a very well-supported coffee morning on Friday 5th May to mark the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III. There was great generosity (as ever) with cake donations and some tasty treats from around the Commonwealth. The raffle was also a super success with some very generous prize donations. The children performed a very cheery rendition of The Coronation Day Song rounding off a lovely occasion, which even a fire alarm could not dampen the spirit of.



Tea Towels

The PTA's in-school craft activity this term was to ask the children to think about what they might want to be when they grew up - making sure we made very clear they would probably change their mind a hundred times in the next few years. The idea being to design a school tea towel with a twist! We are delighted with how the tea towel has turned out and very much hope you have bought one. If you haven't but would like one then please just get in touch with any member of the PTA and they will send you in the right direction. They are a bargain at £5 and almost large enough to be a beach towel!



Gardening Sessions

The first session was cancelled due to bad weather, but a few families joined on May 20. We did a great job weeding the vegetable beds. Reception pupils have been enjoying mange tout sown in the February session, and they even shared a carrot during snack time. Courgettes are growing well, and feeding some of the staff team; tomatoes are progressing, but it will be a couple of weeks until they ripen. We've seen pretty summer flowers, including leucanthemum and cosmos sown by the children. If butterflies don't interfere, we might have purple sprouting broccoli next spring.



Sports Day

Sports Day had a wonderful morning, followed by torrential rain in the afternoon just as the strawberries, cream, and meringues were served. However, the happy vibe unique to our village school persisted throughout. Many people commented on the special day organised by the school. The PTA was grateful to the Friends of Penshurst for offering teas, coffees, and cakes, as suggested by some last year. Thanks to the Friends, parents could enjoy watching their children while indulging in these treats. The ice creams were a hit, and many children expressed their gratitude to the PTA for funding this special treat to end the day.

Upcoming events...



Duck Race

Don't miss the annual Bank Holiday Monday event on August 28th. PTA's bottle and jar tomobola and duck races promise fun for all ages!



Bag2School

Hold onto wearable clothes and shoes during the summer. We'll collect them in school until October 6th for donation. Last year, we earned £76, and this year we'll receive a 25% increase per kg.



Christmas

Christmas begins when school resumes. Children will design Christmas cards for you to buy and send. We'll have a Secret Present Room, a Christmas Party, and wreaths. Your support is appreciated for a good cause.



Autumn Cake Sale

Join us for the autumn cake sale on October 19th. Donate cakes and don't forget to grab a slice or a whole cake at great value. Everyone is welcome!



Bonfire Night

Save the date for Bonfire Night on Saturday, October 28th. Join us for a spectacular display and family fun. Volunteers and workplace matching schemes are welcome to support our small school.

PATCHWORK

Check out our Pre-loved Uniform Site!

[CLICK HERE](#)

Please contact Madds Jenner if you have any donations:
madds.jenner@btopenworld.com



HOW YOU CAN HELP



DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a one-off sum to help support the school in buying the resources it requires to deliver on the curriculum, then please follow the link.

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Alternatively you can make a donation either direct to the PTA bank account or to the school (contact Mrs Elliot).

Penshurst Primary School Voluntary Fund
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YOUR TIME

Do get involved - we would love more parents to join the PTA! Next meeting **Monday 25th September 8pm** at the AGM, in the School Hall.

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