

AGM 2023 – PTA President's Report

We are incredibly proud of the PTA's fundraising success this year: an amazing **£ 21,175** was raised after deducting expenses and overheads.

It has been a huge team effort this year, not only from the management roles but also due to many PTA members who have helped run events throughout the year. We would like to thank each and every member of the PTA for their continued efforts throughout the year.

Our Summer Fair was a great success again and we are looking forward to our Christmas Fair returning this year on Saturday 2nd December.

We have also raised funds throughout the year with our popular events like bingo night, bake off, Mothers and Fathers day gift sales and the Book Fairs. The Family Disco nights have proved a huge success with tickets selling faster than Taylor Swift!! We are looking at the possibility of holding 2 consecutive Friday discos in May to help cope with the demand.

All of our events saw great fun had by all, and were very much appreciated by the school, the children, the parents and the local community.

Thanks to the monies raised, we were able to fund several projects this year which included:

- Contributions to school trips across the whole school both for the last academic year and this current year £7500 each year
- playground equipment £1500
- Reception equipment £1500
- King Charles Coronation celebrations £600
- Historical Timeline Display £1,000
- T shirts and hoodies for Year 6 Leavers £2300
- Contribution for the News crew £1,750
- Work on the pond area £840

This year, as we have already raised the funds to help contribute to the children's school trips we are looking at more exciting projects to enrich our children's school life.

Every PTA's challenge is engagement across the parent community. It seems far too often the same faces are at all events offering their much-appreciated time and support. With a lot of our existing members soon to reach the end of their time as their children leave the school, this includes myself, we are in need of new members to take over the reins.

Being a committee member probably takes less time than you think. We meet on the second Wednesday in the month at Albany Park Baptist Church. The more members we have the easier it is to run events and to spread the workload.

Quite a few employers offer volunteer days to a registered charity. These can be used to help at our events. Also some employers offer match funding which we have greatly benefitted from over the last couple of years from one the PTA members.

Yet again a huge Thank You to the staff at Old Bexley, including the teachers, office staff and caretakers, for their support at various events this year.

Making a successful PTA requires one thing, which is your support. Helping at one of our many events, encouraging others to come along, being a member of the PTA committee or obtaining matched funding from employers - it all counts towards the funds we are able to raise but also having a positive impact of the school community as a whole.

Help is required at every level and I hope 2023/2024 is as successful as previous years, if not more! The funds that we raise and the difference that is experienced by your children is huge. Our ultimate goal is to make the school life of your children an enjoyable one that they will remember forever and set them up with the skills and experiences that will stay with them for life.

After a very enjoyable time as the Head of the PTA it is time for me to step aside and let a new team take over. I would like to personally thank you all for your support over the last few years. I wish all of you and the PTA all the best for the future.

Julie Griffith
PTA President

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