



PTA News

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Upcoming events

Summer Holidays - Possible August Campathon

With the summer term coming to a close, there is only really one thing left to do: Enjoy the summer holidays! :)

If that is not enough, there is talk of organising a second camping event on the school grounds in the second half of August, following the success of the first camping event. However, this is still only an idea. We are working with the school to sort a date. However, with school closing, the only form of communication will be via the Summercroft PTA Facebook page. We are aware that many parents/carers are not members of that group, so we kindly ask you to please join now on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/summercroft.pta/>. Aside from all information regarding the possible camping to be posted there, this page is in general a useful resource for any school and PTA related up to date information.

Reports on past events

Grow a Fiver Challenge - Winners

The first Summercroft Young Entrepreneurs' Challenge was run as part of the National Fiver Challenge. The challenge invited individuals or teams to make as much profit as possible from a seed fund of £5. The Summercroft winners were announced at the Summer Fair and were presented a plaque sponsored by Dotmatics Ltd. They were also entered into the National competition, which closed on June 30. The winning team, called The Fantastic Five, consisted of **Alex Curtis** (Y3, Apple), **Emily Forey** (Y1, Chestnut), **Jennifer Forey**, **Maggie Kellard** and **Miriam Moukdad** (Y3, Maple). The team made posters to advertise their business and sold homemade lemonade at the School's Sports Day and then ice lollies at the school gates for almost a week to help their school friends cool down after a long hot day. They started with only £5 between them and kept reinvesting their profits to accumulate a total of £125.20 in the space of only one week, generating a total profit of £95.20. Congratulations to the team and well done on all their hard work!



Many thanks to Sarah and Jenny Howell and Alastair Hill for organising and running the challenge!

Summer Fair - Thank you!

The summer fair took place on the 4th of July from 1-4pm. We got very lucky with the weather and could enjoy all that was on offer while basking in the sun. The fair was packed with everything from bouncy castles, princess appearances, fire engines and police cars, pony rides, orienteering, sports races, archery, facepainting, tug of war, obstacle course, kids boxercise, rowing challenge with cash prize, beer tent, BBQ, candy floss, ice cream, raffles, adult and children tombola, karate and cheerleading shows, year 5 and year 6 stalls with games and prizes, rock shop and vendor stalls. The fair also featured a water fight area, which was tremendously popular in the hot weather! Entry was free, so we are not sure of the number of visitors, but it certainly appeared busy and we did receive a number of very positive and excited reviews on the event. Thank you for sending these to us!

This amazing event was the result of the dedicated efforts of a huge number of people, including those who coordinated with all the parents/carers to round up volunteers, those who lent their own gazebos and parasols for the fair, all those who helped on the day, either setting up, manning a stall, running errands, cleaning up or a bit of all of these and more!

The whole fair itself was in fact an incredible achievement of all these people, who put their hearts and sweat into making it all possible! We want to thank you all individually and credit all your efforts without which there would not have been a summer fair! We, your PTA reps, all felt utterly humbled by witnessing this wonderful show of community sprit and are grateful to have had the chance to be a part of it. Thank you!



We would like say special thanks to **Janice Elliott** for her help in advertng the fair in CM23, The Flyer and in Salad Days, for organising the police and the fire engines, for getting the CIBO and Patrick Zoe Dee raffle prizes and for volunteering on the kids boxercise stall for the full three hours; to **Sarah Phillips** for single handedly organising all the vendors, setting up for them and clearing away after them at the fair; to **Richard Harvey** for buying and then donating two gazebos to the PTA as well as working flat out the whole day helping; to **Helen and Martin Cornwall** and sons John and Arjan for rescuing the fair's beer tent, after the originally intended marquee was cancelled, by bringing, setting up and then taking down their own marquee and for helping throughout the day; to **Maria Yiangou** for saving the greatly understaffed face painting stall by not going on holiday and doing the whole three hours without a break; to **Robbie Linsell** for volunteering to organise and run the kids boxercise and the rowing challenge for the full three hours in the hot sun as well as for providing one of the main raffle prizes; to **Clare Dixon** and **Angela Gatland** for lending their BBQs for the fair after our regular BBQ supplier was forced to withdraw with just two weeks to go; to **Emma Gilkes, Pauline Gill** and **Simon Forey** for buying supplies and running various errands before, during and after the fair as well as setting up, running stalls and cleaning up; to **Peter Banhidai** for donations of free fruit shoots and J2O drinks; to members of the previous PTA, **Gaynor Purton, Maria Yiangou** and **Simon Forey** for invaluable advice throughout the planning period and hands on help; to **Simon Forey** who also designed the summer fair banner and poster, the raffle poster and also drew the map; to **Michelle Cundall** who, in addition to her numerous PTA duties, also single handedly put the fair brochure together and printed it ready for the day; to **Colin Harris** who worked tirelessly like five people rolled into one for over 24 hours around the fair and the camping event and still made time to be Olaf, much to the delight of all the kids; to **Ferenc Kazai** and **Anna Mikulska** for being the official photographers; to **Ferenc Kazai** in addition for helping the full day including transporting the rowing machine and a whole of host of jobs; to all the class reps who are the very heart and without question the most critical part of the PTA for organising all the volunteers for the fair: **Emma Ford** (nursery), **Francesca Hill** and **Sarah Fach** (reception), **Anna Marsal** (Y1 and Y4), **Kyla Ball** (Y1), **Pauline Gill** (Y2), **Sasha Ryan** and **Clare Dixon** (Y3), **Emma Gilkes** (Y4) and **Jody Gray** (Y5).



Special thanks also go to all the office staff and teachers who were very much a key component in a lot of the preparations and organisations as well as being volunteers on the day. In particular, we

would like to thank **Rosie Smith** for all her organisational help and for her great humour through the thick of it all; to **Leslie Hughes** for always going out of her way to help, including getting parentmails sent out in record 2 hours and for answering emails, setting up the fair's web page and making changes to the PTA web pages, often at 11pm at night; to **Paula Godfrey, Alex Rowe** and **Jo Paxton** for their dedication and all their crucial behind the scenes help. A massive big thank you to **Carole Hintridge** who is not only a wonderfully inspiring leader, but also someone who gets in the thick of it and just gets things done. She has not only helped with both the advertising and organising of the fair, but also run the bar at the fair for the full there hours as well as being there for setup and clean up and even turned up to support the camping event after the fair. We also thank **Jill and Larry Gapper** and **Stephen Jess** for setting up and running the bar with Carole, **Anna Lewis, Janet Casson, Karen Mann, Sophie Turner** and **Ashley Johnston** for setting up and running the adult tombola stall as well as labelling all the tombola bottles. Special thanks to **Janet Casson** for setting up and donating her gazebo to the PTA. Thanks also to the Y5 and Y6 teachers for organising the volunteers for the Y5 and Y6 pupil stalls: **Kate Davey, Emily Hall, Cath Wilkinson** and **Anna Lewis**.



We would like to thank the caretakers **John Jenkins** and **Colin Chalk** in particular, who came out of retirement to provide logistical help.

Special thanks are due to **Colin Atter** (raffle ticket sales, 3h), **Martin G Rowe** and **Chris Byers** (bouncy castle wrist band sale, 3h) for their volunteer work, which - through their respective company's Matched Funding scheme - will give a big boost to the total raised at the fair. Thank you so much for choosing to support the school!

Many thanks to **Vicky Wheatley, Francesca Hill, Stuart Purton, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Cundall, Claire Allmark** and **Jeannettee McKenzie** for lending their gazebos and/or parasols for the fair. These provided much needed shade for a lot of the volunteers.

We are very grateful to all the helpers on the day who made time to volunteer, most of which also included family members helping with child care cover: **Michele Rogers** and **Claire Lanario** (setting up, floats, water to volunteers, cleaning up, 5h), **Philippa Pribul** (orienteering, 3h), **Emma Chapman, Mr Crichlow, Cerys Bartley** and **Julie Goodeve** (bouncy castle wrist band sale, 1h), **Emma Ford, Vanessa Bowers, Dan Zelezinski** (front desk, 1h), **Annabel Jacklin** (face painting, 1h), Y6

students: **Niamh O'Gorman, Annabel Clark, Ben Brixton, Luke Pasicsnyz-Brooks, Lois Hale, Michael Crowland, Ryver Gardiner, George White, Millie Shah, Alex Holwell, Bobbie-Rae Salmon** and **Alex Gilkes** (Y6 stalls, 1h), **Katy and Victoria Holden Dingley, Rachel Gunkel,**

Claire Allmark, Clare Dixon and Cheryl Christmas (kids bar, 1h), Y5 students and parents: **Racwa Silver, Eleanor Gunkel, Natasha Allmark, Sophie Hayes, Caroline Aman Jones, Patrick Kane, Alfie Kane** (Y5 stalls, 1h), **Louise Burnham, Emily Stewart, Sam Sydes** (rowing challenge and cleaning up, 2h), **Jo Davies, Jo Gill, Philippa Clark, Rachel Blackburn, Helen Clarke, Tom Cox** (inflatable tombola, 1h), **Cintia Muzs, Sasha Ryan, Alex Fleet, Mia Grant** (candy floss, 1h), **Simon Forey, Richard Harvey, Richard Gilkes, Tom Woods, Keith Kellard** (BBQ, 3h), **Ilona Muzs** (setting up, water to volunteers, candy floss, clean up, 4h), **Christopher Bonini, Sarah Tatham** (obstacle course and cleaning up, 2h), **Sarah O'Regan McNally** (candy floss and sports races, 2h), **Pauline Gill, Karen Wadsworth, Neil Cutmore** (sports races, 1h), **Charlotte and Nick Skea Strachen, Ruth Kirkland** (tattoos, 1h), **Anna Marsal** (tattoos and children tombola, 2h), **Natalie Dwyer, Nicola Leaver, Pauline Tingley, Alison Greene, Jenette Perry** (children tombola and soakers, 1h), **Kate Byers, Jenny Howell, Sean Quinliven, Emma Caswell Lay, Caroline Dimond, Sarah Howell, Stuart Purton, Matt Gillham** (bouncy castle police, 1h), **Francesca and Alastair Hill** (setting up, bouncy castle police, rock shop, cleaning up, 5h), **Nicky Wood, Simone Sanders** and Y3/1 students: **Jennifer and Emily Forey, Alex Curtis** (rock shop), **Laura Hyams, Rhian M Smith, Dawn Grout** (cleaning up, 1h), **Claire Harvey** (rock shop, setting up and cleaning up, 4h), **Richard Harvey** (setting up, BBQ, cleaning up, 5h), **Muriel Hardie** (candy floss and cleaning up, 3h), **Emma Gilkes** (setting up and cleaning up, 5h), **Gaynor Purton, Angela and Mark Gatland, Becky and Chris Evans** (setting up, 3h), **Sabah Elbouzidi** (setting up and sports races, 3h), **Yoko Knight, Sam Rileys** (setting up, 2h), **Jenny Reid** (setting up and tattoos, 3h). Please note that additional last minute helpers may not be listed above for which we apologise. If you are one of them, please do let us know as a version of this newsletter will be posted on the school website (PTA page) and we hope to include everyone in that.



Additional thanks to the older sibling helpers, who although were paid £10 an hour to work for two hours, but all of whom ended up working overtime for free and giving a helping hand in general: **Kai Clayton-Walker** (front desk and bouncy castle wrist band sale, 3h), **Madeline Rowe** (kids bar and tattoos, 3h), **Arjan Barci** (obstacle course and sports races, 3h). Special thanks to older sibling, **Isabel Ranford**, who volunteered to help for the full three hours.

Thanks are due to all our sponsors, who either advertised in the summer fair brochure or who donated raffle prizes. The adverts generated £550 income, including £300 from The Personal Property Shop, while the total value of the raffle prizes was just over £2,000! This is a truly amazing achievement that only highlights the lengths to which local business owners go to help support our community. If you were lucky enough to win a prize, please do pass our gratitude to the business when you use your meal or treatment vouchers or when you provide feedback on their product. Thank you!

Finally but certainly not the least, we would like to say a big thank you to all of you who made it to the fair, brought your family or told your friends to come and supported the school by spending generously at the fair! Without your attendance and your help to spread the word that brought others to the fair, there would have just been a lot of expenses generated by the fair. We hope you enjoyed your time and found the experience worthwhile!



School Summer Camping - Summary

The first Summercroft Campathon took place after the fair and saw 25 families pitch-up tents of all shapes and sizes and enjoy a summer evening of BBQ, drinks, bouncy castles, cricket, football, roasting marshmallows, hot-chocolate and more. There was laughter in the air constantly. A big well done to **Colin Harris** for organising the evening, the games and various activities, including campfire games and singsongs with his guitar and a rousing duet- rendition with **Nicholas Harris** of Johnny B Goode! Many thanks to **Colin Atter**, **Claire Lanario** and **Simon Forey** for helping me with clean up the day after in the pouring rain!



Sponsored bounce and run - Final tally

In our last newsletter, we estimated the total raised by the sponsored bounce event to reach near £3,400. Since then, the final contributions have all made their way into the bank. We are pleased to report that the total raised was a record breaking £3,653.56! Huge thanks again to all your fantastic support! Please do tell your children of their amazing achievement!

We would like to take this opportunity to give a special mention to one particular pupil who has made an outstanding contribution, using no less than four sheets of sponsorship forms, totalling an incredible £222.85! **Cody Pyatt** in Y1 Chestnut class, you did more than amazing! You are a little hero! Thank you so much for supporting your school with such dedication!

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