

Roseburn Primary School PTA

Annual Report

2022/2023 Academic year

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This year has certainly been an epic year of fundraising for the PTA. Thanks to the dedicated PTA members, incredible volunteers and our wonderful school community of children, parents, and teachers, we have raised an astounding £8,500.

Our Easyfundraising scheme and sales of second-hand school uniform continue to tick along nicely. Most importantly though, the second-hand uniform bank is an affordable way of providing uniform for our forever growing children. Thank you to Wendy, Alexa, Maxine, Denise, and team who fold, sort, box, move and distribute uniform all year round.

October brings the school Halloween events and it was great to bring the 2022 events back into school for some spooky fun. Thank you to Alison for all the planning and organising and to our special guest Jennifer the witch!

We kicked the year off in November with a social calendar hit, the cheese and wine night. This is always well attended, and, thanks to a top team of organisers (Fiona, Wendy, and Denise), a great night was had by all. New friends made, advice shared and lots of laughs. From ticket sales and a raffle, we raised £300.

Also in November, football mad Dad Derek did a great job at organising a FIFA World Cup fundraiser. Lots of effort went into planning and running this. It certainly got the football chat going outside school! We are very grateful for the £115 raised by Derek.

Onto our Christmas fundraisers. Esperanza and Elia Ana had the Christmas cards and gifts and tea towels organised beautifully again. Seasonal favourites. These two fundraising initiatives raised an incredible £750.

Christmas time saw Alexa's snoods sell like hot mince pies! It was great to see the children all walking to school sporting their new winter accessories. Through Alexa's skill and effort, she raised a cracking £640.

Into 2023 and one of the biggest nights in the PTA calendar, the school Ceilidh. It is so important to celebrate our culture, bring our school community together, share food, dance together, learn some new steps and chat to other families. The ceilidh band were particularly impressed with the number of children dancing. Some ex-P7 pupils even made a welcome appearance! Thanks to the McGreehin family (a team effort!) for organising a fabulous night, to Alison for working so hard to source lots of raffle prizes, to our community businesses for donating so generously and to all the PTA and volunteers who helped set up and tidy up. We raised nearly £600 from this event.

Organising the school fair then kicked off. For many of our school families, this would be their first. The fair was an absolute hit. Such a memorable and fun day and a huge fundraising success. This was the result of the incredible enthusiasm, commitment, energy, ideas, time, skills, perseverance, brainpower, and love from a brilliant team of fair organisers, who worked tirelessly to bring everything together. But also, from everyone involved. As a school community, we should be very proud of ourselves.

A special thanks to all the local businesses and many in the wider Edinburgh area for donating some fantastic raffle prizes.

Each class having a stall to run worked well. It took some pressure off the PTA committee and got the whole school involved. We had some lovely comments from residents too, happy to see the return of the school fair.

We were all astounded with the amount raised. The total came in at £5500!

Our most recent event of the year was the Great Roseburn Bake Off. I think it's fair to say we were all rather blown away by the number and quality of entries, the enthusiasm from the school community and the amount of money made. Through asking for donations only, £673 was raised. A great start to our fundraising year.

The next event in our calendar is the Cheese and Wine night on Friday 22nd September. We're sure this will be another successful evening. Please spread the word and especially encourage new parents and caregivers to come along.

Behind the scenes, we have also established our social media accounts and now have three card readers to aid payments. Thank you to Lynne for organising and managing these. The card readers have made a huge difference to fundraising this year.

Gillian has designed and organised three new notice boards to go on the railings outside school. I think we all agree the boards look beautiful. Such a great addition to the school. These will be used for sharing events and communicating with the school and wider community. Thank you, Gillian, for making these happen and to the RSPP for funding them.

Most of our fundraising efforts will go towards playground improvements in the coming year. But the PTA has also been able to fund other playground equipment, library books and help the Roseburn Primary School football team out with some new nets, bibs and balls.

It is impossible to thank each person who has contributed to our fundraising efforts in the last year. But if you have given even a minute of your time, we are very grateful.

Pricing for PTA events is set at a point which we hope is accessible to all our families. Whilst also fulfilling our remit to fundraise. If we can provide a social event and raise a bit of money, that is an absolute win. We also try to organise some non-profit events like the Halloween activities and goodie bags, tea and coffee at sports day and have previously organised treasure hunts and activities to help families engage with each other and the local community. Particularly during covid times. We are also fortunate to have other opportunities to be involved in the school community and meet others, such as Mrs B's coffee and cake mornings. And who wouldn't want cake?!

Funds raised by the PTA enrich every child's experience. We welcome any contribution, big and small, monetary, or not. Families can bake or they can man the stall and sell the cakes, put up posters in the local area for an event, run a football sweepstake, put up bunting at the fair, dress up as a witch for Halloween, design posters, write up a risk assessment, call the raffle at the ceilidh, cook burgers at the fair, set up the tea and coffee stall at sports day, come along to our cheese and wine night, set up the uniform for a sale, sell donuts...the opportunities to contribute, socialise, fundraise and have fun together are endless. Please also get in touch if you have any alternative or innovative ideas on how we can raise funds. All ideas welcome!

The future success of the PTA is dependent on parents stepping up to volunteer, and with now only a small number of parents actively involved in organising the events, we continue to look for new members. In the next 12 months we will be looking for a new Chair and Treasurer to take over from myself and Janet, as our youngest children leave Roseburn. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, please let me know.

Thank you.