

P.T.A. Newsletter

June 2011

Janine Griffith-McCann - PTA Chair

As always we have been very busy this term and have held many events and supported many more within the school.

We held a Thank-you Coffee morning for all the Fun Day volunteers, a Welcome Meeting for new and existing parents, we organised The Annual School Ball, we held our first Coffee morning at The Salwa Section, we staged the annual Hats on Holiday Competition, we supported Art Week and The Ocean Commotion Production in the school and continued to successfully manage The School Shop.

Not bad for a group of already very busy parents!

I hope that you have been able to attend some of these events or visited The School Shop and seen just what we do in the PTA and how **YOU** can become more involved in the School community.

None of the work we do would be possible without a dedicated Committee or the invaluable help of the many members of the PTA all of whom are volunteers and give their time so generously.

SO THANK-YOU ALL AND HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Events

The main event this term was of course The Annual School Ball. Amanda Barber was appointed Chair of The Ball and Claire Birkwood Sponsorship Co-ordinator. Over 300 people attended the ball that was held at The British Embassy in the Residence Gardens. The venue was stunning and the volunteers even more stunning! A lot of hard work went in to the preparations to ensure that everyone had a wonderful evening whilst raising a lot of money for the School. Our thanks go to Amanda and Claire and all the volunteers who helped with the preparations prior to and at the Ball.

We would also like to say Thank-you to our Sponsors for the evening:

BMI and Robert Lickley, The Sheraton Hotel and Stuart Birkwood, Saudi Hollandi Bank, Le Notre, Rosewood Hotels and Resorts, Novotel, Planet Pharmacy and Kaya Skin Clinic.

Thank-you also to all those who donated prizes for the raffle.

The PTA Shop

The School Shop has gone from strength to strength this year and this has been reflected in the results - an increase in sales of a massive 25% compared to the last academic year! Well done to Hala Amkia and her hard working volunteers!

Volunteers are crucial to the success of the shop and key volunteers like Sam Staines and Paula Francis have worked over 150 hours this year with Vicki Griffiths and Hala Amkia working even more and many of those at home!

One of our biggest 'sellers' is the second hand uniforms. So please keep sending in your donations - collection boxes are located at The School Reception desks at both sites.

If you would like to help in the shop new volunteers are always welcome - no matter how many hours you can give, so please contact us and have a chat about what we do and see how you can help.

Hats on Holiday Competition

Having successfully run the competition for a number of years we decided to change the format a little this year and Sally Whitfield worked tirelessly to ensure that it was even bigger and better than before.

We had one photograph that was as usual chosen by our professional judges, but this year every pupil, teacher and member of staff was given a vote to choose a school winner. No mean feat, but Sally rose to the challenge and arranged the whole event. We had some great feedback and will be running the Competition again next year - so remember if you want to take part

TAKE YOUR SCHOOL HAT ON HOLIDAY!

More details to follow in the new school year, but if you want to take part you can download the rules from our website right now.

Salwa Coffee Morning

We held our first Coffee Morning at Salwa Section in June. It was a coffee morning with a twist and included a Personal Styling Presentation.

The event was well attended and proved to be very popular. We intend to hold a repeat in the new School year for all those who missed it.

Based on information received, via the new feedback forms that we have introduced, this is likely to be an evening event at the main site.

Look out for more details in the School Comms in the new School year.

The PTA Committee.

Once again we have to say goodbye to some Committee members - Deputy Chair Amanda Barber, Secretary Abby Cox, Treasurer Azra Naqvi and Sally Whitfield our Graphics and IT whiz. We offer them our deepest thanks for all their hard work and dedication to the PTA and wish them all the very best for the future wherever it takes them. They will be a hard act to follow and will be sorely missed!

On a happier note we have been very lucky to welcome three new committee members - Vicky Griffiths as Treasurer, Julie Sheffield as Secretary and Alex Kempton as Membership Secretary.

Fund's donated this term.

Donation for The Ocean Commotion Production

Prizes for Art Week

Prizes for The Hats on Holiday Competition

Funding for an 'Outdoor Classroom'

Donation towards The U11 BSME Competition in Qatar

Donation for the refurbishment and up-grading of the 'climbing wall'

A variety of equipment, medals and display plaques for the Sports Department

Save The Date!

We are currently planning our next Fun Day that we hope will be even better than this year's event.

We are awaiting the arrival of the new Principal to agree a date, but we hope that it will be some time in the Autumn term.

Watch out for further information in School Comms in the new School year.

Sponsors

We are very lucky within the PTA to have enjoyed the continuous support of several sponsors this year namely - BMI, The Sheraton Hotel and Almarai. We would like to extend our thanks to them and their staff for their generous support. We hope that we may have many more years working together in a successful partnership to support the whole School Community.

Membership of the PTA

Our new Membership Secretary Alex Kempton is busy looking at new ways to improve the way we communicate with our members and how we can improve the experience for our volunteers. More on this in the next School year, in the meantime.....

If you would like to know more about this wonderful organisation or find out how to join the PTA and help The BISR then please collect a membership form from the PTA shop or download one from our website and return it to us via the mailbox, located outside the PTA shop in the School.

Contact us.

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