



Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Staff,

It's nearing the end of term and the summer holidays are looming. We've had a busy time ...

The **Quiz Night** back in March raised a total of **£107.60**. We had 12 teams battle it out for the coveted top prize. They managed to identify Fishermoss teachers from baby photos, and who else remembers Mrs Mclusky from Grange Hill?! Prizes were kindly donated by Emily & Andy Wilson. Thank you to all who attended, it was an enjoyable evening for everyone.



Our most important event of the year was the **Spring Fayre**. Despite the dreich start to the day the sun did eventually shine and we managed to benefit for at least a wee while. We had a record number of external stall holders this year, lots more bouncy castles and who could miss our giant gorilla. We were inundated with donations this year. Thanks to those who bought raffle tickets, donated bottles and raffle prizes. To those that donated for our dress as you please day, we thank you, we were overwhelmed with chocolate. Thank you to everyone who braved the drizzle to come for a browse on the day. Overall we raised a total of **£3,979.49** for the school.

We had a few sponsors/contributers to this year's fayre, so a big shout out to them...

- **Homebase** – donated £200 of plants for the plant stall.
- **Wilco Geotechnics** – sponsored the Balloon Race.
- **Portlethen's Place to Eat** – donated the steak beef burgers for the BBQ.
- **1st Portlethen Scouts** – ran the BBQ for us. In recognition of their efforts we split the profits 50/50. The Scouts were delighted to receive a cheque for £273.93
- **Warbutons** – donated the rolls for the burgers and hotdogs.
- **Tesco, Newtonhill** – donated Easter eggs and chocolate for the tombola.

We had some left overs...

- The P7's took the left over bottled water from the BBQ for their trip to Abernethy.
- We donated left over tombola chocolate and tins of juice from the BBQ to the local Food Bank.
- The left over BBQ buns/burgers were donated to Lethen Park Care Home.
- The left over plants are being grown on for sale at next year's Fayre.

We have still not had any returned tickets for the **Balloon race** so if nobody returns a ticket during the holidays a winner will be drawn from all those who entered in the new term.

Our final event of the year was the **End of Term Disco**. It was very well attended...thanks to everyone who came along and to all of our helpers. All the children had a ball, from Little Mix to Silento (no, we didn't know who he was either)... they certainly danced their socks off.



We raised **£260.14** and picked up some new dance moves to boot!

The end of the year can only mean one thing....new **Fishermoss School Uniform** for next year. Hazel Willox has been inundated with orders for P7 black jumpers, new uniforms throughout the school and not forgetting the new intake of P1's - tissues at the ready!. This year to date we have raised just over **£1,288** through uniform sales alone. Thank you!! Uniform can be bought at anytime during the school year.



Easy Fundraising was introduced this year.

We have raised just over £270 to date. This has been a great start to a regular income, but it could be so much better. It really is money for nothing, and is so easy to do.



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So that's the fundraising, but what has this allowed the school to do this term....

Emergency First Aid training was delivered to P5, P6 & P7 pupils. Each pupil received invaluable first aid training and a certificate. Each year this is funded by the PSA. This year we covered the cost of £604.45.



Lots of classes have been off on their class school trips. Pupils have been to castles and beaches and museums, some were lucky to have sunshine and others were absolutely soaked, but still managed to have fun! We can't control the weather but we can fund the **trip buses**. Traditionally the PSA fund every pupil £10 per head for the buses. This year we donated £3,540 for the trips to go ahead.

The Nursery, P1 and P2 had a visit from **Hopscotch Theatre Company** for 'be keen to eat green'. The PSA covered this cost of £225.

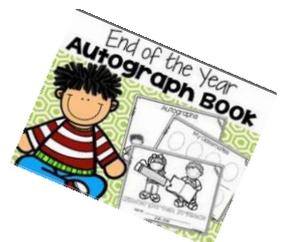
Looking forward to the start of the new academic year doesn't just mean new uniforms... the pupils need new **homework diaries** and some may even need a new **green folder book bag**.

The PSA covers these costs. The homework diaries are a total of £418.40 and the green

folders are £402. If your child requires a new green folder, they can be purchased from the school office for £3.50 which goes directly to the school. The new primary 1's have their green folders donated by the PSA.



Our final donation is for the Primary 7's. Each year the leavers have a **Ceilidh** attended by pupils and staff. This year we donated £100 towards the dance and also donated each pupil an **autograph book** at a cost of £190.





So the year in a nutshell...

Despite the shaky start to this year with the PSA almost folding, we have gone on to have a successful and eventful year of fundraising for the school and more importantly the children, **OUR** children.

We thank each and every one of you for the support you have given us;

- **Your time** in the form of fayre helpers, sponsored walk marshalls and disco chaperones.
- **Donations** for the tombola chocolate, bottle stall and raffle prizes.
- **Participation** in the disco's, the fayres, the quiz night and sponsored walk.
- **Attendance** at committee meetings.



In a time of ongoing financial pressures we managed to fundraise in excess of £12,492 that we have donated to the school. This is an amazing effort by everyone involved.

So far the school have spent £10,833. In addition to the above, this has funded: the Christmas cinema trip, class trips, gym equipment, basketball hoops, author visits, theatre visits, arts & crafts; this list goes on.

OUR children, and the school, **NEED** the PSA. The amount the school receives from the Council is just not enough. Without additional funding the children would simply not receive the benefits and experiences they do now. For this to continue, the PSA **NEEDS YOU!**

Our AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 31st August in the staff room. Please come along and see how **YOU** can help. We **NEED** volunteers, we **NEED** ideas, and we **NEED YOUR HELP**. This year we introduced Easy Fundraising. This idea came from a new parent and new committee member. It's new ideas like these we need. We look forward to seeing some new faces next year.



On a final note, we say a fond goodbye to one of our teacher members on her retirement. Having served on the PSA for many years Mrs Willox will be missed. Mrs Willox has always helped out at the junior disco's ensuring the P1's have a friendly familiar face. She has supported many events over the years and is a regular on the bottle tombola at the school fayres. Mrs Willox was presented with flowers and Union Square vouchers this week, and her very own tombola bucket (which she received in good spirits). We wish her well on her retirement and hope she will accept our open invitation to future events.

Once again thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a wonderful summer....see you next term!

Fishermoss PSA



p.s. If you're in the playground over the summer holidays and using the basketball hoops...just think....PSA did that...but more importantly.....

'The pupils asked for them and I helped fundraise for them!'