

Fishermoss Parent Staff Association (PSA) Newsletter



Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Staff,

We are already nearing Easter and well into our third school term. We have had a quiet few months with events but rest assured things have been bubbling along in the background. So what's coming...

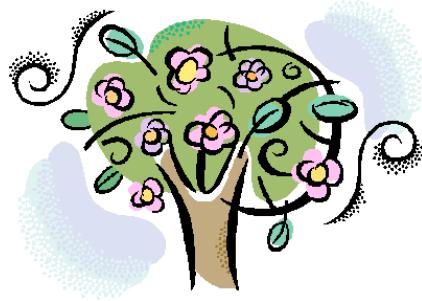
Family Quiz Night on Friday 18th March 7pm – 9.30pm in the school hall.

1st Kuchini Voucher

2nd Family Hamper

3rd Haribo Sweets

There will be a tuck shop available, so why not grab some friends and family, exercise those brain cells and have some fun. Tickets £10 per family. Look out for flyers sent home with pupils.



Our biggest event of the year is just round the corner; the **Spring Fayre** on 21st May 10am – 12noon. We will have the usual stalls with local crafters, fun inflatables, a raffle and of course the ever popular tombolas.

Mrs Ferguson has kindly agreed for the school to have a '**dress as you please**' day on Friday 20th May. The 'fee' being a donation of chocolate for the PSA tombola. This has been hugely successful in the past and we are sure you will not disappoint us this year.

We will also be looking for donations of bottles and home baking. Bottles can be dropped off at the school office on the week of the fayre. Please do not send any alcohol or glass bottles to school with pupils but you can drop them off at the school office. Baking can be dropped off on the day.

If you are interested in having a stall at the fayre, or know someone who is, please contact David Wilkins via the school office or at fishermosspsa@outlook.com

Did you know that the **Fishermoss School Uniform** is organised by the PSA and can be ordered throughout the year? Order forms are available from the school office, but as usual we will have a stall at the Spring Fayre with a range of sizes to try for the forthcoming year so this could be time to get organised. New P1s can come and try their future uniform, and not forgetting current P6s needing black jumpers for P7 after the summer. Tissues at the ready! Cash and Cheques will be accepted on the day. We aim to turn around all orders before the end of the summer term.



Easy Fundraising was introduced last term.



We received our first quarterly payment of £80.90 at the end of February. This is 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.

Why not use it to book your holiday? Car hire? The school can benefit from all of these plus more...



Join, shop and raise here: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/fishermossschoolpsa

Don't forget to bookmark the page, and download the app so you never miss the cashback! So far we have only 17 subscribers...lets see if we can get to 100 by the end of the academic year!

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So what have we funded for the school since our last newsletter...

Just before Christmas we paid £1,127.00 for the buses transporting the P1-P7s to the beach cinema to see 'The Good Dinosaur'.



The nursery children also benefited with the PSA allocating £189.75 to fund the cost of the bus taking them to the Lemon Tree to see the 'Wishing on a Star' pantomime.

At the beginning of March we handed over a cheque to Mrs Ferguson for £3,240.48. This will be used to purchase a range of equipment and educational materials for use throughout the school.



Teachers and Pupils benefit from an Education City Subscription. This online resource provides online activities for pupils and interactive content for teachers to support pupils in their learning. The PSA have always funded this annual subscription which this year is £595



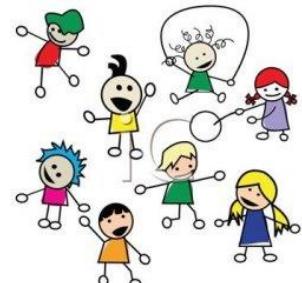
The P7s hosted the annual Burns Supper for the elderly residents of Portlethen. Every year this is partially funded through P7 fund raising with the PSA providing the remainder which this year was £155.



£600 for cooking equipment to be used by children throughout the school. Baking utensils, mixing bowls, a cooker and trolley that can be used within classes.



The nursery requested £72 for a range of sparkly arts and crafts materials. There is sure to be lots of glitter involved!



£500 was allocated for replacement PE Equipment for the benefit of all classes. Soft sponge balls, beanbags, etc. all have short lives within the school environment, so need replaced from time to time.

£60 was given for playground PE equipment storage in the form of a giant wheeled storage trunk. This will replace rather dilapidated trolleys that are currently being used.



£1,258 will provide basketball stands to be installed in the playground as requested by the Pupil Council. These are the large galvanised steel type that will be concreted into the playground. These will benefit the wider community out with school time

Active Schools continues to deliver taster sessions with Lynsey Coutts which is also funded by the PSA.





Lastly, Grant McLean has stood down as Chairperson. Grant will continue to support the PSA in any way he can but has other commitments. We thank Grant for his time as Chair. Meantime, until our next AGM in September, Vice Chairperson David Wilkins has stepped up to Chair, with Nicola Cameron stepping into the Vice Chair role as support. This is in line with our Constitution, which states that we can co-opt new members to fill any vacancies occurring between AGM's.

We are always looking for volunteers for events, whether it is for fayres, the sponsored walk, the quiz night etc. You don't need to be an active member of the committee to contribute, any help you can offer is always greatly appreciated.

For events such as school discos, where direct Pupil supervision is required, we will require helpers to have an up-to-date PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme) membership. This is for both pupil and volunteer protection. Please contact the school office if you wish to obtain disclosure membership which is currently provided by Aberdeenshire Council without cost. For the Spring and Xmas Fayre however anyone is free to help.

Please contact the school office if you require more information.

Got any suggestions, comments? We are always looking for new ways to raise funds for the school, don't be shy; just speak to any of the committee members, most of whom can be found in the playground. Alternatively fill in the attached form and return to school.

Once again thank you for your continued support,

Fishermoss PSA

I wish to help and would like information on becoming part of the committee

I do not wish to be part of the committee but please add me to the helpers list for events

Name: _____

Email: _____

Suggestions: