

Balshaw's Association PTA - AGM - Wednesday 5th October 2022

Chairman's Report

This year we were finally able to meet again in person and it was great to finally be able to see everyone.

During the pandemic we kept in touch via our What's App group and held a few zoom meetings but with so much uncertainty it wasn't possible to plan ahead. At our first meeting in March, we started to discuss the way forward and I'm pleased to say that the energy and enthusiasm from everyone in the committee was back in force. Although we've lost a few committee members due to their children no longer studying at Balshaw's, we've still got a really strong team, all of whom remain committed to continuing our efforts.

To get the show back on the road, we held an Easter Bingo at the end of March which as always was extremely successful and very well attended. The PTA enjoyed a summer social in July and a good time was had by all (don't mention the calamari)😊

We've got some great events planned for the school year ahead:

- Family fun night - Friday 14th October 2022
- Christmas Bingo – Thursday 1st December 2022
- Easter Bingo – Thursday 30th March 2023
- Summer race night & BBQ – Friday 16th June 2023

As a PTA, one of our main aims is to help build relationships between home, school and the local community but at the same time we aim to raise money to assist with the purchase of equipment and school resources which seek to enhance or enrich the provision which Balshaw's provides for its students.

We've just launched the 2022 bid process which gives departments in school the opportunity to bid for funds for a project or opportunity. There's nothing more rewarding for the committee than seeing the result of all their hard work. i.e., seeing the funds that have been raised being spent on projects that have such a positive impact on a student's time at Balshaw's.

As always, I'd like to personally thank all the committee members for their continued hard work, enthusiasm and dedication to the PTA. Without you all, it just wouldn't be possible. A big thank you also to those staff members who continue to support the PTA.