

Ealing Fields High School

PTSA



Newsletter • Issue 5

View from the Chair

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Staff

Wow, what a year! I almost don't know where to begin, other than to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported, planned, organised, run & attended the PTSA events & activities this past year.

In terms of face to face events, we mothballed our small but firmly established PTSA in March of 2020, at our temporary school site in Wyke Gardens with just 480 students on roll. We returned 18 months later to a huge brand new site with state of the art facilities, and a school of over 750 students.

To say the past year has been a learning curve would be an understatement!

However, we hit the ground running thanks to everyone's concerted efforts to keep the PTSA ticking over in the background during those long pandemic lockdowns through our online Donut Days & Raffle sales and, most importantly, our collective desire to come back bigger and better than ever.

We started with a bang back in September as over 700 people attended our *Back to School BBQ* and we didn't look back, breaking fundraising record after fundraising record on our way through our most comprehensive schedule of events to date.

To put that into numbers, since we returned to having face to face events last September, we have had over 2,500 attendees across 9 events raising over £21,000 for the school!

Throughout the rest of this newsletter you will find reviews of our many events, details our fundraising totals & the projects we have funded for the school, as well as the events calendar for next term. I hope you enjoy the read, as it really brings home what an amazing school community we have here at Ealing Fields.

We are always looking to improve, take on board new ideas and meet new members of the Ealing Fields family, so if you would like to get involved please email us at PTSA@ealingfields.org.uk We would be delighted to hear from you!

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the next Back to School BBQ on Friday 9th September at 6.00 pm.

Until then, enjoy your summer break and we'll see you all next term.

Kind regards

David Simpson

Ealing Fields PTSA Chair

Finance update

Our fifth set of financial results are shown below, covering the period from 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021:

Events 2021	Turnover	Funds Raised
Donut Day Q3	£678.00	£496.01
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	£74.50	£74.50
Donut Day Q4	£198.00	£138.26
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	£391.00	£391.00
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	£303.40	£303.40
Back To School BBQ	£5,003.20	£2,653.02
Ealing Half Marathon	£2,272.25	£2,272.25
Laser Tag	£2,057.22	£1,140.12
Year 7 Movie Night	£645.60	£512.52
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	£132.00	£132.00
Year 8 Movie Night	£438.60	£224.64
Stand-Up Comedy Night	£1,347.10	£689.88
Christmas Concert	£635.05	£399.00
Christmas Raffle	£1,178.00	£1,080.94
Miscellaneous	£1,384.18	£1,303.38
Grand Total	£13,789.11	£11,810.92

The fundraising totals above from 2021 represent our most successful year to date, but we are already on course to beat that in 2022!

Events 2022 (to date)	Turnover	Funds Raised
Quiz & Curry Night	£2,044.67	£811.01
Family Sports Day	£657.66	£291.91
Student Comedy Show	£509.55	£243.03
Spring Concert	£228.58	£166.68
School Production of Annie	£676.20	£418.74
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	£159.00	£159.00
Ealing Fields Festival	£12,331.97	£7,413.13
2nd Hand Uniform Shop	£300.50	£300.50
Miscellaneous	£235.54	£235.54
Grand Total (to date)	£17,143.67	£10,039.61

With the Autumn Terms fundraising still to come, 2022 will no doubt prove to be our PTSA's most successful year so far, and we look forward to presenting the school with our largest grant ever at this year's Christmas Concert!

School Projects Funded in 2021/22

Last year we delivered our biggest programme of school project funding to date, delivering £10,500 worth of grants for the following projects:

- £500 for a 3D Printer
- £5,000 for new Library Books
- £5,000 for the new Wellness Centre



For 2021 we have already made a £1,600 grant available for a new giant Chess & Draughts set that will be installed in the playground over the Summer holidays.

We will be discussing new funding opportunities with the school in the Autumn Term, including an exciting new Garden Project, and we hope to deliver in the region of £15,000 worth of funding to the school in 2022,

Social Media & Comms

Don't forget you can keep up to speed with all that is happening by joining the Ealing Fields social network!



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PTSA Events Calendar Autumn Term 2022

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| • Friday 9th September | Back to School BBQ |
| • Friday 30th September | Laser Tag |
| • Friday 11th November | Years 7&8 Movie Night |
| • Friday 25th November | Stand-Up Comedy Night |

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Back to School BBQ

It was a balmy September evening and once again we managed once again to score perfect weather for our now traditional welcome barbecue. The Ealing Fields institution is both a chance to welcome new parents and students to the school, and also a chance to catch up with friends old and new after the summer break.

This year's event was eagerly awaited not only because it is always great fun but for the twin bonuses that this was the first large scale event that we have been able to host since the pandemic and it was also the first look at our amazing permanent new site. Our student ambassadors did a great job showing parents rounds the school and entertainment was laid on by the parents' band, Primary Scream.

We had record numbers attend the event and this together with us finding our way round the new premises did give the PTSA crew a few logistical challenges but in true PTSA fashion everyone mucked in, including a few impromptu volunteers to help ensure that everyone had a great and memorable evening. This helped set us up for the fantastic year that was to be ahead of us and indeed to inaugurate our new buildings.

By Mohit Jain

Laser Tag Combat

Friday 17th September saw what was to be the first of many indoor PTSA events during the Autumn Term. Whilst we would normally kick off the new school year with an event specifically for our new Year 7 students, we were aware that due to the pandemic the current Year 8 students had been robbed of their introductory year of PTSA events, so we decided to 'Go Large' and put on our biggest Laser Tag event to date!

Nearly 200 Year 7&8 students combined to take each other on at Laser Tag Combat in teams of 12. Taking place in the full size, darkened Performance Centre, complete with inflatable obstacles, hiding places and vantage points, all the students got to enjoy 3 games of laser tag across a 4-hour extravaganza of fun!

Fuelled by hot dogs & chips from the Café, and an endless Tuck Shop to replenish their energy, the battle weary soldiers finally made their way home after an amazing evening of fun with their friends.

By Dave Simpson



Ealing Half Marathon

Once again Ealing Fields got the #Ealing Feeling and entered a team in the Ealing Half Marathon in September 2021. It was the third time we've entered a team. This year's team consisted of 3 teachers and 6 parents raising an amazing £2,272 for the PTSA. The Ealing Half marathon is a big community event, with lots of supporters along the route cheering the team on. This year two of our team high fived as they passed each other running in opposite directions! The team are already in the early stages of their training for the 2022 event! If you are interested in running it, please get in touch with Mr Woodham.

By Susan Simpson



Year 7 Movie Night

On 15th October the PTSA put together a Movie Night for the Year 7; the children got to choose the movie from a good selection and they chose the latest Marvel movie release, 'Black Widow'.

It was a great way to kick off the start of the new school year and welcome the new Year 7's! The children were mighty excited and the PTSA was equally excited too! It had been a while since we had been able to put an event together due to the pandemic and we were raring to go!

The PTSA crew arrived early to get all the prep done; we had a great selection of hot food on offer. There were hot dogs and chips; we also catered special requirements such as Halal, Vegetarian etc.

That wasn't all; the PTSA also had a great tuck shop with a wide variety of crisps, candy and drinks!

At 6.00pm, the kids started pouring in and boy were they hungry! They happily had their fill of the hot food (pre-selected by them) and before they headed to the Performance Centre for the movie, they certainly hit the tuck shop hard and ensured that they had plenty of goodies to last them throughout the movie! That wasn't all, they returned for more goodies during the intermission! The kids really enjoyed the evening; and got the chance to know each other better and make new friends!

It was a fabulous evening for the PTSA too! We raised a total sum of £512. Not too shabby for one evening, eh?

Looking forward to the next movie night!!

By Dimple Pattani



Stand Up Comedy Night

Friday 12th November saw the second comedy night roll into Ealing Fields with 5 fantastic acts, plus Brentford's own compere extraordinaire Jim Kent, tickling the audience all the way from teeny titters to full blown belly laughs in a jam packed 2-hour show.

The experienced line up took in the talents of TV and Radio 4 regular Njambi McGrath, BBC new voices winner Jenan Younis, Irish comedian Duffy Connor, the cheeky comedy magic of Stu Turner and Latin laughs courtesy of Valerio Marconi.

The evening was a smash with the audience and one of the highlights of the PTSA's events calendar - get it in your diary for next year!

By Jon Hicks



Students v Adults Quiz & Curry Night

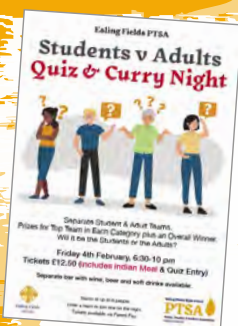
Way back in February we held our first post-pandemic quiz and curry night. We had a great turnout with 18 teams participating: The students put forward 7 teams, and a further 11 teams coming from the parents, teachers and supporters; a total of almost 130 quizzers which made for a great evening and an at times nail biting competition.

We ran through 9 rounds, with the craziest being the "Say what you see" round, hosted by the inimitable Scott Illman of the Magpie & Crown in Brentford, whose costumes and props ran from the sublime to the frankly disturbing.

In the end it was a photo finish between Off Target (Y8 students) and The Conservatives (Y9 students), with the Y8 team taking the title 83.5 points to Y9's 82.5.

The fabulous curry for the night was provided by Heena's Kitchen, and the whole night raised a total of £811. Thank you to all PTSA staff, teachers, parents, supporters and students that made it such an enjoyable night!

By Robbie King



Family Sports Day

February 12th saw Ealing Fields host its first ever Family Sports Day.

Historically named Rugby Day, where the day primarily revolved around student rugby games and the six nations cup, this year the day was focused on families coming together and enjoying all sport. The day began with the student rugby games at Durston House Playing Fields. Our friendly foes from Twyford High School fielded a team as strong as ever.

A highly popular indoor futsal tournament then followed in our Ealing Fields sports hall. The sports hall was packed full of students, and parents alike. Outside of these two tournaments were opportunities to join in games of basketball and table tennis.

Lastly, students gravitated to the drama studio, where they enjoyed a bounce on some of the school's competitive trampolines. Attendance was up on last year by a long way, and the smiles on all the faces just showed how much they enjoyed the event.

By Martyn Tootell



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