

# Ealing Fields High School

# PTSA



## Newsletter • Issue 3

### View from the Chair

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Staff

Welcome to the 2020 edition of the Ealing Fields PTSA Newsletter. Our fantastic Parent, Teacher & Student Association has just completed its third full year and continues to go from strength to strength.

In this issue of the newsletter you will find reviews of last year's fundraising events, information about what we have coming up this year, a finance update on the money raised, and details of the grants we have issued to the school to help our students in their academic and pastoral endeavours.

As always we continue to be very thankful to all of you who have helped run and support our PTSA, by both organising and participating in our events and activities over the past year.

We are a growing yet still quite small school, and as such the level of attendance at all our events remains remarkable, and it has been fantastic to see the renowned great community spirit at Ealing Fields being embraced by each new cohort.

The past year has seen many of our established events continue to grow, as well as the introduction of some new ones, with the Stand-Up Comedy Night back in November a particular highlight, so much so that we already have another one planned for March!

Of course we could always do with more help, fresh ideas and new people to drive us forward as the school continues to grow so if you would like to get involved please email us at [PTSA@ealingfields.co.uk](mailto:PTSA@ealingfields.co.uk)

Thank you once again for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

Kind regards

*David Simpson*

# Finance Update

Our third set of financial results are shown below, covering the period from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019:

Event	Turnover	Funds Raised
Quiz & Curry Night	£ 890.81	£ 391.81
Rugby Day	£ 562.26	£ 313.04
Laser Tag	£ 958.75	£ 515.65
Oliver Production	£ 214.15	£ 143.78
Ealing Fields Festival & Camping	£ 3,998.18	£ 2,134.28
Back To School BBQ	£ 1,068.08	£ 452.00
Ealing Half Marathon	£ 2,638.75	£ 2,514.49
Year 7 Movie Night	£ 525.90	£ 392.67
Donut Day 1	£ 156.66	£ 120.91
Halloween Disco	£ 646.79	£ 465.52
Stand-Up Comedy Night	£ 839.50	£ 579.05
Donut Day 2	£ 169.60	£ 129.89
Christmas Raffle	£ 460.00	£ 440.00
Miscellaneous Fundraising & Donations	£ 666.89	£ 452.39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£13,789.11</b>	<b>£ 9,045.48</b>

## Fundraising – Grants & Projects

After spending our first 2 years raising funds for the school mini bus, 2019 saw the PTSA embark on a programme of support for each school department. Under this programme, different departments are able to submit bids for funding for projects or equipment that they are unable to provide from their individual department budgets. Over the course of the year the PTSA was able to issue you the following grants:

**Science:** £204 for a Digital Joule/Watt Meter • £383 for a Digital Oscilloscope

**Art:** £700 towards a Printing Press

**Drama:** £500 to cover performance rights for the production of Oliver!

**English:** £885 grant towards the cost of the Jack Petchey's Speak Out Challenge

**Maths:** £475 grant towards the cost of the Tagtiv8 programme.

As our PTSA grows we hope to continue with this support programme for 2020, whilst also looking to raise funds for a 'big ticket' item for the new school building. Items under consideration for this at the moment include a Grand Piano, AV Equipment and retractable seating. We will bring you a further update on our spending plans at the end of the summer term.

## Back to School BBQ

New students and their families, along with those returning for another school year, were treated to a slap-up barbecue and with a well-stocked bar in the school grounds, which helped while away an hour or two on a Saturday afternoon. This gave attendees the chance to meet fellow newcomers, catch up with some familiar faces and chat to teachers old and new.



## Laser Tag

The 2019 Ealing Fields Laser Tag event was a great success with children from every year and every form enthusiastically joining in. An external partner provided the laser guns and some screens for the players to hide behind and we ran an event league guaranteeing all the children at least four games over the course of the afternoon. Hot food and snacks and drinks were also available. Over three hours of intense competition friends became enemies and enemies became friends, as the event's Zombie Outbreak theme was brought to life by a number of children in costume. As evening fell there was even enough time for the highest scoring students to have one extra final game pitting all the elite players against each other and everyone went home happy having mercifully prevented a terrifying zombie outbreak at Ealing Fields School.



## Halloween Disco

It was scarcely dark when Ealing Fields students turned up in their blood-curdling best for the Halloween Disco! What a scare fest of hairy monsters, vicious vampires, evil schoolchildren and scary skeletons!

It's hard to believe that some of these ghouls and ghosts only joined us in September! There was a lot of posing and dancing, as well as a dazzling array of imaginative costumes.

All attendees really threw themselves into the Halloween spirit and the Halloween Disco was a great opportunity for students to express themselves and have fun with their friends.

A lot of hard work went into ensuring the students had the spookiest time ever. Sales of sweets and drinks soared... it's thirsty work scaring people!





# PTSA 2019 Raffles

The Ealing Fields Summer Festival 2019 saw the inaugural PTSA Raffle and what a raffle it was. We amassed some amazing prizes including a top of the range Huawei phone kindly donated by one of our school's parents, a Nintendo Switch, John Lewis champagne hamper, a number of meal vouchers for local restaurants and many other fabulous treats. Russell Collins, a local Estate Agent sponsored the raffle tickets enabling all funds raised to be profit for the PTSA. The sale of raffle tickets, via Parentpay and on the day, made a huge contribution to the funds raised at the Summer Festival.

Thanks to contributions from parents employers and parents we had another wonderful set of prizes on offer at our Christmas Concert raffle and this alone raised £440.

**If you or your employer have raffle prizes that you could donate for the 2020 Summer Festival Raffle please do let us know by emailing [ptsachair.co.uk](mailto:ptsachair.co.uk).**



## Comedy Night

On the 15th of November Ealing Fields hall was transformed into a comedy club for its first ever comedy night. Five fantastically funny acts and compère, Jim Kent from Way Out West Comedy Club, entertained us throughout the evening and helped us to raise a brilliant £579.

It was a great night, with plenty of time to socialise with one another between the laughs and enjoy the food and drink on offer from the kitchen and bar. We are hoping to arrange another comedy night very soon so watch this space...

## Donut Day

Ealing Fields' inaugural doughnut day in October was a (unsurprisingly) resounding success amongst students. When the final bell of the day rang, the race was on to nab a doughnut or five, with everything running out in a matter of minutes. Doughnut Day will now be a regular fixture on the school calendar, and the PTSA promises to make sure students don't experience a doughnut drought again!



## Rugby Day

Saturday 16th March 2019 saw the return of Ealing Fields Family Rugby Day. Building on the success of the previous year's event over 50 students signed up to take part in the rugby tournaments with many parents turning out to support them. Under the expert stewardship of Mr Tootell & Miss Radcliff, boys and girls from Years 7 through

9 took part in an afternoon of exciting rugby matches in Elthorne Park, and mercifully this year the weather was slightly kinder than the previous year with just high winds and driving rain! Never the less the students got stuck in and produced some excellent rugby, much to the delight of the cold & wet spectators. Meanwhile, in the safety of the 'club house' (school hall) students and parents took refuge between rugby matches to enjoy

some hot food, refreshments and a full stocked bar whilst watching the final round of 6 Nations games on the big screens as Wales went on to complete the Grand Slam. Great fun was had all round despite the weather and Family Rugby Day will be back in 2020!



## Movie Night

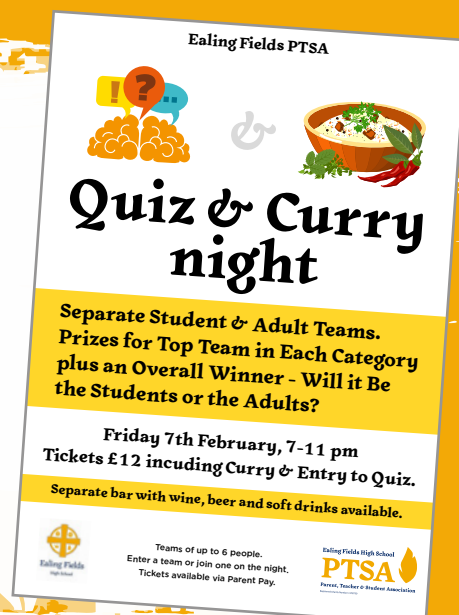
What better way to introduce our new students to the social side of life at Ealing Fields than have a year 7 exclusive event early in their first term.

Another sell-out night saw the new students come together on a Friday evening with friends new and old to watch Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse. The night kicked-off with a Hot Dog & Chips meal for all before the tuck shop was raided for the movie. The 'intermission' saw the arrival of fresh hot popcorn and the boys and girls got into the spirit of a night at the movies!



## Quiz & Curry Night

Our annual quiz curry night took place in February with a delicious supper provided by Heena's Curry Kitchen offering meat and vegetarian options, as well as the infamous PTSA licensed bar. With last year's winners 'The Groovy Governor's' having won by half a point it was time for the student teams to level the score but they were pushed into second place by 'The Unnamables'. Notable challenges were the 'Fortnite' and 'Paper aeroplane' rounds which prompted some interesting results. With a licenced bar and snacks on offer, it was a great night for all and raised £391 for the school!





# 2019 Ealing Half Marathon

On 29th September 2019, the Ealing Fields PTSA entered a team for the Ealing Half Marathon. This is the second year in a row that we have done this and once again it was a huge success. The team consisted of 5 parents and 2 members of staff and were able to raise a brilliant £2,294 for the PTSA! The Ealing Half Marathon is such a great community event and it is excellent to have a school PTSA team as part of that. It was a great boost for all of the team to be cheered along by parents, teachers and students who came along on the day – I think Mr Bedford might have even been inspired to join in himself in 2020! The team are already in the early stages of their training for the 2020 Ealing Half! If you are interested in running, please get in touch with Mr Woodham.



## Fields Festival

Our flagship event continues to go from strength to strength, now in our third year we enjoyed a glorious day in the sun with students, parents and staff able to mingle against a backdrop of live music and fun events.

Our line up of amazing bands all had a school connection with Rev Brammer leading the Prometheans in their set of brass lead old school RnB, the students did an amazing job performing with some of their in-school ensembles and the event was headlined by “Persona” which had the coup of featuring the former Stranglers lead vocalist Paul Roberts who was roped in by one of our parents. Through it all school music teacher Mr Tozer played impromptu accompaniment on keyboards – a true rock n roll talent!



Away from the music stage the BBQ kept us well fed, the craft stalls and foot darts brought out our creative and competitive sides but the undoubted highlight was Mr Woodham stepping up to take part in the egg challenge - was it hard boiled or raw???

The day wound down with an overnight campover and in true festival style the rain came down but it didnt dampen our spirits!

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## 2020 Events Calendar

### Spring Term

Quiz & Curry Night	Friday 7th February
Family Rugby Day	Saturday 7th March
Donut Day 1	Wednesday 25th March
'Evil Cyborg Sea Monsters' Show	Friday 27th March
Stand-Up Comedy Night 1	Friday 27th March

### Summer Term

Years 7&8 Inter House Quiz	Friday 1st May
Zombie Laser Tag Combat	Friday 15th May
Donut Day 2	Wednesday 17th June
Ealing Fields Festival	Saturday 4th July

### Autumn Term

Back to School BBQ	Date TBC
Year 7 Movie Night	Date TBC
Donut Day 3	Date TBC
Halloween Disco	Date TBC
Stand-Up Comedy Night 2	Date TBC
Donut Day 4	Date TBC

## Social Media

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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