

# NPSA NEWS

## Happy New Year

We want to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who got involved with NPSA fundraising last term: together we raised an extraordinary £10,465! THANK YOU.

This term promises to be much quieter from a fundraising point of view, but there are still ways to help us raise money to support our children and our school, and many of them are things that benefit you too. Read on to find out more!

### Dates for your Diary

NPSA Meeting  
via Zoom 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 7:30pm

Bag2School Drop off  
21/22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Second-Hand Uniform Sale  
29<sup>th</sup> Jan

## NPSA Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January

Our first NPSA meeting of this year will take place via Zoom on Thursday 13th January at 7.30pm. Please do come along if you can.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86257085263?pwd=MURtVytjYmI0RnVmZi9JUUIzU1ljZz09>

Meeting ID: 862 5708 5263

Passcode: 421398



## Bag2School Collection



Our first Bag2School collection of 2022 will take place on **Monday 24th January**. You'll be able to **drop bags off on Friday 21st Jan**, in the lower school foyer, or over the weekend (exact times for weekend drop will be confirmed nearer the time). As a reminder, Bag2School will accept any of the following items: re-usable clothing, paired shoes (please tie them together), bags, hats, scarves & ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers).

*They **do not accept** the following: duvets or blankets, pillows or cushions; carpets, rugs or mats; soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing; school uniform (with OR without logo); corporate clothing and workwear; textile off-cuts or yarn.*

This is a great chance to get rid of all those outgrown clothes and other unwanted items. You've got two weeks! Our previous best from a single Bag2School visit was £267 - can we beat that this time?



# Second-Hand Uniform Sale



Covid restrictions permitting, we will be holding a second-hand uniform sale in the upper school hall on the afternoon of Saturday 29th January. More details nearer the time, but please put the date in your diary for now.

## Matched Giving



Last term's fundraising total includes three matched giving donations, totalling £2,300. Matched giving, or £4£ as it is sometimes called, is the process by which a company will offer to match the fundraising efforts of its employees up to a maximum amount. As an example, Laura Pincock organised last term's Christmas Puddings, which raised £476 via direct sales, and her employer - HSBC - agreed to match that (generously rounding up to £500), so the NPSA will make £976 from the Christmas Pudding fundraiser.

Many larger firms offer a matched giving scheme. If you're not sure, it's always worth asking your HR department.

## JOIN TODAY



The NPSA 100 Club has now been up and running for a year. In that time it has **raised £1,578** and given out £328 in prizes. Congratulations to all our winners - including the holders of 42, 78 and 21, who won January's prizes - and a huge THANK YOU to all our club members. You can see how your £2 or £4 a month really does add up.

With little other fundraising activity happening at this time of year, joining The 100 Club is a really simple way to make a difference to the NPSA. It costs just £2 per month (payable by standing order) or £4 if you choose to have two numbers. Each month all the numbers are entered in a draw and if your number is picked then you win a small cash prize.

It is **really easy** to join: you spend five minutes filling in [this application form](#) then we send an email confirming your number(s), and you set up a monthly standing order to pay for your numbers. If you use online banking, it will take less than 15 minutes to become a member.

## Amazon Smile & The Giving Machine



Have you signed up for AmazonSmile and The Giving Machine? If not, **please do**. **As of December 2021, Amazon Smile has generated £392.66 for the NPSA and the Giving Machine has raised a total of over £3000 over the many years since we registered. However, at present, there are only 7 active users of the Giving Machine and we would love to change this!** On either site, you can register "Newbridge Primary School Association" as your chosen charity, we'll receive a donation every time you shop via the app or web page, and **it won't cost you a penny**. Even small donations from occasional purchases add up, but if you're buying a new washing machine, or booking a holiday (we wish!) then you could generate a substantial donation. You can find more details [here](#).

# NPSA Committee Vacancies

In July this year, we will be saying goodbye to Mim Wharf, our Secretary, and Fiona Remnant, our Ticketing Coordinator, as their youngest children finish Year 6. At the same time, Katherine Wellings will be standing down after two years as Chair.

**It is really important that all three vacancies are filled, and in particular that we find volunteers to replace Mim and Fiona while they are still here to complete handovers with their successors.**

Being a part of the NPSA Committee can be hard work, but it is also fun and very rewarding, and the best way to make a positive difference to our community. If you have some spare time, enjoy helping others, and would like to use your skills (and learn new skills) in supporting our school, please email [npsabath@gmail.com](mailto:npsabath@gmail.com) to find out more.

We have detailed "job descriptions" for all three roles, which you can read [here](#) and Fiona, Katherine & Mim are all happy to talk to anyone who might be interested in volunteering.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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