



THE MEAD PA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PA

What a first term of the school year it has been! As a new PA committee, the start of the year has very much been about finding our feet and coming together as a team. With the committee forming partway through the first half of term, we were initially playing catch-up — learning our roles, planning events and getting fundraising up and running as quickly as possible. That meant hitting the ground running, and thanks to a huge amount of teamwork and dedication, the second half of term was packed full of fun, community events and fundraising activities.

A great deal has been squeezed into a short space of time, and we really appreciate that there has been a lot for families to remember and take part in. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in so many ways — clearing out cupboards to donate old clothes, baking and bringing in cakes for cake sales, donating sweets and cash for non-uniform days, purchasing festive artwork products, and attending and supporting the events these all contribute towards. Every single contribution, big or small, has made a real difference.

A particularly huge thank you must go to the volunteers who give up their time to help organise, set up and run these events. Without your willingness to step in and help, none of this would be possible, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm you bring.

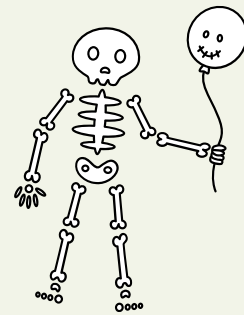
For those who were unable to attend the AGM at the beginning of the year, our current fundraising focus is to raise money towards updating the pond area. This is a joint project with APSA, enabling both The Mead and Auriol to access and use the space for science lessons, pond dipping and outdoor learning. We are currently working towards gathering quotes for this project, and if any parents or carers have relevant expertise or experience in this area, we would love to hear from you.

We will share more information about upcoming events and plans for next term once we return in January. For now, we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year — thank you again for your continued support.

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YEAR 1 AND 2 DISCO

The Year 1 and 2 Fancy Dress Disco on 14th November was a huge success and full of smiles from start to finish! The children had an amazing time dancing, laughing and showing off their fantastic fancy dress outfits — the creativity on display was incredible. A huge thank you to Suze for organising the event and all the volunteers who gave up their time to help on the day to make it such a fun and memorable evening for the children. We couldn't have done it without you! A total of **£442** was raised for this events, which is amazing!



YEAR 2 CAKE SALE



The Year 2 cake sale was another brilliant success and a real treat for everyone involved. There was a wonderful selection of delicious cakes, thanks to the generosity and creativity of all those who contributed, and it was lovely to see such great support from families. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day, and a very special thank you to Fiona, who organises and coordinates the cake sales — we are so grateful for all the time and effort she puts in to make them run so smoothly. A total of **£359** was raised, which goes straight back to support Year 2.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz Night on Thursday 20th November was a fantastic evening that brought lots of parents together for drinks, laughs and friendly competition. General knowledge was well and truly put to the test by our resident quiz master, Gareth, who kept the night entertaining from start to finish. Congratulations to the winning team, Snack City, while the not-so-lucky team took home the wooden spoon in good spirits! A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event — a brilliant **£241** was raised.



UNIFORM SALE AND LITTLE RECYCLERS



Our nearly new uniform sale, Christmas jumper sale and Little Recycler clothing donation drive were all well supported and a great success! Families enjoyed picking up some real bargains while also helping to reduce waste and support a good cause. A big thank you to everyone who donated items to Little Recycler and helped make these events possible. Together, these three sales raised a fantastic **£148**.

FESTIVE ARTWORK

Our festive artwork fundraiser was a lovely celebration of the children's creativity, with many beautiful designs inspired by a range of festivals and celebrations at this time of year. These were available to purchase as cards and a variety of keepsakes, including baubles, teddies, cushion covers and coasters. Thank you to parents and carers for your support and patience with delivery. We are delighted that a fantastic **£412** was raised!



HOLLY JOLLY HOUR

What a cracker the Holly Jolly Hour was! Held after school on Friday 12th December, it was a truly special event and a real highlight of our festive fundraising. Due to time constraints with putting on a Winter Festival, this was the first time we ran this event and it was lovely to see so many families come along to enjoy it and show their support! The school was full of festive fun as children enjoyed a range of game stalls, including pick a candy cane, lucky dip, beat the elf and Where in the World?, alongside tasty treats such as sweet bags, reindeer and polar bear doughnuts and hot chocolate cones. Making reindeer food to take home for Christmas Eve was a firm favourite!



The event brought everyone together and created a warm, festive atmosphere that really captured the spirit of the season. We were also delighted to run the silent auction as part of the festive event alongside Auriol's winter raffle — a huge thank you to everyone who generously donated prizes, as well as to those who bought tickets and placed bids. We hope there were some very happy winners! The money raised for both the raffle and silent auction has been split between the two schools to add to their fundraising funds.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped organise, set up and run the event — we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you also to parents and carers for the generous money donations for the non-uniform day, as well as the sweet donations, which were used to make the sweet bags. We are delighted to share that together the Holly Jolly Hour, silent auction and non-uniform day donations raised an amazing estimate of **£1,934** in total!

FUNDRAISING TOTAL FOR THE TERM



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