



Aldryngton School PTA

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PTA News

Feb 2023

Fundraising Summary

Christmas Fayre £2,660 profit after expenses

Wrap a Present £2,474 profit after expenses

Diwali Fayre £2,242 profit after expenses

Cash4Coins £74

Match Funding,

- confirmed income:

Diwali Fayre £700

Wrap a Present £673

Second Hand Uniform £402

Other events are still to be confirmed



School Funding

Thanks to all parents and guardians that have helped raise vital funds for the PTA. As a result, the PTA has funded 6 new smartboards that replaced the older/broken smartboards at school. These are already installed and benefiting all pupils across the school!



Match Funding

Last year we successfully raised additional money for the PTA thanks to several parents who work for companies, such as Dell, Microsoft, Thames Water and Vodafone, that offer employees who work for them the benefit of "Match funding".

What is match funding?

It is a funding mechanism whereby a company matches the fundraising done by one of its employees.

We have identified a number of new parents who work for Microsoft. We believe there are still parents out there who can help support the PTA with match funding.

Do you work for a company that offers match-funding?

If you or your partner does, please do reach out to the Vice Chair email -vicechair@aldryngtonpta.com

If you are unsure if your company offers match funding, please contact your HR department.

Your PTA needs you!

Your time, and your skills

We are still on the lookout for more volunteers to help run events and to shadow with a view to taking over for the following: **Pool Club, Wrap-a-Present, Try-a-Tri, Christmas Fayre, Disco, and Bake Sales.**

Please do reach out by email: ptateams@aldryngtonpta.com Volunteering and helping the PTA for even a couple of hours is very rewarding. It allows you to get to know other parents and guardians, and seeing the children smiling and making fun memories at Aldryngton makes it all worthwhile.

We are always looking for people to take over when the current team moves on, so if any events or committee positions look like they might suit you, even if there isn't a specific request (yet), then come along to the PTA meetings and see the PTA in action!

The School and PTA are also looking for parents who are skilled professionals to maybe help with areas around the school. Painters, carpenters, electricians, etc...

Please reach out by email to let us know if you can help in this area: ptateams@aldryngtonpta.com

Pre-loved (2nd Hand) Uniform

As we head towards lighter evenings and the Spring/Summer terms the PTA will be planning pre-loved uniform sales in the school playground, please keep an eye out on parentmail and facebook. If, however you need a logo jumper/cardigan or maybe looking for a summer dress or shorts. Please do reach out via the email

Uniform@aldryngtonpta.com

Name labels

When buying labels for school uniform and other personal items, please use one of the following schemes. In doing so you will help raise funds for our school.



www.easy2name.com will give the PTA a 20% commission on all orders. Quote Aldryngton School PTA RG6 at checkout.



www.stamptastic.co.uk you can buy a personalised stamp usable on most fabrics, metal & some plastics. No more sewing or ironing on labels! Stamptastic offer up to 25% commission on orders. Just use our PTA Code RG67HR at the checkout.

Please do remember to label all uniform. We see many jumpers and cardigans in the lost property bins with no labels.

Online Shopping

Unfortunately, the Amazon Smile scheme for raising money for the PTA is coming to an end, but you can still raise money for your PTA while shopping by using Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising is a way for us to earn commission from online shopping. All you need to do is register via the Easyfundraising page and set Aldryngton PTA as your chosen charity, then every time you shop online via the Easyfundraising page you will be raising money for our school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldryngtonpta/>



Aldryngton Facebook group

If you would like to join the PTA facebook closed

group for parents with a child at Aldryngton please locate the group and request to join. The name is: **Parents of Aldryngton Primary School Reading.**

Cash4Coins

This is a scheme to raise money by collecting all foreign currency, new and old, including old British coins and notes. The collection bucket is in the reception area of school, please bring any old coins or foreign currency and add them to the bucket.

Upcoming events

Below are some of the upcoming events that the PTA hopes to run this year, and some of the areas where volunteers will be required. Have a look at the PTA website for

other events run by the PTA. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the relevant event teams.

Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March

The PTA's popular Easter Egg Hunt is set to return on 23rd March and 24th March. Children will have the opportunity to hunt for a plastic egg in the school grounds, which will then be exchanged for a chocolate egg for them to bring home. If you can help on those days please look out for the volunteer requests nearer the time.

Spring Disco 30th March

Aldryngton holds three school discos for the children per year, once per term. These are much loved events. The second disco of this academic year will be on Thursday 30th March. The current organising team will be moving on in the coming years, so we will need new volunteers to shadow with a view to taking over. Please contact Natalie & Kelly on disco@aldryngtonpta.com to shadow for this Spring Disco with a view to taking over in September.

Family Lounge on the night of the Disco. A licensed bar is held at the same time as the discos, serving refreshments and snacks to parents who wish to wait on site while their children attend the discos. Please look out for the requests for volunteers nearer the time.



Pool Club, starting week of 24th April

Throughout the summer, families can join the pool club to enjoy the school's heated outdoor swimming pool. A new lead volunteer and team are needed if Pool Club will be able to run this summer. If you have enjoyed the pool club before, this could be an ideal opportunity to volunteer with a group of others. Without volunteers there will be no pool club in 2023.

The Pool Club organising team start activities in the months before the pool opens, duties include:

- Admin, including updating pool documents, risk assessments, and rotas for members supervisor duties.
- Setting up online application, processing, and checking payments received.
- Coordinating and arranging the Resus training sessions for all members with the trainer and the school.
- Providing support to members during the season and ensuring everything runs smoothly.
- Managing member email groups and communication.
- Checking all items required are poolside before the season starts.



SWIM | BIKE | RUN

Try a Tri, Sat 17th June

Try-a-Tri is a fun and inclusive sporting event, which has been run during the summer term since 2011. The event is open to all Aldryngton pupils from Foundation to Year 6. It is a Triathlon; a 3-in-1 race made up of swimming, cycling, and running. For the event, children form teams of three (a swimmer, a cyclist, and a runner) to compete against other teams.

This is a huge fundraiser for the PTA, and a truly popular event with Aldryngton families. It requires a huge number of volunteers on the day, but also the organising team are needed in the three months running up to the event for a variety of roles.

Roles include:

Event Facilities Organiser – Overseeing leads who Manage the BBQ, Bar, Candyfloss, Waste, PA System & Music, Water and Power supply.

Event Purchasing – Buying medals, trophies, tapes, checking stopwatch batteries and buying new ones if needed, etc.

Administration and Communication – all communications, online applications & payments, registration paperwork, sponsorships, preparing goodie bags before the event and collating sponsorship forms and monies after the event.

Race Briefings - to address the competitors before each school group and give instructions on how the race will take place.

Event Safety Officer – Qualified first aiders, without whom Try-a-Tri cannot go ahead.

Eid fayre

On Friday 15th July 2022 we held an Eid-al-Adha Fayre after school and it was an enormous success. If you would like to see a similar event in the summer of 2023 then please consider volunteering to be on the organising team. We really need lots of volunteers to organise it and make it a successful event for the school community!

Your PTA Officers for 2022/23:

Chair – Freya O'Mara

Vice Chair – Tina Shepherd

Secretary – Sara Deadman & Michelle Felton

Treasurer – David Spedding