

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

This term we've seen our PTA grow from strength to strength with new parents and carers joining in to support our school, and raise amazing amounts of cash. We've also had heaps of fun along the way!

WHY WE DO IT!

Kingsmead PTA exists to enrich school life through fundraising and community building, so that our school continues to be a great place for young people to learn and grow.

Our volunteers have given 100s of hours this term from sorting second hand uniform, applying for specialist grants, buying van loads of sweets, selling tasty treats, serving teas & coffees, to applying glitter tattoos and weaving rainbow hair extensions!

Thank you to everyone who has played a part in all our PTA activities and fundraising this term - we couldn't do it without you!

Fancy joining in next year? We'd love to hear from you! Get in touch at hello@kingsmeadpta.co.uk

YOUR PTA TEAM



Sarah B-S | Co-Chair

Sarah has children in year 7 and year 10 and co-leads the PTA



Sarah R | Co-Chair

Sarah has children in year 9 and year 10 and co-leads the PTA



Phil | Treasurer

Phil has a child in year 10 and keeps our books balanced



Kate | Trustee

Kate has a child in year 10 and is a whizz at grant applications



Jake | Trustee

Jake is a staff member and keeps us on track with IT



Loads of amazing volunteers who make things happen!



THIS TERM'S HIGHLIGHTS



GET YOUR NEXT UNIFORM HAUL HERE!

Our second hand uniform sales have moved online. Now, buying the next size up, or a replacement for *another* lost jumper is even easier! We're pleased that working with Uniform'd has made pre-loved uniform more accessible to school families; cost effective and better for the environment. This term, uniform sales have raised **£925!** Thank you for your donations and purchases, every little helps! Make your donations of second hand uniform at the school Reception, and shop online at: uniformd.co.uk

Don't forget we also offer further discounts for families who are feeling the pinch of uniform costs - get in touch via Mrs. Pike to access extra discounts.

SCHOOL DISCO

This year's School Disco was a treat! A wonderful team of year 11 students helped us to offer a 'Glitter Glow Up' station where attendees could add sparkle and glamour to their outfits. Our tuck shop was as popular as ever, and Daniel from *DC Entertainment* kept the dance floor full! Huge thanks to our volunteers and dedicated teachers who stayed at work late to ensure everyone stayed safe. Ticket sales alone raised **£465!**



Our wonderful volunteers planned and manned a food stand at Wivey Bonfire night, offering delicious fruit skewers drizzled with chocolate sauce. This event alone made **£145** profit!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We supported school in their Christmas Concert by organising a gift market alongside the event to ensure a full evening of festive enjoyment! Thank you to the stall holders who came along to partner with us - some battling car trouble, flu and A&E trips to be there! Our bar was fully stocked with festive beverages and guests enjoyed 'theatre snacks' prepared by our volunteers, as well as other seasonal treats. Funds raised from the ticket sales of this event will be ring-fenced for the music department who worked so hard to pull the concert together; inspiring and encouraging just under 10% of the school population to find their voice/drum-sticks/ukelele/etc and join in! We're still counting up the cash taken at the bar, but ticket sales raised **£830!**



Give as you Live

We've relaunched our 'Give As You Live' platform, enabling friends of Kingsmead School to raise money, *for free*, every time they buy online. So far **£78.50** has been raised, but we'd love to see that figure grow. Please consider supporting us in this easy, pain-free way and register with GAYL today! It's worth knowing that if you refer a friend or grandparent, etc. we raise an extra £5 when they start shopping. The web browser widget makes it super easy to catch every donation opportunity, so make sure you install that and then get shopping!

SIGN UP AND START SHOPPING TODAY!



SAVE THE DATE: **COMEDY NIGHT** 28TH MARCH

WHERE'S THE MONEY GOING?

Motor Vehicles & DT

Our Trustee Kate was able to secure grant funding for a new motor vehicle lift during last academic year. Unfortunately, when ironing out the details, it became clear that it wouldn't be possible to install a vehicle lift in the current workshop building. Kate has worked tirelessly to convince the funders to redirect their original donation to other items that can be used by the Motor Vehicle and DT departments. As a result of her persistence and patience we have been able to donate a spring compressor and other items totalling a value of **£2213** with another **£2640** waiting to be spent on a new metal lathe and other equipment in the next few months.



Chess Club

We have funded the in-school Chess League, run by Mrs. Phillips. Funds enable our budding masters to experience chess in a competition environment and winners of the tournament will receive prizes and trophies to mark their achievement.

In the new year, we hope to give away much more!



Over the last few months we've been working with School's SLT and the team at Cabot Learning Federation to work out the best (most cost effective, and most efficient) way for us to get our well-raised cash into school where it can make an impact. It's easier said than done!

We've developed a new process and online form to make it easy for staff to request funding for items, projects, visits, and events. We will then review these with guidance from the Senior Leadership Team so that suitable requests are funded promptly.

If you would like a say in how our funds are spent, why not join in our next PTA meeting and learn more. If you also have ideas about items, projects, visits or events that the PTA could fund, let us know.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?!

It's true, we do want your cash! The funds we raise directly benefit the students at Kingsmead and enrich their education. But, school is much more than lessons, it's a community of young people and their families. Throwing us a spare tenner every now and then is great, but we'd really love you to **get stuck in!** Together we can achieve more, have more fun, and build a stronger school community. Get in touch today!

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Talk to us about how you can join in



Meet other parents and carers



Share your skills to help raise funds