

# Lady Boswell's

# PTA

March 2022  
Update



## Update from your PTA Chair

**Welcome to the first edition of our dedicated PTA Newsletter.**

The aim of the PTA is not only to fundraise to help enhance provision within the School, but perhaps as importantly, to deliver community or child-centred cohesive initiatives. Our new PTA Committee has continued to plan its traditional annual events, but also to explore some exciting new ideas. With recent restrictions this has, of course, been more challenging than ever. Despite these limitations, but with the help of our Class Reps and all of our parent body, we have raised a remarkable amount of money already this year; I know that you will join me in thanking everyone concerned.

**If you feel that you can offer any time at all to help the PTA, they would be thrilled to hear from you. No particular skills, experience or knowledge are required, just energy, enthusiasm and the desire to be a part of this passionate team.**

The PTA Newsletter will be published on a termly basis and will endeavour to keep you up-to-date on upcoming events, as well as to show you how the funds that you have helped to raise are used across the School.

With your support, our PTA are continuing to provide tangible benefits, which would otherwise be out of reach, to enrich every child's time in School.

Thank you all for your support.

Sharon Saunders, Chair of the PTA  
Co-Headteacher

# THANK YOU!

We have raised a staggering **£12,551**  
from PTA events that took place from  
September - December 2021.

**£4,549.63**

Countdown to  
Christmas Raffle

**£2,363.03**

Happy's Circus

**£1,671.47**

Christmas Stalls

**£1,109.90**

Festive Film Night

**£770.55**

Christmas Cards

**£746.39**

Santa's Grotto

**£387.99**

Second Hand  
Uniform Sales

**£361.29**

Skating Rink

**£265.93**

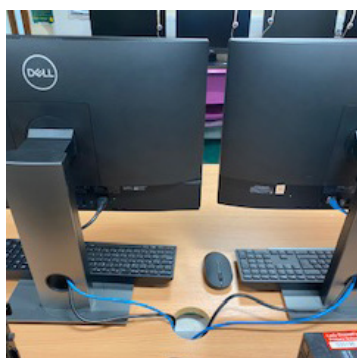
School Calendars

**£112.97**

Easyfundraising  
& AmazonSmile

# WHAT HAVE WE BOUGHT WITH THE FUNDS RAISED?

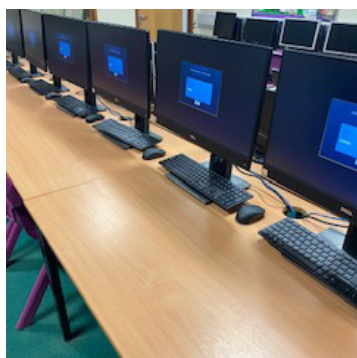
So far this school year some of the funds raised by the PTA has gone towards the following:



New ICT Suite

The ICT Suite was in need of an upgrade as the hardware was out of date and no longer fit for purpose. Because of this, a lot of computing learning time was wasted due to the equipment taking significant time to turn-on/load/set-up. New computers/monitors in the suite were very much needed and would benefit the whole school.

The new ICT Suite was officially opened on 17 March 2022.



New ICT Suite

With 33 brand new state-of-the-art touch screen computers, the children and staff have the latest technology at their fingertips.



Picnic benches

Many of the KS2 children wished to play board games (eg chess, 4-in-a-row) or sketch/draw at break and lunchtimes. However we only had one bench with a surface where pupils could do these activities. It's fantastic to now have three more picnic benches, with a flat surface, where pupils can enjoy sitting and playing these games, or drawing, during their free time.

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Sports equipment



Goal posts



Gym mats

Sports equipment purchased from funds include:

- hockey pack (24 sticks/24 balls/ holdall)
- 10 x pop lacrosse balls
- rounders posts
- rounders holdall
- rounders bat and ball pack (9 bats/12 balls)
- basket ball pack (16 balls/15 bibs/2 holdalls)
- football pack (20 balls/2 holdalls/50 space markers)
- 4 x football goals
- 10 x super-lite gym mats

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Year R



Year 2



Year 3

## Enrichment Days

Each year group received funding for a topic-related Enrichment Day.

Year R | Dinosaur Day

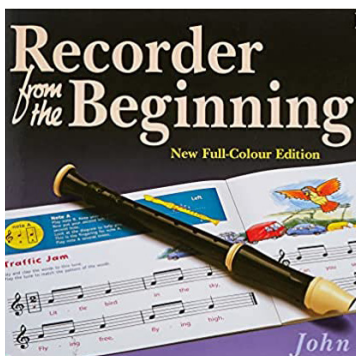
Year 2 | Great Fire of London Day

Year 3 | Egyptian Day

Year 4 | Saxon Day

Year 5 | Greek Day

Year 6 | Spy Day

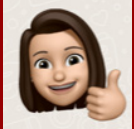


Recorders & music books

We also have 47 new recorders and music books due to arrive soon.

# MEET THE TEAM

We are a small team of 11 parents working with Mrs Saunders as Chair to raise funds for the school. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA, please drop us a line at [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com) or speak to any members of the team.



## **Anneen Aucamp**

Casually went to a PTA meeting with fellow class parents. I very much enjoyed the dynamic conversation and energetic group of parents planning exciting events. So I decided to join.

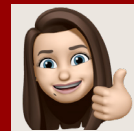
A sunny day really fills my cup since we love being outdoors and even more so enjoy socialising outdoors. Our eldest is year 1 and youngest will kick off his school journey in September 2022.



## **Jill Bond | Mum to Georgia (Year 3) and Toby (Year 1)**

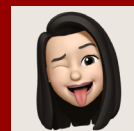
Prior to joining the PTA in September 2021, I wasn't sure what to expect. I was apprehensive whether I would be able to commit enough time to the PTA, but while there have been some really busy points so far, it has been great working with the other members of the committee and being involved in school events. The PTA's enthusiasm to raise money for the school and support events for the children to enjoy has been fantastic.

Outside of the PTA, I work in financial services and I am also hoping that 2022 is the year I get to grips with gardening!



## **Gayle Cotton | Mum to Emily (Year 3)**

I've been a parent at Lady Boswell's since 2014. During that time, I have learned how essential the PTA funding is for the children (the themed enrichment days, outdoor play equipment) and to enhance resources within the school (classroom contributions, sports equipment and recently the IT suite upgrade). I joined the PTA to help create the best possible learning environment for my children and their classmates. The PTA committee is a good mix of like minded, inspirational Mums (Dads are welcome too!) who are all busy with families and careers.



## **Joanna David | Mum of Daryan (Year 1)**

In my first year as a member of the PTA. Immensely happy to have joined having seen the work that goes in to making the children's school a very joyful and thriving environment. The facilities we contribute towards instills the most important value in them, that is curiosity and eagerness to learn.

## **Yulia Glavin**

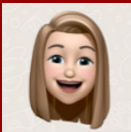
Yulia joined the PTA in September 2021 as Treasurer alongside Louise.

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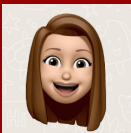
## **Helen Gush | Mum to Oscar (Year 6) and Elliot (Year 3)**

Now in my third year of being a member of the team, I enjoy being able to contribute to the essential fundraising that the PTA is involved in, which enriches so many aspects of our children's education and experiences at Lady Boswell's. It is also rewarding working with a lovely group of like minded people who are willing to dedicate their time for the good of our children.



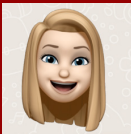
## **Jemma Jackson | Mum to Lottie (Year R)**

I joined the PTA when my daughter started school in September. I wanted to become a closer part of the school community, and joining the PTA has certainly helped in this. The experience and dedication of the PTA has been a pleasure to become a part of.



## **Claire Leslie | Mum to Skye and Ruby (Year 2) and Isaac (Year 1)**

I joined the PTA in September 2021 and am responsible for the promotional material for our events. It's been great working with other members of the team and being more involved in the school community. It's so rewarding to see the benefits of what we have achieved so far.



## **Louise Mullen | Mum to Olivia (Year 3) , Oscar (Year R) and their baby sibling**

I took up the Treasurer role along with Yulia in September 2021. It's been fantastic to see how hard work from the PTA with support from the school community can raise the necessary funds to enhance our children's learning.



## **Sarah O'Prey**

I joined the PTA when our eldest daughter started at Lady Boswells in 2016. Since then, I have enjoyed being part of the team, helping to plan and organise a wide range of events, to raise money to support the teaching and learning of all the children across the school. As a result of the fundraising efforts of the PTA, I have seen exciting developments throughout the school (both inside and out) and the curriculum has been enriched by generous funding towards resources and equipment, as well as for events such as year group experience days.

Having now joined the teaching staff at Lady Boswell's, I have remained on the committee as a teacher representative and school link.



## **Erica Popplewell | Mum to Austin (Year 1) and Matilda**

New to the PTA and enjoying getting to know how it all works and being part of the team. I love hearing my son and his friends talking about the things they have used or experienced at school that the PTA have helped provide.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

We have lots of fun events and fundraising initiatives for both children and parents to be involved with that we're hoping to run during the rest of the school year!

Please see those planned to date below and make sure to save the dates in your diaries:

- **Thursday 24 & Friday 25 March** | Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop
- **Friday 1 April** | Second Hand Uniform Sale
- **Friday 1 April** | Break the Rules Day
- **Wednesday 25 May** | Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- **Saturday 11 June** | Lady Boswell's Summer Ball
- **Date TBC** | Father's Day (details to follow)
- **Friday 24 June** | Own Clothes Day/Bring a Bottle
- **Saturday 25 June** | Summer Fair

Please note that all dates are provisional and are subject to change.



# FRIENDS OF THE PTA

For a school of our size, we are a small team of parents working together to try and create fantastic fundraising opportunities, but also fun and interesting activities for our children to be involved with.

We are always looking for new members to join the Committee, but we also have 'Friends of the PTA' for those people who would like to contribute, but aren't necessarily able to commit to become a fully fledged Committee member.

If you would like to spare some time to help the PTA, have any ideas that you wish to share, have a specific skill set that you think we would benefit from, or are just happy to be called upon when we need an extra pair of hands, please do get in contact via the email address below.

**Get in touch, [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com)**

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - CAN YOU HELP?

If you are able to help on 1 April from 8:30-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm with the second hand uniform sale please let us know: email [ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com](mailto:ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com)

We welcome donations of clean, good condition, burgundy uniform only. **STRICTLY NO greys, whites or shoes.** Thank you.

To maintain the condition of your donations, please put them in a tied plastic bag (not paper) & pop into one of the plastic boxes inside the PTA store, located near the bike rack at the lower gate. helps keep the clothing clean, dry and pest free.

# OTHER WAYS TO FUNDRAISE

## Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile

We'd like to try and get as many people as possible signed up to Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile. It takes 2 minutes of your time to set up and doesn't cost you anything, but raises valuable funds for Lady Boswell's PTA that are used to enhance the children's learning at school.



### Easyfundraising

Please support Lady Boswell's School, Sevenoaks by raising free donations when you shop online through easyfundraising. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to join!

Sign up now at [Support a Good Cause | Sign Up | Easyfundraising](#) and download the app on your phone.



### AmazonSmile

Shop AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1034434-0>, and Amazon donates to Lady Boswell's Parent Teacher Association.

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select Lady Boswell's Parent Teacher Association as your charity and activate amazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

### How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

- 1. Get the app** | Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.
- 2. Join AmazonSmile** | If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, simply sign up at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select your favourite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you.
- 3. Turn on AmazonSmile** | Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

## Donate to the PTA via Localgiving

If you would like to make a donation to the PTA please visit: <https://localgiving.org/charity/lady-boswell-s-pta/>. You can also fundraise for the PTA via the 'fundraise for us' icon.



Organised by Lady Boswell's PTA

# Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

24-25 March 2022  
(during school hours)

Please send your child/children to school with change if possible. Cash sales only.

Gifts available between £1 and £5  
(Suggested maximum spend £5).

# BREAK THE

# RULES DAY



## 1 APRIL 2022

'Break the Rules Day' will allow all pupils to break a selection of school rules for one day and one day only! The pupils will be able to choose which rules they wish to break from the list below. Pupils might choose to break none, one or all six!

1. Own clothes
2. Any snack (nut-free)
3. Any drink in their water bottle (except fizzy)
4. Temporary tattoos
5. Nail varnish
6. Any hairstyle/colour

As this is a whole-school fundraising event, we will be asking for 50p per rule that the pupils wish to break for the day (e.g. 50p for one rule, £1 for two rules, £3 for all six rules).

In order for your child/ren to take part, forms should be returned to your class teachers/TA's, with the appropriate funds, by Wednesday 30 March in a sealed and clearly marked envelope. We hope that this will be a fun-filled day for the children and one which they eagerly await!

# LADY BOSWELL'S SUMMER BALL

11 JUNE 2022 | NIZELS

19:30 | DRINKS RECEPTION

20:00 | DINNER

FOLLOWED BY AUCTION,  
LIVE BAND AND DANCING  
CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT



Tickets available via the PTA website in March.