

Lady Boswell's

PTA

July 2022
Update



Update from your PTA Chair

The Committee are delighted, in this second PTA Newsletter, to update you on their activities since we last wrote to you in March.

The return of the Summer Fair has been a real highlight of the year, and we wish to thank you all for your practical and financial support and also for your generosity with your time and expertise. What better way to spend a lovely summer afternoon than having so much fun and enjoying each other's company? For those who attended the Summer Ball, this too was a very enjoyable event, giving an opportunity to socialise away from the school environment and the children! Alongside the Ball, the Silent Auction was very well supported. Unsurprisingly, the children threw themselves whole-heartedly into 'Break the Rules Day' and were also delighted to have an opportunity to select gifts for Mother's Day and Father's Day. We very much look forward to launching next year with the return of Happy's Circus, don't forget to buy your tickets!

Your generosity this year has been unprecedented, and we are truly grateful for your response to all our initiatives. As you know, the PTA has continued this year with supporting the update of our IT equipment, offering every child, enhanced facilities. The next major project is currently a work in progress, and we look forward to revealing more in the next academic year.

With your support, we look forward to continuing this good work next year. We are a small Committee, most of whom are working parents, and we would love to swell our numbers. We are not just looking for people to brain-storm and plan events, but would particularly welcome parents (particularly those who hold a DBS) who are simply able to offer some practical support on the odd occasion during the working day, for example, to run the Mother's Day Pop Up Shop, help with the second hand uniform stall or help with serving refreshments at the Open Morning.

If you can help, please do contact us at ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com.

Thank you all for your support.
Sharon Saunders, Chair of the PTA
Co-Headteacher

THANK YOU!

We have raised a staggering **£30,562.06** from PTA events that took place from September - July 2022. Below are the totals from our most recent fundraisers.

£7,697.59

Summer Ball

£4,680.97

Summer Fair

£1,616.10

Cake Sales

£1,124.19

Mother's Day Pop
Up Shop

£1,010.82

Second hand
uniform sales

£733.35

Break the Rules Day

£628.13

Easyfundraising
& AmazonSmile

£284.22

Donations

£243.00

Jubilee bags and
mugs

£230.00

Father's Day
Doughies



The results are in from the Lady Boswell's Bake Sale!

Mulberry:	£170.05	Holly:	£129.90
Oak:	£169.60	Hawthorn:	£119.90
Lilac:	£167.30	Cedar:	£118.85
Willow:	£154.30	Maple:	£109.00
Copper Beech:	£149.40	Elm:	£100.25
Silver Birch:	£130.80	Sycamore:	£96.05

Acorn/Chestnut: TBC



WHAT HAVE WE BOUGHT WITH THE FUNDS RAISED?

Since our last newsletter, some of the funds raised by the PTA has gone towards the following:

Science Week



Science Week

Gardening Club
Greenhouse



Greenhouse

Easter Eggs

ICT Suite
Headphones

Queen's Platinum
Jubilee Day

Year 1 History Off
The Page Day

French Production



ICT Suite Headphones

Mother's Day | Review

The excitement was tangible as each class made their way through the door to the Mother's Day Pop-Up shop. With their money close in their pockets, an empty shopping basket in their hands and endless variety of gift options, the common motive was clear: To make a special woman in their lives, feel loved and valued.



The children happily shared their thoughts whilst working hard on their math skills calculating if they have enough money to buy what they personally liked most (the Love Heart Sweets in particular).

“I want to buy something special for my mummy because she does everything for us.” (Girl Year 4)

“My mum's favourite colour is orange so I want to exchange the pencil I bought for an orange one.” (Boy Year 3)

“My mum loves make up and she always look pretty. I am buying a make up brush and red lipstick.” (Boy Year 2)

“I am buying this special candle for my special granny.” (Girl Year 6)

“My mum loves hand sanitiser. She always cleans everything.” (Girl Year 1)

“I will buy bath bombs for my Mummy to have a relaxing time.” (Girl Year 5)



**Thank you for all your support!
The children thoroughly enjoyed their independence and we hope you had a lovely spoiled Mother's day.**



Father's Day | Review

To celebrate Father's Day, the PTA teamed up with Doughies for a family baking night.

Lady Boswell's families ordered 88 pizza kits and 54 cookie making kits, generating £230 for the PTA and a lot of fun-filled kitchens!

Summer Ball | Review

The sun was shining brightly for the 2022 Lady Boswell's Summer Ball. Drinks on the terrace, a 3-course meal and dancing & laughter made for a wonderful evening at Nizels Golf & Country Club with local band The Groove Agents serenading us until the clock struck midnight.

The generous donations from the school and local community made for another hugely successful Silent Auction resulting in a magnificent £7,698 raised in total.

Thank you again to everyone who donated and all who successfully bid on the incredible range of lots.

Summer Fair | Review

The Lady Boswell's Summer Fair, Themed "Anything Royal" was one of the most anticipated events in our calendar. It's a time when everyone comes together to celebrate, eat, drink and have a good time and this year's fair delivered exactly that.

Acknowledging the hard work of our army of reps, teachers, parents and carers we gratefully testify that it was very much the entire school who helped and we are extremely appreciative to all the volunteers and smiling helpers who brought everything together.



Saturday 25th June was sunny and cheerful and quite a royal affair on the school's field. Children (and adults) enjoyed ice-cream, played fun games, kicked balls, baked for a cake competition, bounced on the bouncy castle and cleared out the refreshment stall.

Thank you Lady Boswell's. Every summer has a story. And this year the PTA's one was "Everything Royal".



Fun Run | Review

Sunday morning (3 July) saw the first Lady Boswell's PTA Fun Run in the beautiful setting of Knole Park.

There was a great atmosphere and personal records set by young and older runners. Congratulations to Ethan M, Amelia L, Penelope R and Sage M for winning their categories in the 5km race.

The 1km route saw younger pupils, siblings and parents taking on a hilly course. Congratulations to winners Hannah W and Jamie B.



WHY NOT GET INVOLVED?

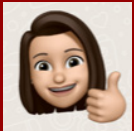
Don't be put off if you if you feel you can't give your time, haven't been asked or are unsure what's involved.

- We have parents who work part-time or full-time. Any time you can give is welcome.
- Having a child at this school means you can join us. We can use any skills you have and you might learn new ones.
- Being involved is a great way to get to know the school and other parents.



MEET THE TEAM

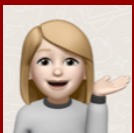
We are a small team of parents working with Mrs Saunders as Chair to raise funds for the school. We are always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA, please drop us a line at ladyboswellspta@googlemail.com or speak to any members of the team.



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.

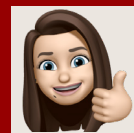
A sunny day really fills my cup since we love being outdoors and even more so enjoy socialising outdoors. Our eldest is year 1 and youngest will kick off his school journey in September 2022.



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

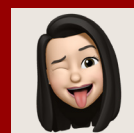
Prior to joining the PTA in September 2021, I wasn't sure what to expect. I was apprehensive whether I would be able to commit enough time to the PTA, but while there have been some really busy points so far, it has been great working with the other members of the committee and being involved in school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

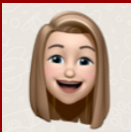
Yulia joined the PTA in September 2021 as Treasurer alongside Louise.

MEET THE TEAM



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.



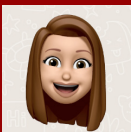
Jemma Jackson | Mum to Lottie (Year R)

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.



Danielle Lautier | Mum to Martha (Year 2) and Rupert (joining Year R in September)

I have loved all the efforts and events the PTA has provided since joining Lady Boswells. With Rupert joining in September, it's a great time for me to become more involved with the school community and help support the team.



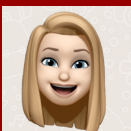
Claire Leslie | Mum to Skye and Ruby (Year 2) and Isaac (Year 1)

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.

Celia McDonnell | Mum to Billy (Year 6) and Tommy (Year R)

I have long admired the energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated PTA members from afar and have finally taken the plunge to join.

My children have hugely benefited from the contributions of the PTA and I look forward to helping provide additional equipment and enrichment they might not otherwise benefit from.



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.

MEET THE TEAM



Sarah O'Prey | Mum to Lucy (Year 5) and Orla (Year 2)

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.

Rebecca Rushton | Mum to Louisa (Year 2) and James (Year R)

I attended Lady Boswell's as a child and have the most wonderful memories. I have seen how superhuman the past and present PTA have been and hope to contribute towards more equipment and enrichment days for our children.

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

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES - CAN YOU HELP?

If you are able to help with our pre-loved uniform sales please let us know: email 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. This 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.

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- 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.
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- 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.

OTHER WAYS TO FUNDRAISE



My Name Tags

School ID is 31490.

School life is a lot easier when things don't go missing, so labelling your child's belongings can be of big help.

The My Nametags labels are extremely hardwearing and save a great deal of effort and potential lost property.

They can be used on school uniforms, brownies/guides clothes, football kits, in fact almost anything. For every order of personalised labels, My Nametags will contribute to the school. Order online at www.MyNametags.com and use our unique School ID number (31490), you'll be raising much needed money for the school.

For more information on our fundraising scheme, please go to: https://www.my-nametags.com/static/img/downloads/MyNametags_fundraising_information.pdf

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Stikins

School ID is 11439 | <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Lady Boswell's fundraising number is 11439. Please use this when you purchase your stikins.

Stikins name labels are designed to be a truly multipurpose name labelling solution.

One pack of our stick on name labels can label pretty much everything and anything so you don't have to buy different labelling products for different items.

The Stikins school fundraising scheme has distributed thousands of pounds amongst participating schools every year since 2004. While the details of our fundraising scheme have been fine-tuned over the years, its core principles have remained constant. We want to give schools and PTAs the opportunity to raise money while helping parents to safely and securely label their children's belongings.

OTHER WAYS TO FUNDRAISE



Ecclesiastical

A company named Ecclesiastical is committed to giving profits to charity through a programme titled “The 2022 Movement for Good Awards.”

Based on nominations to them, they will donate £1,000 to 250 different charities. The greater the number of nominations, the greater chance of being awarded £1k.

We ask if you would be kind enough to support nominations for Lady Boswell’s PTA for the chance to receive an amazing award of £1,000.

All you have to do is click on the link below:

<https://movementforgood.com/ecclesiastical#nominateACharity>

Then nominate us through either our name “Lady Boswell’s Parent Teacher Association” or our charity number “1034434”.

Then your details..... and that’s it!

Do please forward to family and friends to join in with the hope of securing one of their donations which as you know, as a charity, all goes directly back into supporting the children.

With grateful thanks as always from the PTA for your continued support.



**HAPPY'S
CIRCUS**
Even the kids will love it!



WELCOME

**Lady Boswell's PTA
proudly presents
Happy's Circus**

Saturday 24 September 2022 | 12:30 - 16:00