

CAIRNSHILL INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL PSA Newsletter



Fundraising & Event update 2024/25

Cairnshill Primary continues to have a wonderfully supportive parent and staff community and with their help, the Parent Staff Association is on target to reach a sizeable fundraising target for this school year.



Some fundraising updates which **you** have helped to contribute to:

Christmas Cards

Another successful fundraiser which gets the pupils in a festive mood very early - even before Halloween!
We hope you enjoyed distributing your children's Christmas artwork to family and friends. This helped us to raise approximately £1,200 and was a great start to the PSA accounts for the year.

Family Portrait Evening

Whether you brought your children, and/or your pets, we are sure that you appreciated the speed, value and quality of the annual family portrait evening. The PSA receives every £5 booking deposit, which allowed us to net a brilliant £180 profit.

Remembering Miss Marshall

Miss Marshall was a fundamental and committed member of Cairnshill PSA for many years. Our team will remember her as the backbone and driving force of the charity. Always efficient and knowledgeable in her PSA role, but more importantly, she had such a passion for giving back to the school and its pupils, and dedicated much of her spare time and energy to doing so.



We are so grateful for the contributions to The PSA's remembrance collection at the school disco. This raised £700 which will go directly to Miss Marshall's chosen beneficiary - Scripture Union. Like the whole school community, our committee feels the tremendous loss and sends our deepest sympathies to Miss Marshall's friends and family.



Christmas Fair

Always the most important fundraising event of the school year - this huge undertaking could not happen without the time and dedication of school staff and many parent volunteers. A huge amount of work and arranging goes on within school in the weeks leading up to the event and we are very lucky that school make every effort to provide space for donations, rearrange classrooms for stalls and that staff give up their free time. It allows us to showcase local businesses via their generous auction and ballot donations and provides an opportunity for the entire community to come together.

This year, Mrs Currie was given a (welcome!) reprieve from auction duties as Q Radio's own Ibe Sesay kindly volunteered to step into the role. He did a wonderful job which we appreciated tremendously.

We thank you for attending, donating baked goods, donating prizes, volunteering, buying ballot tickets & goods, and bringing along family and friends. The phenomenal amount raised this year for PSA funds was a record breaking £12,773. Thank you!

School Disco

Definitely an event favoured by the pupils, normally falling just before the P7 transfer test results in January, however this year, Storm Éowyn had other ideas! A red weather warning and school closure meant that the disco came a few weeks later than usual, but still proved just as popular. Thank you to all staff and parent volunteers, manning doors and tuck shops, and pulling in a total of £1,127 profit. Let's hope for no high winds next year!

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PSA funds purchase new play equipment

Thanks to PSA fundraising, school were able to replace the old pirate ship in the Foundation Outdoor Play Area with a beautiful new one. Hopefully Primary 1 and Primary 2 children will have hours of outdoor play adventures on the pirate ship for many, many years. Thank you to everyone who has supported PSA fundraisers to allow big purchases like this to happen when school budgets are so stretched.

Future Events:

Coin Trail: 4th April - Dig out all the loose change you can find for the annual coin trail. There is always great competition amongst the pupils to get the longest trail and win prizes for their class!

Easter Ballot: April - Stay tuned for this up coming event close to Easter. Children love to get involved with ballot guessing games to win Easter prizes for a small ticket cost.

Curry Night: May, TBC - Look out for tickets for The Bengal Brasserie and a beautiful Indian feast. You will not only be eating very well, in good company, but also adding to the school PSA funds! Thank you to Bengal Brasserie for continuing to support Cairnshill with this event.

Summer BBQ: June - Our fantastic school BBQ will be running again at the end of June. Full details will be coming next term and we would love to see as many families there as possible. This is less of a fund raiser, but a chance to celebrate our school community and come together for the end of the year. Malone Rugby club proved to be a big hit last year as a venue, so we will likely use here again.

Sports Day Coffee Cart: June - We hope you will again support the tea/coffee and traybake sales on our school sports day in June. This raised a sizeable amount last year and hopefully the refreshments were welcome when waiting for your child's big race!

...we have a few more surprises including a hotel stay to be won and ice lollies for sale if we get a lovely hot day!

We are always looking for new PSA committee members. At the moment our team is small (but mighty!) but could be much larger. We would love to see anyone new at any of our next meetings (**contact Emma for details: 07397997997**). Get involved if you are interested in charity work and giving a little time to enhance your child's school.

Everyone welcome!