

Russell Lower School



June 2021

PTA update

Message from PTA Co-Chairs

We're introducing a regular newsletter to keep all parents / carers of Russell Lower School up to date on how much money has been raised, how all donations are supporting our school and up coming PTA events.

Due to COVID restrictions many of our usual fundraising activities were postponed, so over the past year we've had to come up with new, virtual ideas. For us this year has not been about making as much money as possible. The PTA's mission has been to bring a little fun and laughter to the families of our school, during these incredibly challenging times.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated or helped the PTA. Your incredible support means our children at the school can benefit from new learning resources.

Grace Parker & Sarah Naunton (Co-Chairs)

Sunflower Growing Competition

We've launched an annual sunflower growing competition to see who at Russell Lower School can grow the biggest sunflower. Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised a brilliant £613.27. Please keep sending your pictures of your sunflowers growing. Remember the winner will be the first to receive the Sunflower trophy, plus a 'Grow Your Own' kit.

When your sunflower gets really big get a tape measure, stand next to it and take a picture. Send to pta@russell-lower.co.uk. Winner announced in September.



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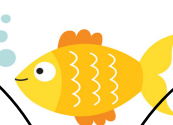
A reminder that if you shop at smile.amazon.co.uk then Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase to the PTA. Just select Russell Lower School PTA and remember to shop on Amazon Smile to support us.



Stikins Name Labels

Earn up to 30% commission for the PTA by purchasing your multipurpose name labels for clothes and other school items at www.stikins.co.uk.

Enter school number 17252 so we get the commission.



Ink cartridge recycling

Don't forget we need your home use printer cartridges! The bin is ready and waiting in reception and for every cartridge recycled money is donated to the PTA.

Help the environment and raise money for the school at the same time.

Nathan's Garden

We would like to give Nathan's Garden a refresh and would really appreciate it if there are any landscapers or gardeners amongst our Russell parents, or close relatives, that would be willing to offer any help or provide any advice on this?

We also need some support in funding this so if any parents or carers knew of any businesses in the community that would either like to sponsor or perhaps provide the materials needed please get in touch.

We are aiming to raise £1000.
pta@russell-lower.co.uk

Money raised in 2021

Skittleman Magic Show - £339.31
Skittleman Games Show Night - £282.78
Sunflower Growing Competition - £613.27
Sustainability Day - £230.90
Amazon Smile - £160.46
Pre-loved Uniform Sale - £104.00
Donations - £39.42
Merchandise - £10.00

TOTAL: £1,549.24

Where's the money going?

New books for foundation and accelerated readers

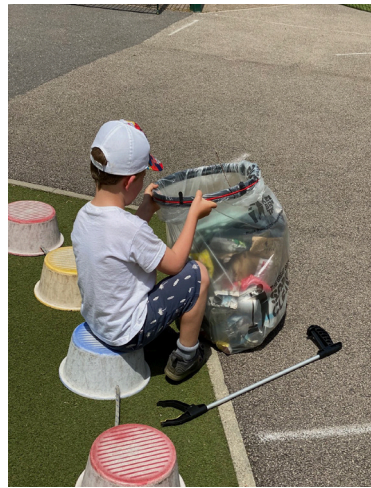
Outdoor gym equipment and astroturf in Key Stage 2 play area

Replacement Pirate Ship for Foundation Stage playground

10 Chrome Books

TOTAL: £8,783.00

Contact us PTA@Russell-Lower.co.uk



Community Litter Pick

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's community litter pick with Amptill Climate Change Group. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We were also joined in the playground by Plastic Free Amptill and Phil and Jackie of www.rephils.co.uk for lots of ideas of how to reduce plastic waste. Ten big sacks of rubbish were collected, most of which were single use plastic. Well done to all our litter pickers!



Meet the PTA



Grace Parker
Co-Chair



Sarah Naunton
Co-Chair



Amy Galt
Deputy



Lucienne Mann
Social Media



Jackie Floyd
Secretary



Nina Page
Treasurer



Karen Pollard



Celia Evans



Tom Wakeman



Lee Howes



Tera Boocock



Sarah Wilson



Kat Tinsley

Your PTA Needs You

We're looking for more PTA volunteers to support our fundraising activities and share fun ideas that will benefit the children of our school. It's a way to connect with other parents, get your voice heard and be in the know about what's happening at our school. Many of the PTA work full time, part-time or are busy mothering. So help as little or as much as you like. Many hands make light work, so we always welcome new members. Our PTA will also be stronger if our members reflect the diversity of our own community. We will be working towards growing our membership so it's more representative and gives all children a voice.

A big welcome to our newest members:

Lyndsey Dagley
Becky Parker
Emma Gascoyne
Lucie Sharp
Lynsey Wright
Lindsay Birtles
Jo-Anne Budge

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