

Welcome to the CPTT newsletter

The sun has been shining and it feels as if spring is just around the corner, hooray! We have lots to report on in our newsletter, including updates on funds raised so far this academic year and information on where some of that money has been spent at both schools. Find out a few of the ways that you can support CPTT, plus there is a sneak peek of our next exciting event in May!



How CPTT funds are benefitting both schools

From school trips to seasonal activities to a Space Dome, the money raised by CPTT is used to enrich the curriculum for children and bring their learning to life. Here are a few activities children have enjoyed already this year thanks to your support.

- ▶ Children at the Infants took part in **winter activities**, including making reindeer food. Mrs Thorne led floristry sessions, so all pupils were able to take home a beautiful decoration.
- ▶ Year 2 were inspired by an **author visit** from Simon James, who ran workshops to show how he uses his ideas to create books and illustrations. Year 1 also enjoyed a special assembly with the author.
- ▶ Year 1 has been discovering more about the planets, stars and how the galaxy works with the **Space Dome** this February.
- ▶ Children at the Infants created healthy fruit kebabs, designed their own indoor physical games and had fun in creative dance sessions led by dance teacher Lizzie Swinford, as part of **Healthy Hearts week**.
- ▶ The **new-look garden area** in Nursery has been a huge hit. CPTT funding provided new fencing and a wonderful water box with wooden channels and planks.
- ▶ Year 4 learnt more about their topic, the Dark Ages, on a **trip to Escot**, while Year 5 had a fantastic day at **We The Curious in Bristol** as part of their science work on forces.
- ▶ Classes at both schools had **Christmas money** to spend; the Juniors have chosen a variety of items, including a straw construction kit (4RC); board games and craft materials for wet play (3CH); stunt kites (5AS); and games and a marble run (5GM).



An event-full November...

Fabulous fireworks!

The rain may have poured but lots of you braved the weather to enjoy our fireworks evening. Last minute tweaks ensured the event could continue safely and mainly undercover. There was an incredible atmosphere, with live music and dancing in the marquee, an indoor bouncy castle and stalls in the hall, and a fantastic fireworks display - and we raised an equally fantastic £2825.37!

A tasty show from Theatre Alibi

Starter, Main and Pudding shared their stories in new play Table Mates at the Juniors. Plenty of humour, a clever musical accompaniment and some unexpectedly poignant moments made this a real treat, raising £129.50 for CPTT.



New Artisan Market proves popular

With a selection of stalls selling beautiful handmade items, this was the perfect place to find unique, local Christmas gifts.



Ladysmith loves cake!

There was a lot of love for our spring Pop Up Café, held on Valentine's Day. This, and a bonus sale the next day, raised a record amount of £336.33. A big thank you to Years 1 and 2 for providing so many delicious treats!





Volunteer as CPTT class rep

We need you! We have a few gaps in our team of class reps at the moment, which we desperately need to fill. If you are a parent in the following classes, please consider volunteering!

**Hedgehog, Squirrel and Butterfly at Infants
4RC, 5GM and 6JE at Juniors**

Being a rep gives you a chance to contribute to the amazing fundraising efforts for our schools, get to know other parents in your class and throughout the school, and gives you priority booking and the odd freebie at various events through the year. It's not a huge commitment: attend one CPTT meeting per term, spread the word to the rest of your class about any CPTT activities, and volunteer/enlist volunteers for upcoming events. For more information, contact cptt@ladysmithfederation.net

What is CPTT?

Children Parents Teachers Together

CPTT is the fundraising and events group for the Ladysmith Federation, bringing together the children, parents and teachers from across the whole school.

CPTT is for everybody in our school community, providing opportunities to connect, share ideas, socialise - and, of course, fundraise, giving a much appreciated extra boost for specific projects and programmes.

Co-Chairs:

Sarah Dart & Emma Whittingham

Treasurer: Vanessa Johnson

Publicity: Marie Fieldhouse

Pop Up Café Leads:

Helen Shipway & Jane Richardson

Fireworks Event Lead: James Hewlett

Second Hand Uniform Leads:

Jen Harris & Lucy Waite

Colour Run Lead: Vic Matthews

The CPTT also includes class reps for each of the classes through the school; full list on the Ladysmith website.

Other ways you can help CPTT...



Come to our Open Air Cinema event!

After a successful launch last year, our Open Air Cinema event returns on Saturday 18th May - bigger and better than before, as we will be screening not one but TWO films! Join us during the day for our magical family film, Mary Poppins Returns, which was a huge hit at cinemas earlier this year. And we're going retro for our evening film with Grease. We're super excited to be planning this now, so keep an eye out as we will reveal more details soon...



Give us your crisp packets!

CPTT has joined the Terra Cycle scheme run by Walkers Crisps, which means we can raise £1 for every kilogram of crisp packets we send to them for recycling. These items are not taken in green bins as they require a more specialised recycling process, so bring them to school to stop them heading to landfill – and to help us make some money from them at the same time! You can find collection points in the Infants and Juniors reception areas. We are also collecting old toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes for a similar recycling scheme.

Buy from our Second Hand Uniform shop

Our regular stall takes place on the first Friday after each holiday in the Infants lower playground. Buy quality second hand uniform at bargain prices and help our fundraising - this has brought in over £170 so far this year.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th March:

CPTT Meeting *Juniors*

Thursday 28th March:

Pop Up Café *Juniors*

Friday 26th April:

Second Hand Uniform Stall *Infants*

Saturday 18th May:

Open Air Cinema *Juniors Field*

Saturday 6th July:

RSPB Big Wild Sleep Out

Friday 12th July:

Colour Run & Summer Fair *Juniors*

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for event updates.



The pathway from Pretoria Road up to the Junior School is looking lovely, with a new textured path, pergola and reflections pool made possible by the hard work of the GROW team!

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