

Welcome to the CPTT Annual Review. We've been busy fundraising as much as possible again this year and this is your chance to find out how we've done!

Keep reading to see what CPTT has funded this year; an events review and fundraising totals; details on how CPTT works; a thank you to our sponsors; and how we can maximise the money we raise with match funding.

"CPTT funds are a much needed boost to our school resources. We know how hard the children, parents and teachers work to raise the money, and every penny goes towards improving the experience of the children at the school. It would be a much less exciting place without the support of the CPTT!" Emma Brown, Head, Ladysmith Infants



Funded by CPTT this year!

Both schools have been allocated money from this year's fundraising pot, giving the children some fantastic experiences that simply would not happen in the current climate without CPTT help - and your support, so thank you!



Infants: The children have been busy with lots of activities including visits from authors and storytellers... a space dome to explore... floristry sessions, with a plant each to take home... fun for Healthy Hearts week, including dance and movement sessions... yoga... archery... Christmas gifts and more!



Juniors: Year 3 trip to Caerleon in Wales... Year 4 visit to Escot... A trip to We The Curious in Bristol and outdoor activities on Dartmoor for Year 5... a post-SATs trip to Clip 'n Climb and a life skills event for Year 6.... Plus funds for various items including art materials, fabric for making bags, Christmas gifts... and ice lollies!



Ready, set, GROW



Before and after!

The GROW project has continued to transform the grounds at the Junior school, which are really taking shape now! This is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our small GROW team, who have had funding from CPTT, as well as money from Tesco, councillor Emma Brennan and a generous grant from Heles.

The sensory garden, meditation labyrinth and reflection bowl make a fantastic entrance to the school from Pretoria Road. This leads to the pergola and stone maze pathway, with cosy corners included within the playground. You may also have noticed recently that there is now a lovely vegetable garden next to the sports court - and, of course, we have chickens! They seem very happy in their enclosure, built by Andy Hawkins.

In fact, there is so much going on that it would take too much space to list it all! We are very lucky to have such beautiful grounds at the Juniors and the children are really enjoying the spaces created. Keep an eye on the GROW and CPTT Facebook pages for future updates.



Events Review

We love seeing so many parents and children enjoying themselves at our events, which form the major part of our fundraising. At the time of going to print, the total amount raised this year stands at over £9500! This is a fantastic achievement and we'll update with the final figure in the autumn.



Record-BAKING pop up cafés...

We are clearly cake fans at Ladysmith, as our Pop Up Cafés have raised record-breaking amounts this year! So many of you have donated goodies that we have had enough left over after each café to hold bonus cake sales in the playground the next day.

With themed crafts, coffee and yummy treats, these are lovely events giving you a chance to get together with friends for a chat after school. A big thank you to Helen Shipway and Jane Richardson for organising the cafés – and to everyone who has supported them by bringing and buying cakes. You have helped to raise an amazing £1145.55!



Fabulous fireworks!

The tail end of a storm couldn't put off our wonderful crowd for Fireworks Night. We moved as much as possible indoors, with the bouncy slide, glow facepainting and samba band all popular in the hall, while the brilliant band entertained everyone in our bar marquee. There was a truly amazing atmosphere and the rain had slowed to a drizzle by the time of the fantastic fireworks display. Thank you to James Hewlett for organising such a great event, raising £2883.37!

"Really good evening. Well done to everyone involved in organising it.
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Second hand success



Our second hand uniform stall has been a regular feature in the Infant playground this year, popping up on the first Friday after each holiday. This has proved popular with parents looking for quality second hand uniform at bargain prices. Thank you to Jen Harris for her ongoing involvement and Lucy Waite, who has taken on the running of the stall. This has raised over £400 this year!

In brief...

Our Lego Walk at the Parklife Fun Day in September kick-started our fundraising, raising over £100.

We were treated to professional theatre in November, from Theatre Alibi. Their quirky production, Table Mates, went down well with the children, raising £100.

Our new Artisan Market attracted lots of you in November, looking for unique Christmas presents from stalls selling beautiful handmade items. This raised over £100, which has been added to the Reading Bus fund.



Outdoor cinema for everyone

Our Community Film Festival, sponsored by Naomi J Ryan, offered something a bit different in May, with three films lined up through the afternoon and into the evening. People brought chairs and blankets and settled down on the Junior field with picnics, treats from our food stalls and maybe the odd pint of cider or two!

There was a really lovely atmosphere and we had good feedback from those who attended. However, the turnout for the event was significantly less than we had hoped and this meant that we did incur a loss of over £1000.



We work hard to put on events that we hope will appeal to everyone and raise money for our schools, so we are obviously really disappointed with this result. We are not sure if it was due to the cost, the weather, the film choice, or other factors..?

We'll be considering our programme for 2019/20 soon and want to make sure we are putting on the right events, so please do get in touch with any feedback you have regarding the Film Festival by emailing us at: cppt@ladysmithfederation.net

So much fun at our Colour Run!

Our joyful Colour Run & Summer Fair, sponsored by The Exeter, was the perfect way to end the school year. Over 700 runners took to the course, with volunteers enthusiastically showering them with paint powder and water, leaving them looking very colourful indeed!

Stalls including the lucky dip, welly wanging and the human fruit machine went down well at the Fair, and children from each year group performed some lovely songs. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces! Thank you to Vic Matthews and Sarah Dart for all their hard work organising the event. The final total is still being calculated, but we've raised over £6000 so far, which is just fantastic!

"Another amazing event! Thank you to all the people that have given up their time to make this happen."



"Brilliant, brilliant! Ladysmith rocks!"

Thank you to our sponsors!

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Will you help us to make a match?

What is 'Match Funding'?

Some companies support their employees' charity fundraising efforts by offering to contribute additional funds. This varies from one employer to another but will often be offered on a 'pound for pound' basis up to a certain limit. This offers us a great way to boost our fundraising efforts.

How does Match Funding work?

One of our Reception parents has recently been involved in the Colour Run and Summer Fair. She works for HSBC and has asked them to match fund the event - this means HSBC will match any funds raised, pound for pound, up to a maximum of £1,000.

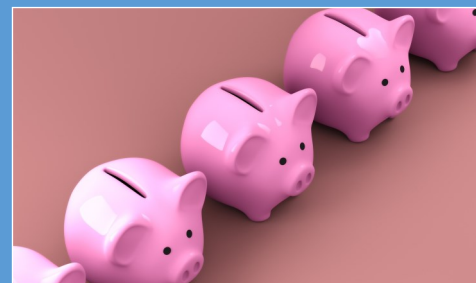
Depending on how much the event raises, this can potentially make a real difference to our overall fundraising total.

What do I need to do?

Find out whether this is something your company offers. Ask your finance department, who will be able to let you know how much they can contribute and how to apply for this.

Do I need to think of a fundraising idea and run the event?

No! We will ensure you are fully supported, whether you have your own fundraising idea or just want to offer your help on one of our regular events.



How can the school help?

The School Business Managers can help you fill in any paperwork and provide any evidence you may need.

What should I do now?

Ask your employer if they offer fundraising match funding and let us know. We can then get in touch when we are planning next year's events and hopefully maximise our efforts.

Contact us at cptt@ladysmithfederation.net

All about 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.

How CPTT works!

All the money that we raise during the school year is allocated to the two schools throughout that year, so the success of our events has an immediate impact on what we can provide.

We always try to split the funds equally across the Infants and Juniors, and in agreement with the heads at each school. Priorities are based on our commitment to support the additional fun elements that enrich the children's experience each term, as well as the schools' own priorities.

What happened this year

This year, the Junior School allocated its enrichment money to each year group, who chose how to spend this. As you can see on the front page, this has meant that children have enjoyed some amazing trips to support their learning. The Infant School used its money for



Coming Autumn 2019!

GROW has secured funding from CPTT and other sources for a slide at the Juniors, with the installation taking place during the summer holidays.

We think the children are going to love it!

the overall enrichment programme designed by the school. This has enabled a whole host of visitors and activities for the children across all years, bringing their learning alive.

In addition, we support other projects where possible. A portion of the money raised at this year's Colour Run and Summer Fair is going towards the installation of a slide at the Junior School, managed by the GROW project. Another portion will be allocated to the Infants, where it will be put towards the funding of new IT equipment.

We say this a lot, but we really mean it... From those volunteering to make the events happen, to those donating cakes and other items, to those coming along to our events - thank you to everyone who helps with the CPTT fundraising throughout the year!

If you have any questions or feedback or ideas for next year, please contact us at cptt@ladysmithfederation.net

Worth his weight in GOLD!



The CPTT would like to say a massive thank you to our Junior site manager, Andy Hawkins. Without him we would not be able to host any of our annual events. He gives up so much of his own time to support our fundraising, whether he is turning his hand to making equipment for our events - such as the brilliant stocks for our Summer Fair - or saving them by coming up with creative solutions to unforeseen problems, such as finding a way to tow the cinema screen onto the field at our Film Festival!

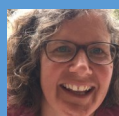
Andy is always willing to help and volunteer his time even though he is not a parent at the school. He cares about the children and sees first hand how the children at the school benefit from the funds raised by the CPTT. THANK YOU! You are worth more than your weight in gold!



CPTT - Who's Who?



Co-Chair:
Sarah Dart



Co-Chair:
Emma Whittingham

It's been amazing to work with a group of fantastic volunteers this year, who have put so much hard work into events that join everyone together and make lasting memories for the children at Ladysmith. Thank you Team CPTT!

Treasurer:
Vanessa Johnson

Publicity:
Marie Fieldhouse

Pop Up Café Leads:
Helen Shipway & Jane Richardson

Fireworks Event Lead:
James Hewlett

Second Hand Uniform:
Lucy Waite & Jen Harris

Colour Run Lead:
Vic Matthews

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

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"Once again, the CPTT's drive and determination has meant that the children have benefitted from another year of fantastic enrichment opportunities.

Mr Wilkinson and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has given up their spare time and expertise to make these events go ahead. Thank you also to everyone who has supported the CPTT by attending events over the year!"
Dave Broad, Deputy Head, Ladysmith Juniors