

# OLSJ Parents Association

## 2022 Christmas Newsletter



### Fundraising Activities

The OLSJ Parents' Association includes all parents with children at OLSJ. The PA's purpose is to support the school and the children by fundraising through various events and activities.

**Our fundraising goal for this academic year is £10,000!**

The fundraising events planned for the 2023 Spring Term are:

- **Movie Night** - a sing-a-long in OLSJ Church Hall - **27 January**
- **Spring Disco** at OLSJ - **24 February**
- **The Spring Quiz** at OLSJ Church Hall - **24 March**

### 2022 Financial Update

Current PA Bank Account Balance: £13,406.75

Income for the academic year so far is £4,550.

**We are nearly halfway to reaching our goal of £10k!**

#### OF NOTE:

All Christmas cards and the lovely Christmas trees and wreaths have been collected, but there are lots of tea towels, bags and personalised mugs still to be picked up from the school office. Please hurry!

### Getting Involved

Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved with the Parents Association. Even if it's just to say hello or help with a small part of any event!

Our email is:

[olsjparents@gmail.com](mailto:olsjparents@gmail.com)

### Donations

Please get in touch if you'd like to donate in lieu of attending an event.

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### Have a Happy Christmas!

Don't hide your Christmas Jumpers away yet - in January the PA will be inviting you to hand in your jumper so we can offer them for sale at our next Christmas Trail. Share the festive and fun and frankly embarrassing jumpers you can't wait to be rid of!





## Christmas Fair 2022

The Christmas Fair on 2 December was a festive success! The rain (mostly) held off and the Parents Association raised an impressive £1,582!

The playgrounds twinkled, the hot chocolate and the mulled wine flowed, Miss Sylvia spread her sweetie joy and hundreds queued patiently for Santa. The food was particularly delicious – empanadas (thank you Carla’s WHOLE family) – double-sized hotdogs, spicy sweet potato soup and Anna’s Chilli and rice. Faces were painted and there were movies in the Y4 classroom. We sold pre-loved toys and a first for this year, pre-loved Christmas decorations. There were cakes! There was a raffle with 30 prizes! Congratulations to the winners of all the prizes: the £100 cash prize, the Christmas tree, the ice-cream, vouchers, perfumes and theatre tickets, etc. Thanks to all the donors too! The raffle on its own raised over £800!

Many thanks to everyone involved.



Central Food Stall

## PA Donates The School Library

The PA, at present, donates £2,000 every year for the buying of books for the school’s libraries – the Juniors Library in the Juniors Block, the Infants Library in the former Nursery and the individual form libraries.

The school welcomes the lists of suggested purchases that we send. Do please send us your own suggested titles and any other comments and we’ll pass them on.





## 2022 De Beauvoir Christmas Trail!



### Our next meetings



We are planning the following further meetings for the Spring Term. We try to make them on the first Wednesday of each month and they're usually at the School House or Gwada restaurant on Balls Pond Road:

11 January, 2023

1 February, 2023

1 March, 2023

We start at 7.15pm.

Do try and come, but if you can't, we always post a link a day or two beforehand so you can take part online.

Otherwise send us a note of anything you'd like us to raise at the meeting.

On Saturday 26 November OLSJ Parents Association participated in the local Christmas Trail featuring eight fantastic stalls dotted around De Beauvoir. The mulled wine flowed, the cupcakes flew off the tables and it was a fabulous success. .

Thanks to all those involved:

- Olga, Vera and Anna who sold sweet treats, savoury brunch and hot drinks
- Dasha who sold designer scarves and graphic t-shirts
- Kim and Fiona who offered Austrian winter delights
- Silvia's Ethiopian stall
- Ms Sylvia's sweet stall
- Splat the rat
- Crystals by Jackie
- Wendy and Donna who sold donated pre-loved toys and books and mulled wine and sweet treats

### OLSJ stalls raised £1,788 in total.

**And the solution to the Sweetie Trail Anagram? Congrats to the winners of the free bag of sweets from Ms Sylvia's stall... It was UNDER THE MISTLETOE**