

PTA NEWSLETTER

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LITTLE LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

At the start of the year School approached The Link PTA about getting a Little Library on site. We loved the idea and knew it would really help support the whole school literacy. Jenny Sherman spearheaded the initiative ensuring that it was installed in time for World Book Day.

We are already seeing so many students engaging with it and borrowing new books by broadening their reading, increasing their love of literature, and expanding their access to an ever-changing catalogue of books.

Please encourage your children to keep swapping their books and if you have any unwanted books, feel free to pop them in the library if there is space.

PURIM KATAN

Dani Hyman led The Link PTA in planning and organising a wonderful afternoon event for Purim Katan.

The weather stayed dry and the children enjoyed playing games, having henna done and finding a new costume for Purim. All made possible with help from many Link PTA parents.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support us, we managed to raise over £200!



AND MORE...

So many nice touches and enriching activities happen because of parents and carers who support The Link PTA activities, including many first time volunteers.

- **Movie Night:** It was amazing to be back inside for a normal and successful Movie Night run by Naomi Goldman & Nikki Cohen.
- **World Book Day Author Visit:** We researched and funded the visiting author for World Book Day [week!] - thanks to Jenny Sherman!
- **Planners:** The school has always had planners but we've made it possible for every year to receive one, including KS1, and we've been able to include the children's birthdays. It is a lovely way to make sure each child is celebrated.

WHATS COMING UP? HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

- ✓ Raising funds and planning for next year's planners led by Sophie Reynolds
- ✓ Planning the summer fair! Hurray! After a two-year hiatus, we can't wait to be able to hold our favourite event of the year 'The Summer Fair'! This is the time to let us know about your great ideas for the fair (what would make it GREAT!?) and to help out with planning and organisation on the day. Look out for flyers and volunteer sign up forms, and don't forget to buy tickets to come and support the school!





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ECO - SCHOOL STATUS



This year The Link PTA has introduced swap-shop events. Because we're now an eco-school, we've been trying out ideas that care for the environment and / or don't create waste.

The **Zero Waste Chanukah and Purim shops**. We know that many of you were able to clear out your homes, buy gifts and save money through the Chanukah zero-waste shop and the Purim Costume Swap. Several new volunteers like Simon Marcus, Laura Quate, James Rawlings, Fran Lestner, Nicole Newdall, Sophie Reynolds and others who made these zero-waste shops happen.

The **Chanukah Gift List**. Rather than create an Amazon list, the Chanukah gift list made it possible for the school to purchase items from more ethical and local suppliers, and to fund enrichment activities, not just supplies and games. Thank you Lisa Lee and Mrs Skolnick for coordinating this effort.



NEW PARENTS

Many families are new to the school community and/or started school during Covid. You missed all the normal fun activities like the summer fair and bonfire night which haven't taken place. The Link PTA and some teachers would like to host a coffee morning or a zoom evening in which you could come to get to know other parents, ask all your questions about how the school works and what The Link PTA does.

Click the coffee cup to register your interest.

PLAY

Play the Brodetsky Lotto
for your chance to win.
Only £5!

JOIN US

Email us to share your ideas or offer your skills
to support us, all contributions welcome!

BUY

Buy Challah by Tuesday
night for collection on
Friday. Only £2 each.



SCHOOL SEDERS

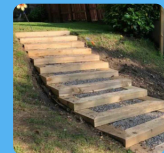
We are excited for our upcoming school Seders. Thank you to Gourmet for kindly donating matza for all our children.



WOODLAND MEADOW

One year ago Tu B'Shvat led to the creation of our very own Woodland Meadow. Over the last year students and The Link PTA volunteers (especially Cath Taylor) have also looked after the trees that we planted in March last year by litter picking, weeding and laying down a fresh layer of wood chips.

Soon you will see the newly installed paths, benches and sign in the Woodland Meadow of Hope and Resilience that many of you supported through class tree and individual donations.



Those of you who made individual donations will soon receive a report on how your tree is doing.

Thanks to the Manny Cussins Foundation for donating funds for the hardscape that will soon be installed, and thanks to Jim Roberts, and his company Atkins Global, for designing the sign and the site. Finally, thanks to Claire Bartfield for taking professional photos of each tree so everyone can see how well they are growing!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Click the buttons for links to play, join us and buy



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A HELPING HAND

We've all been tested over the past few years and The Link PTA is always looking for ways to make life easier for Parents/Carers while also supporting the school.

Weekly challah sale: The Shabbat Shop coordinated by Hannah Daly and Naomi Goldman, and the Year 6 students, makes being ready for Shabbat just a little bit easier. To 'buy' yours click the link at the bottom of pg. 2.

Compost Sale: Everyone really loved how The Link PTA stepped in and made it easy for every child to have their compost plant pots without the hassle (aka mum/dad homework) of sourcing these things ourselves. Thanks to Claire Bartfield and Deborah Freeman for donating compost, Savannah Joyce and Carrie Rivlin for donating the cups, thanks to Laura Mason, Carrie Rivlin, Becky Teiger, Deborah Freeman, Rachel Herscovitz, Naomi Williams & Samara Ullmann for getting to school early to distribute the compost.

LOTTO

More people are playing the Lotto now than we have ever had (& winning bigger cash prizes!) and with the help of Nicola Smaje-Rosenbloom we are now doing draws live on Facebook! To 'play' click the link at the bottom of pg.2.

Last months Lotto winner



Carolyn Glynn
£55



Ian Land
£27.50



Nicole Baker
£13.75

RAISING FUNDS

The Link PTA work hard to create opportunities to raise money, supporting the school to give our children the best experience we can.

Remember, everyone is automatically a member of The Link PTA. We're here to raise funds, but also to welcome all Parents/Carers into the school community and to take an active part in co-creating it along with the teachers and school leaders. Whether you give financially, volunteer a lot, volunteer a little bit, or just share your ideas, you are appreciated.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

Since September The Link PTA was able to fund or contribute to...

1. The seesaw app
2. School Planners
3. New gardening gloves and equipment for the allotment
4. The planting of 30 new trees in the new Woodland Meadow of Hope and Resilience, including a professional design for the landscaping and two gorgeous new signs that display all of the tree dedications (signs, landscaping, etc. to be completed over the next few months)
5. Mad Science Days
6. Author visit days
7. Library Books
8. A new "Little Library"
9. Important classroom supplies such as felt tip pens and glue sticks

We hope you've enjoyed reading about all we've done this year and all we plan to do.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Sofie Hirschstein and Jennifer Walper Roberts
The Link PTA Co-Chairs