

Llwydcoed Primary PTA Newsletter!



'Llwydcoed Primary School PTA' is an organisation of parents/carers/ governors and staff. Our role is to encourage closer links between home and school. We are best known for our fundraising work, but we have a useful social function too! Fundraising events provide an opportunity for parents, staff and pupils to get together.

How is the PTA organised?

Our PTA usually meet on a termly basis. We are currently organising virtual meetings Via 'Microsoft Teams'. Keep an eye out on the school Facebook page and for a text from the school for meeting dates and updates.

An AGM is usually held around September. At this meeting, a committee is elected to run the PTA - usually consisting of a chair, a treasurer, a secretary and a Community Champion.

Official Committee Members

Chairperson - Natalie Drew
Treasurer - Gemma Bolitho
Secretary - Gemma Hayton
Community Champion - Lynda Agostini

As well as a range of school staff and parent/ carer volunteers.

How are funds raised?

The PTA raise money through events such as raffles, movie nights, discos and a Summer and Christmas Fair. During the current climate, some of our fundraising events and activities are on hold but we are always looking for new innovative fundraising ideas! This year our PTA have managed to run movie nights and discos in bubbles with the help of the fantastic school staff. They have also organised for a 'Dragon Bank' to be placed on our school grounds which allows the school to recycle unwanted clothes as well as raise funds for the school.

How are funds spent?

Funds raised by the PTA are intended to provide 'extras' that are not already provided by the school main budget - often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting. However, in the current climate, funds can be used to support school necessities such as the purchasing of group and guided reading material during the Spring term. The PTA and the Headteacher agree on how to spend the funds. 'Wish lists' are obtained from the pupils, individual classes and staff. This is then agreed by the PTA and becomes our fundraising aims for the term/year.

Summer/ Spring term fundraising events

The PTA have decided to hold some exciting fundraising events during the end of Spring and whole Summer term. This will include the following:

- **An Easter raffle** will take place before the Easter holidays (tickets are to be drawn on Friday 26th March). Tickets will be available from Monday 22nd March and the following can be won!



1st Prize



2nd Prize



3rd Prize

In order to purchase a ticket £1 can be sent to the PTA PayPal account which is llwydcoedpta@gmail.com. A number will be generated and sent back when the amount has been received. There is no limit to the number of tickets that each person can purchase! We hope that you all take part in the raffle in order to raise as much funds as possible for the school and children.

- **A family quiz night** will take place on Sunday 9th May at 5 p.m. via 'Microsoft Teams'. Tickets will be charged at £3 per quiz team. Please again send the funds to the PTA PayPal account and request a 'Microsoft Teams' link by emailing the school admin account.
- **A large sponsored sporting event** for the children will also be organised after half term. More information about this will follow during the Summer term.
- **Easyfundraising!**
Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at Easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say, "thank you" and this will go directly to our school PTA funds. There are 4,063 retailers to choose from and so far, the scheme has raised over £31 million for thousands of community groups, schools, sports clubs, small and large charities across the UK.

How to get started:

1. Choose to support Llwydcoed Primary School PTA using the following link:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/llwydcoedprimaryschoolpta/>
2. Choose 'support this cause' and enter your name and email address.
3. Create a password and download the app.
4. Log into the app and start shopping as normal!
5. Finally, raise donations for our school.

How can I be involved in the PTA Committee?

There are many ways you can help with the PTA, whether you have lots of time to offer or not. Some of the roles are time-consuming, although also rewarding. If you can't commit to a big job, look out for things you can do less frequently. We are eager to gain new members and all you need to do is send an email to the school admin account (admin.llwydcoedprimary@rctcbc.gov.uk) to ask to be sent a link to the Summer term 'Microsoft Teams' meeting. You can always support the PTA events by simply turning up at events and/or purchasing event tickets.

We look forward to working with you all to raise additional funds for our school and pupils!

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