

CURRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

January 2024

PUPILS RUN LENGTH OF UK TO RAISE ALMOST £3,000!

To celebrate National Fitness Week pupils throughout the School ran the combined equivalent of John O'Groats to Land's End, raising an amazing £2,996.50 via sponsorship.

The event kicked off with a warm-up for each year group from some of our parent volunteers (who were delighted to don leg warmers for the occasion) before each group took on their leg of the run.

The children had great fun and we are very grateful to all volunteers for their support and encouragement on the day.



Sponsored Fun Run – September 2023

WHO ARE WE? This year's PTA Office Bearers are Susie Bass (Co-chair), Jen Cowan (Co-chair), Susan Donnachie (Vice Chair), Eilidh Dane (Treasurer) and Sarah Jackson (Secretary). We are assisted at all events by Fiona Hamil, Stacie Lothian, Catherine Colquhoun and Debbie Messis. We are always grateful for additional support – either on a one-off or ongoing basis so please do get in touch via curripta@gmail.com if you can help at all. We would also love to hear your ideas for future events.

For more info, please see the PTA section of the School's website, where you can also find minutes of previous meetings and newsletters. Our next meeting will be held via Teams on **Monday 11th March.**

HANSEL & GRETAL PLUS GIANT ELF MAKE FOR A CRACKING CURRIE CHRISTMAS!

The PTA were delighted to fund the return of live theatre to Currie Primary School via this year's Panto - Hansel & Gretal. Macastory's performance thrilled all year groups and the children reported it was the funniest yet! The School hope to have Macastory return with a new performance in 2024.

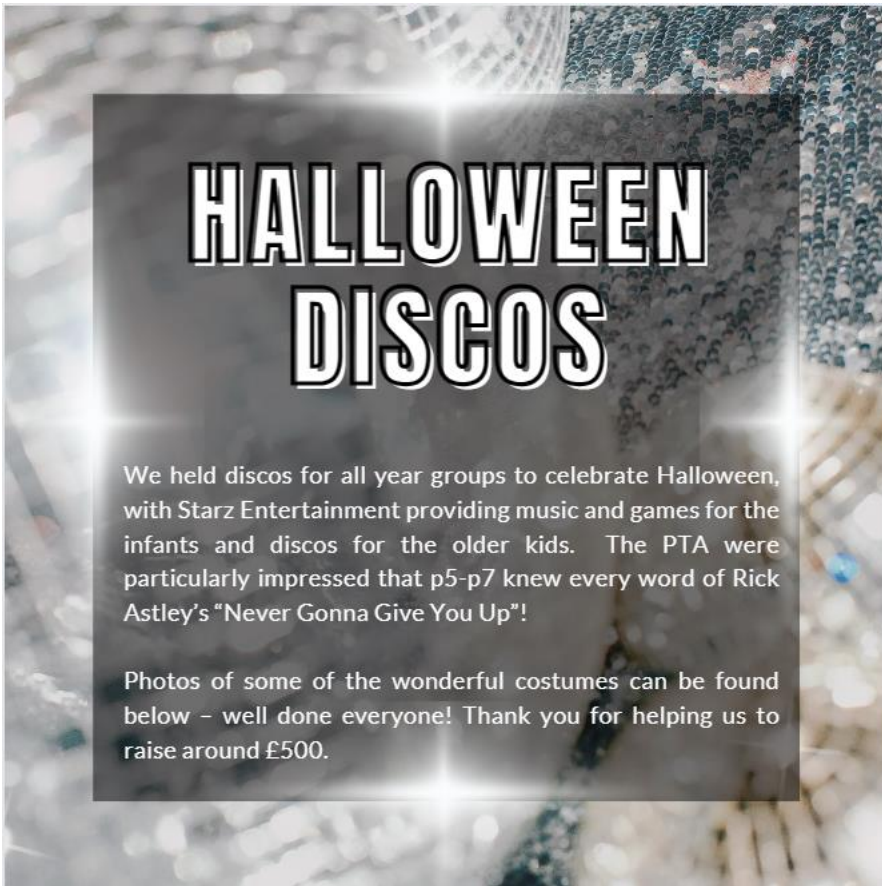


We also supported the p6 Christmas Fayre, raising around £485 via our stalls which will go towards their p7 camp fundraising efforts. The gym hall was filled with local businesses selling everything from scented candles and painted stones to jewellery and cheesecake.

We also had our own tables including air dry clay decorations to make and take home, pre-loved Christmas books and games, houseplant gifts and Christmas craft kits. The giant elf prize draw was a hit with the kids (if not with parents, who were pretty sure he would not fit on any shelf at home!).



Christmas Fayre - Xander (p4) and little brother Saul with his prize winning giant elf; reindeer craft kit; Pentland Aromatics gift set; Christmas tree craft set.



**HALLOWEEN
DISCOS**

We held discos for all year groups to celebrate Halloween, with Starz Entertainment providing music and games for the infants and discos for the older kids. The PTA were particularly impressed that p5-p7 knew every word of Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up"!

Photos of some of the wonderful costumes can be found below – well done everyone! Thank you for helping us to raise around £500.

SAVE THE DATE

Bake Sale



Friday 23rd February

After a hugely successful bake sale in October which raised £596, we are looking forward to hosting another in the playground after School at 12noon on Friday 23rd February 2024.

As before, this will be a whole School bake sale and all contributions will be very welcome. We also require lots of volunteers to assist for a short period during the sale. Please email us at curripta@gmail.com if you can help on the day.



May Fayre funds assist with p6 iPad purchases

There was a shortfall in the number of iPads provided by the Council to allow for each of this year's p6s to have their own. We provided the School with £4,000 to assist with meeting the shortfall. Despite delays (outwith the School's control) we were pleased to hear in November that all children in p6 and p7 now have their own iPad (with children in other years sharing iPads).

Social BYOB parents and carers quiz night

November saw the second PTA quiz night of the calendar year for parents and carers, with the dads team coming out on top. Entrants enjoyed sharing platters, games and BYOB – all for £6 entry per person. We were delighted to raise £278.

We are very grateful to Val Reid and her son for giving up their Saturday evening to act as Quizmasters, to 42nd Pentland Scout Group for the use of the hall and to Waitrose Morningside for sponsoring the winning teams' prizes.

Class cash contributions for 2023/24

As in previous years, the PTA has made over £50 to each class (with £50 to Nurture; £50 to Additional Support for Learning and £200 to Nursery) for additional resources for this academic year.

We look forward to hearing how the funds are spent!

Sign up to Easy Fundraising

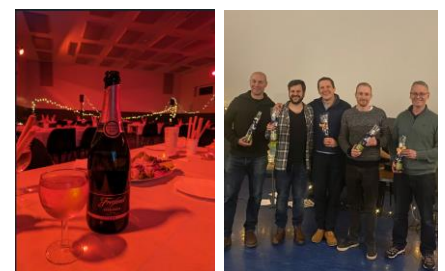
We would echo the School's suggestion that you sign up to Easy Fundraising via the QR code here. The School will automatically receive cashback and we also have the chance to win some amazing prizes.



Shortly before Christmas we found out the School had won £750!



Amazing costumes at this year's Halloween Disco – Zara's (p4) jellyfish was our favourite!



Quiz fizz, sharing platters & winning dads!