PSFA Newsletter - Feb25

With the Autumn term behind us, we look back with gratitude on a wonderful season filled with memorable events, from Malorees Lights & Winter Market to the Junior School Carol Concert. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who volunteered, donated, and participated—your kindness, generosity, and dedication are what make our community so special.

Now, as we approach the end of the first half-term of the Spring term, we want to extend a warm welcome to all new parents and celebrate the start of an exciting new chapter. With fresh opportunities, new friendships, and exciting events ahead, we can't wait to continue this journey together. Your support and involvement mean the world, and we look forward to making even more wonderful memories as a community!

Autumn Social - Fri 11th Oct

The Autumn Social was a wonderful after-school celebration that brought the Malorees community together in style! Families enjoyed delicious food lovingly prepared by volunteers, an array of cakes generously donated by parents, and drinks served at our bar. Adding to the atmosphere, our talented DJ kept the energy high with a fantastic playlist that had everyone smiling. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and enthusiasm to make this event such a joyful success!

Money raised: £150.13

Quiz Night - Fri 8th Nov

A fantastic evening, filled with fun, friendly competition, and community spirit! A huge thank you to Mr. Cleary, our brilliant quiz master, for keeping everyone entertained and on their toes with his challenging and humorous questions. Everyone got to enjoy the delicious curry and well-stocked bar, adding to the lively atmosphere. The auction was also a great success, with generous bids helping to raise significant funds for the school. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the night such a memorable and successful event!

Money raised: £2,801.04

Malorees Lights & Winter Market - 30th Nov

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for making this year's Malorees Lights & Winter Market such a resounding success! Events like these require immense behind-the-scenes effort, and we are incredibly grateful for the teamwork, dedication, and generosity shown by so many in our community. From the enchanting lights and illuminated trail to the festive Santa's Grotto and kids' area, delicious food and drink, and an impressive raffle, every detail came together to create a truly magical evening.

Your support, whether through planning, donating, or volunteering, made all the difference—thank you for bringing the spirit of the season to life!

Money raised: £8,374.40

Stalls	**Takings**	**Expenses**	**Profit**
Bar	£1,693.04	£128.98	£1,564.06
Cakes	£1,002.62	£76.15	£926.47
Raffle	£1,546.06	£6.99	£1,539.07
Food	£2,369.40	£0.00	£2,369.40
Tombola	£643.07	£0.00	£643.07
Santa's Grotto	£585.62	£177.37	£408.25
Face Painting	£179.35	£18.52	£160.83
Badge Making	£107.81	£65.21	£75.52
Bracelets	£49.57		£34.72
Ornaments	£60.35		£42.28
Biscuits	£309.89	£0.00	£309.89
Marshmallows	£364.98	£154.56	£210.42
Hot drinks	£104.00	£195.94	-£91.94
Entrance/ Orchard	£3,350.68	£2,593.21	£757.47

Notes:

The expenses attributed to the Orchard have been added in with the Entrance. The Entrance had no cost and Orchard had no takings.

The joint costs have been distributed across the Bracelets, Ornaments and Biscuits in the proportion to the amount taken.

Some of the general costs are in the table also.

Hot drinks at Junior School Carol Concert - 13th Dec

It was such a pleasure to bring hot drinks and mince pies to the wonderful community who joined us for the Junior School Carol Concert. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together to enjoy the festive spirit, and we were delighted to share a warm treat with everyone. Thank you all for being part of this special occasion, and we hope it added to the joy of the evening!

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MONEY SPENT

- IT Equipment: £11,700
  - Student cameras, including mounts and waterproof covers
  - Digital camcorders and tripods
  - Replacement laptop trolley
  - Windows laptops for Y5/Y6 pupil use
  - A 3D printer and supplies, for KS2 Computing and DT lessons

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR UPCOMING TERMS

- Lodge Improvement - *benefit to staff and for PSFA events*
- Read Write Inc (RWI) books for Infants School

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SPRING TERM

Malorees PSFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

When: Tue 11th Feb
Where: Infant Hall
Event lead: PSFA Co-Chairs: Mai Al-Ahdal and Geraldine O'Connell

At the AGM, we will elect the new committee. If you are interested, please review the list of committee roles—all roles can be shared or tailored to your skills. If you have any questions, feel free to ask before or during the meeting. Click here to learn more about the roles.

London Winter 10k Run 2024

When: Sun 23rd Feb 2025
Where: Central London
Event lead: Jamie Baird

Unfortunately spaces for this event sold out quickly in December. However, please feel free to come along to support Malorees staff and parents from the sidelines or sponsor one of the teachers or parents here https://bit.ly/LWR2025.

Easter Fair

When: Fri 4th April
Time: After school
Where: Junior playground/ hall
Event lead: Would you or a group of parents/ carers be interested in helping make this event run smoothly? Contact PSFA maloreespsfa.enquiries@gmail.com

As with the past few years, all classes, with their teachers, will have the opportunity to have a stall at the Fair and raise money for their own class use. We can't wait to see what fun and games you have in store for us this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM

LIDL Tough Mudder

When: Sun 11th May
Where: Henley-on-Thames
Event lead: Jamie Baird

Lidl Mudder is a 1-mile course packed full of obstacles to give kids aged 5-12 the chance to work as a team and get a Lidl muddy. It's THE mud and obstacle run for kids. More information to follow closer to the time. However, if your child is already interested in joining please send an email to the PSFA maloreespsfa.enquiries@gmail.com with the child's name and class name.

Art & DT Exhibition and International Event

When: Friday 6th June
Where: Malorees Infants Hall
Event lead: TBC

Alongside Ms Murphy, who will showcase a diverse collection of children's artwork and design accomplishments, families will also have the chance to share dishes and cultural items/ clothing from around the world.

Blenheim Triathlon

When: Sat 7th June
Where: Blenheim Palace, Woodstock
Event lead: Jamie Baird/ Mr Cleary

Ready to push your limits or just enjoy some fun? Swim-Bike-Run. Do it all or work as a team. For more information, contact Jamie at jamie@thefitnesscoach.com.

Summer Fair

When: Sat 21st June
Where: Junior Playground and field
Event lead: Geraldine O'Connell

The summer fair is a great way to wrap up the academic year with some fun. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Fundraising

New ideas
We are all part of the PSFA. As such, your suggestions and initiatives on how to improve the pupils' environment, raise funds, and enrich our community are always welcome. Either email us, or just say hi at school!

Easy ways we can all help with fundraising
Why not sign up to EasyFundraising, or buy books at Queens Park Books or uniform labels at Stikins. *See attached for me details*.

Match funding
Many large companies set aside funds to give to charities. Match funding is a way for them to do this eg. For every £1 we fundraise a company will match it - often with a capped amount. See list of match funding companies attached. If your company offers match funding please do get in touch with us.

Monday Food Collection - Gift your Neighbour

We're still collecting food donations to be delivered to local families on Monday afternoons, including several Malorees families.

Please give what you can spare: basically a tasty 'gift' would be anything your own family enjoys eating.

Non perishable foods, fruit & veg/any healthy treats welcome*. 🥫🥕🥔🧅🍋🍎.

Please drop your item(s) off at the school entrance at drop off or pick up with a staff member.

If you forget on Monday it's always possible to leave later in the week.

* If you/anyone needs the food support, please request a bag at bit.ly/Giftmeal

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement - however big or small. We're excited to continue working together, building a strong and connected community in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mai, Geraldine, Paul, Alice, Fadwa, Jamie, Hannah & Mike

Malorees PSFA