



# GPA Newsletter

Committed to fundraising for the benefit of our children

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## Dates for you diary

### Now

Bounce sponsorship forms to be returned

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Next meeting – 7.45pm

**18<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Bags 2 School collection

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Summer fete

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first GPA newsletter. We hope that this will be the first of many and that it will provide you with all the information you need should you wish to get involved with the work that we do to raise funds for the school.

## Race Night – what a success!!

The ever popular Race Night was held at school on 5<sup>th</sup> March and for those of you who attended we're sure you'll agree that it was a huge success and a lot of fun. Please see over the page for a full report on the event.

The total amount raised from the event was £610 so a big thank you to everyone who supported us.

## Sponsored Bounce

The sponsored bounce took place on 30<sup>th</sup> March with all children in school taking part.

Once again, the event proved to be very enjoyable by all that were able to take part. A variety of bouncing techniques and styles were used on the day – a special mention must go to Mrs Greenhouse and Miss Clarke who entered into the spirit of the event with a few bounces of their own. We hope to have raised some valuable funds for the school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents who came forward to help count the bounces – without the support of people like you, we would not be able to make these events a success.

We have already had a number of sponsorship forms and money returned – can we please ask that completed sponsor forms and money are returned to school as soon as possible marked for the attention of the GPA.

**All children who return their sponsor money will receive a fundraiser badge.**

## Bags 2 School

Now that the sunshine is out (sometimes!!), it will soon be time to ditch the winter wardrobe in favour of t-shirts and shorts.

Bags 2 School makes its next visit to school on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010 so start saving all those unwanted and out-grown clothes **now** and hopefully we can better the £140 raised last time.

Bags will be sent out towards the end of May to all children with details of items that can be included – just to clarify that black bin bags will also be accepted should you be able to fill the official bag.

## Summer Fete

Although 27<sup>th</sup> June still seems a long way off, we are already starting to make plans for the fete. New ideas for the fete are always welcome.

If you have any suggestions or you can spare the time to help out before or during the event then please get in touch using the contact details or come along to the next meeting.

Any help for these events is always greatly appreciated.

The Greatfield Parents' Association (GPA) is a group of parents from the school who organise fundraising events for the school. We aim to provide items that are seen as extras to those provided by the school budgets. As a general rule we meet every month in the staff room on a Tuesday at 7.45pm – a poster will be displayed on the school notice board confirming the date. New faces and ideas are always welcome at any of the meetings – you don't have to make any commitment to the GPA to give us your ideas. If you aren't able to make the meetings but would like to give any ideas/feedback then why not send us an email using the contact details provided above.

## We would be particularly interested in your views on....

- What sort of events you would want us to host
- Which of the current events you attend – please tell us why you attend these and not others
- What events do we currently host that you enjoy – please tell us why you think these events work

**A report on the successful race night kindly written by one of our race-goers...**

**“Under starters orders...**

When I was asked if I would like to go to a PTA race night, I wasn't entirely sure what it involved, but it sounded fun so I thought I'd give it a go! When we arrived, the hall was set with 4 chairs centre stage each with a different coloured bib and a length of string stretching behind, one end attached to a little wooden horse and the other to a kind of large bobbin.

Around this were tables and chairs set out for the race goers comfort. The compere/race starter/commentator/tote maestro explained the rules of engagement; there were 6 races with various prizes attached, you were able to bid against each other to buy one of the 4 horses racing. If you were lucky enough to purchase a horse then you could choose/nominate/force someone to be your jockey for the race. I was nominated to be a jockey on one of the early races and as I put my red bib over my head there were lots of rumours flying around about past form of the other jockeys taking part.

We all spent a couple of minutes trying to work out the best way to wind the string round the bobbin while the last of the bets were placed on the horses. Then crowd hushed and we were under starters orders. With nerves tingling we were off, and a minute and a half of frantic twisting and turning the bobbin and the crowd roaring in my ears I crossed the finish line in a disappointing 3rd place. As the evening wore on, the bidding for horses grew stronger, rivalries were formed between both jockeys and owners and lots of money was exchanged at the tote, (this may have had something to do with the cheap bar!). The climax of the evening was champion of champions hurdle where the 4 fastest jockeys raced against each other for the top prize of £100 for the owners. One woman and three men lined up, tensions were running high and then they were off. It was an extraordinarily close race (commentated marvellously by Mr Sadler) which ended in last year's champion disposed and a new but exhausted champion crowned.

In summary it was a very enjoyable night and I would like to pass on my thanks to all the PTA/staff volunteers who made it happen and one that I will be recommending to my own PTA (yes my children don't even go to Greatfield!)”



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