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GBSA Newsletter
February 2025



Great Bedwyn School Association (GBSA)

2024/2025 Fundraising

- Halloween Disco (£1532.10)
- Christmas Cards (£184)
- Elf Day (£480)
- Christmas Carol Concert Refreshments (£127.72)
- Donation Station (approx. £567)
- Amazon Wishlist (ongoing)

TOTAL Raised so far: **£2890.82**

Purchases

- The Sunshine Roof
- Year 6 organiser diaries
- A Mahjong Set and tile holders for Mahjong After School Club.

Wish List

- Sports Kit for external sporting events
- Blinds for School Hall
- Replace existing laptops currently used by the children in their IT lessons.

Keeping you in the loop:

Last term was busy with lots of fundraising events, and we have lots to look forward to for the rest of this academic year.

THANK YOU so much for all your support. Every penny raised goes straight back into enhancing the experiences for our children. The Sunshine Roof in Reception is an example of this. Whilst previously the children's activities were limited on rainy days, they are now able to play outside all year round and this has transformed their classroom.

Charlotte Grew & Clare Ratnage
(GBSA Co-Chairs)

Dates for your Diary...

14th March 2025: The infamous Great Bedwyn Evening Quiz (adults only)

6th March 2025: World Book Day: Children dress as favourite book character. £1 donation/child. 2nd hand book sale. More info to come.

3rd April 2025: Crazy hair day: In school event. £1 donation/child.

22nd June 2025: Fun Run (for all)



Two parents from each year group sit on the committee and play an important role in sharing information and fundraising. For some of the larger events, we often need additional volunteers. We would therefore be really grateful if you could let your reps know if you would be happy to be involved at all so we can liaise with you nearer the time.

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Match Funding

This is a benefit offered by several companies whereby if an employee is fundraising for a charity, they will match the fundraising up to a certain level. For example, one parent was able to secure an additional £500 for the Halloween disco. A list of companies that we think offer this has been sent out previously. This is not exhaustive so please check with your own HR department. Please speak to the school office or your year rep if you can help.

GBSA Quiz 2025

You should have already seen the posters.

Tickets are now on sale.

Always a popular event. Open to all (parents, staff & friends outside of the school community).

Come & enjoy a relaxed & fun filled evening.

Music, Bar, Cheeseboards & Snacks.

Auction & Raffle.

When: Friday 14th March, 7.30-11pm

Where: Great Bedwyn Village Hall

Teams: team of 6 (other combos possible)

Cost: Entry Only - £5/head or £30/table. Entry + pre-ordered cheeseboard: £45/table

How to enter:

- 1) Email GBSA_fundme@yahoo.com or leave envelope in the school office with team name, lead contact name & no, names of team members, pre-ordered cheeseboard Y/N
- 2) Pay either by cash or online bank transfer to:
Acc. name: GBSA
Acc. no: 13329596
Sort code: 52-30-27

Can you sponsor us?

Below is the new proposed sports kit. This is for external events – it is NOT replacing PE kit. If you or someone you know might be able to help (any contribution welcomed), please contact the school office or your year rep.



Sports kit

In KS2 the children often represent the school at external sporting events (netball, hockey, rugby, athletics, curling etc). We have a set of very old kit that is threadbare and doesn't fit any longer. This is the proposed new kit. We are hoping to order a specific number of complete sets to keep in school. Those children competing will be given a set to go home with and they would be asked to wash it and bring it back to school after the event. Any sponsors would be recognised either on the kit or in other ways (please discuss with school directly).

Families will have the opportunity to purchase their own kit (e.g. waterproof top) should they wish.

