WISPA Newsletter





FRIENDS OF WESTFIELDS INFANT SCHOOL

We are delighted to have finally been able to welcome everyone to the Christmas Fair for the first time in 3 years! It was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun and enjoying the festivities! As it's the last week of term before everyone has a well-deserved break over the Christmas holidays, we wanted to update you on the fundraising total so far..... £5,980!!! This is a phenomenal achievement and it wouldn't be possible without our wonderful volunteers who organise these fun filled events for the children. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for your support! The money raised will continue to go towards the much-needed toilet refurbishments. We also fund the text messaging service and new Little Wandle reading and phonics scheme which cost £10k. In the New Year we will also be purchasing sensory resources for the nurture room to support the children. The fundraising has also enabled us to purchase the gifts Santa is giving out to all children this week!



Free donations with just one click!

The Giving Machine is a great way for us to raise money! All you need to do is click via <u>www.thegivingmachine.co.uk</u> every time you shop online. There are thousands of retailers including Not on the High Street, Argos, M&S, Boots, eBay. It keeps track of the amount you raise for WISPA and if we all click through The Giving Machine it would make a huge difference to our fundraising!



Competition winners

Well done to all the children who entered some fantastic drawings and congratulations to the below winners:

Year 2 programme front cover design: Noah Coggan - Owl

> Sold the most raffle tickets: Logan Belas - Hedgehog

Does your organisation support charitable causes?

You may have read about Match Funding in the previous newsletter, where organisations contribute to charitable causes. Some offer to donate thousands of pounds just by processing it, it really is that simple. Don't just take our word for it though, here are some parents that have match funded through their organisations and how they found the process:

"At Microsoft we have a very generous match funding and fundraising program that the company embraces on a daily basis. Once logged in to the application you choose match funding tab, search for WISPA and it pops up with the link. All you have to do then is hit 'request a match' and submit the relevant documentation from WISPA and the amount raised. It really is very easy to do at Microsoft, the process is driven by online tools and there is a team that look after it." Nick Welch, Azure Sales Lead Microsoft





"I work for Zurich, who provide matching. We matched one of the cake sales for the class last year. The process is straight forward, there is a form that needs to be completed and sent onto our charities department. That's really all I have to do with the process. I believe after that, once the form is completed and submitted the cheque was issued direct to the school." Amy Drewell, Market Underwriter Zurich

