



Breachwood Green PTFA Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2019

Believe and Achieve

Fundraising for a Minibus

As I am sure you are aware, the PTFA and the school were hoping to raise funds to buy a minibus in order to provide transport to events outside of school, particularly sporting events.

We have spent a lot of time talking to other schools and researching this and have concluded the following:

- * To purchase a good second-hand minibus, we would be looking at a lump sum of between £8,000 - £10,000 plus approximately £4,000 for the first year and £3,000 a year for subsequent years. These additional costs cover insurance, service, MOT, fuel etc. (Total cost £18,000 - £20,000 over three years)
- * To lease a minibus it would be a lump sum of approx. £1,500 plus £470 a month for 3 years –this covers warranty, tax, MOT, service. (Total cost £18,420 over three years).

At the time of originally discussing the minibus, it was hoped that the school budget would be able to support the running costs. Unfortunately, as I am sure you are aware, school budgets have become very tight and whilst we are working hard to reach an Ofsted grading of 'good' the school is unable to commit this cost each year.

As you can see, this is a huge financial decision so we want to make sure we have looked at all options, as any money not spent on a minibus can be used further to offer enrichment opportunities to support the curriculum.

With all of this in mind, our next step in the process is to identify how much it would cost to hire a minibus/coach for individual sporting events. If we can build up a relationship with one company on a regular basis, we may be able to gain discount. If you know of anyone who may be able to support this, please let us know.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with fundraising and patience whilst we explore our minibus options.



Fundraising in General

Following a great suggestion from one of the parents, the PTFA is in the process of registering for Gift Aid. Gift Aid is a tax claimed back from the Inland Revenue from donations made to us out of your earned income. Once we are registered, we will be inviting our supporters to complete a Gift Aid form to confirm you are a UK taxpayer and to make donations to the PTFA. This will enable us to claim the tax back (25p for every £1) on any donations you make. Don't worry though, you only have to complete the form once. By making a regular donation, it can really boost our funds:

For example:

If every family donated just £1 per week, we would raise £17.50 per week just in Gift Aid raising a total of £87.50 per week.

If every family donated £5 per month, we would raise £87.50 per month just in Gift Aid raising a total of £437.50 per month.

If every family donated £20 per year, we would raise £350 per year just in Gift Aid raising a total of £1750 per year.

Any of the above amounts would have a significant impact on us as a school and enable the PTFA to continue to buy the additional resources that enhance our children's learning.

PTFA Purchases this Year

This year alone the PTFA have funded:

- * Smart TVs for each class;
- * Christmas dinner refreshments;
- * Easter Egg Hunt;
- * An e-Safety workshop;
- * New play equipment;
- * Live butterfly gardens.



Over the course of the year they have spent just short of **£10,000!** As you can imagine, this has depleted their funds but has had a great impact on the children in school! This shows that the support parents give through the PTFA is invaluable!



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School Fete

Don't forget to come along and support us at our school fete tomorrow!

This year we are raising money to purchase a new PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Scheme of Work which will prepare our children for the evolving future and life's challenges.

We need to raise £2,975!

What children will learn using the scheme:

Being Me In My World covers a wide range of topics, including a sense of belonging, welcoming others and being part of a school community, a wider community, and a global community; it also looks at children's rights and responsibilities, working and socialising with others, and pupil voice.

Celebrating Difference focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, power, friendships, and conflict; children learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference', and most year groups explore the concept of 'normal'; bullying – what it is and what it isn't, including cyber and homophobic bullying – is an important aspect of this Puzzle.

Dreams and Goals aims to help children think about their hopes and dreams, their goals for success, what personal strengths are, and how to overcome challenges, via team work skills and tasks. There is also a focus on enterprise and fundraising. Children learn about experiencing and managing feelings of pride, ambition, disappointment, success; and they get to share their aspirations, the dreams and goals of others in different cultures/countries, and their dreams for the world.

It's great for children to have this experience, to think ambitiously, and to have aspirations.

(Parent, Dorset first school)

Healthy Me covers two main areas of health: Emotional health (relaxation, being safe, friendships, mental health skills, body image, relationships with food, managing stress) and Physical health (eating a balanced diet, physical activity, rest and relaxation, keeping clean, drugs and alcohol, being safe, first aid) in order for children to learn that health is a very broad topic.

Relationships has a wide focus, looking at diverse topics such as families, friendships, pets and animals, and love and loss. A vital part of this Puzzle is about safeguarding and keeping children safe; this links to cyber safety and social networking, as well as attraction and assertiveness; children learn how to deal with conflict, their own strengths and self-esteem. They have the chance to explore roles and responsibilities in families, and look at stereotypes. All Jigsaw lessons are delivered in an age- and stage-appropriate way so that they meet children's needs.

Changing Me deals with change of many types, from growing from young to old, becoming a teenager, assertiveness, self-respect and safeguarding. Self and body image, puberty, attraction and accepting change are diverse subjects for children to explore. Each year group thinks about looking ahead, moving year groups or the transition to secondary school. Life cycles and how babies are made and grow are treated sensitively and are designed to meet children's needs. All year groups learn about how people and bodies change. This Puzzle links with the Science curriculum when teaching children about life cycles, babies and puberty.

