

BPSCA BUZZ

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



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In this edition of Buzz we have fantastic news about the KS1 Library project, an update on our whole school day of PE With Joe Wicks, details on second hand uniform, a huge number of 'thanks' and an appeal to find a new BPSCA Chairperson.

As the UK continues to make good progress in managing the pandemic and beginning to take tentative steps together to return to some of the many activities and events we all enjoy, we continue to work closely with school leadership on our event planning.

Unfortunately, we still cannot commit to the return of Film Nights, Children's Quality Sales and large family and community events such as the Summer Fun Day. Whilst we know the Government roadmap seeks to permit larger events and no legal limits on social contact no earlier than 21st June, the school is also committed to following instruction from the Department for Education. We must therefore wait to hear about when we can return to our activities within school.

**Clare Roberts
& The Entire BPSCA Team**

THANK YOU!

In a year that has been hugely challenging for everybody, we are so grateful for all the support BPSCA has continued to receive. We have been incredibly disappointed not to be able to run events that the children and families of Billingshurst Primary normally enjoy. Yes, we are a charity asking for your generosity but we also seek to make our fundraising events fun and interactive. We cannot thank you enough for continuing to support us at a time when such events have not been possible.

Our JustGiving page has been open for donations for a few months now.

**Our target through
JustGiving is £5,000 and we
have currently reached
£3,754**

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation and for such lovely encouraging comments. From a few pounds to hundreds of pounds, every single donation brings us closer to that £5,000 target.

Send the link often we shall chip away at it together

Keep up the amazing good work

We are new to the area and delighted to support this worthy cause in honour of Captain Tom

A little help during these difficult times

Keep going!

If you would like to donate please use either of these links:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/bpslibrary

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Extra Special Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank members of our school community who have gone above and beyond in their support for BPSCA and the school through our JustGiving page.



The Smith family raised an incredible £2,011.91 by doing 100 laps of the 'Big Block' where they live. Thank you so much to Chris, Abi, Lily, Henry and Tommy, you are all absolute superstars and thank you to everyone who supported them along the way!



Huge congratulations and thank you to Taylor Agulla-Lorenzo who baked up a storm and held a cake sale from his driveway.

He totally sold out in 2 hours and raised £205!

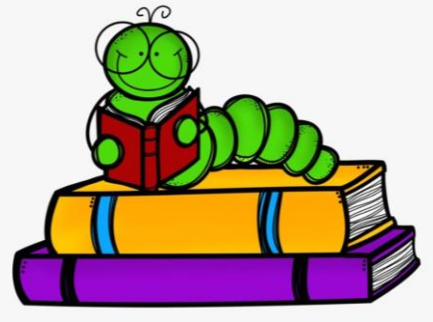


To Chloe and Emily Blick, thank you for your green fingered growing of tomato plants and selling them from your driveway, raising £16.70. We also loved the idea of an exercise trail for people to follow to find your house, absolutely brilliant!



If your child has done something special to help raise money for the school, please let us know so that we can also give them an extra special thank you.

KS1 Library Project



If you've visited our JustGiving page recently, you'll know that **we have reached our fundraising target of £15,000** to pay for the full refurbishment of the KS1 library.

School leadership are now in discussion with the designers and we are very much hoping that the new library will be ready for the start of the Autumn term in September.

Large projects like this one are only possible with your support and that of local businesses who are also incredibly generous.

We look forward to sharing more as the project progresses.

Please Don't Stop Now!

Whilst we have reached this terrific milestone, there are still many reasons to keep up our fundraising mission.

When it comes to the big projects, as one is fulfilled, another is always waiting in the wings.

Our recent conversations with Miss Williamson and Mrs Wattam have confirmed the next big project to be the creation of an Amphitheatre!!!



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Billingshurst Primary Does PE With Joe



FRIDAY 28TH MAY

ALL DAY

#PEWithJoe



Hi, I'm Clare Roberts, Chair of BPSCA.

In 2012 my daughter started school at Billingshurst Primary.

Living outside of the village and having no prior connection to the school, I joined the BPSCA committee thinking it would be a good way to get to know the teachers and to meet other parents.

This, I achieved but I had no idea that nine years later I would remain part of a terrific team of dedicated parents, teachers and support staff who are utterly determined to ensure that all

children at the school have the best possible experiences and memories of their primary learning years.

Neither would I have dreamed that in the nine years we would raise over £150,000 for the school.

For the past four years I've had the absolute privilege to Chair the BPSCA committee and it will be an emotional day when my youngest daughter leaves the school at the end of July as she moves on to her secondary education and I step down from BPSCA.

The pandemic has destroyed so many of the fundraising events BPSCA would usually host and I didn't want to leave without one last big event with the children. I'm used to being in and around school with them all and I've missed it a lot this past year.

BPSCA always seeks to have a lot of fun in our fundraising missions so I came up with one that all of the children can enjoy with me.

A full day of PE With Joe Wicks on the school field!

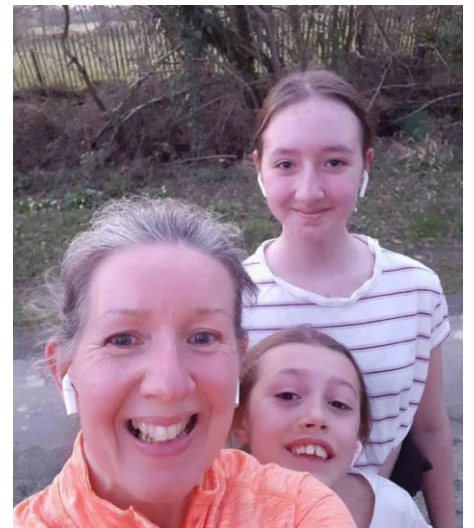


We'll have a big digital screen to stream Joe doing his workouts and each year group will be joining me as we leap about the only way Joe knows how doing Spiderman lunges, kangaroo hops, frog jumps and all manner of squats, press ups and of course the infamous burpees!

I've been training hard for the last few months to ensure that I can keep up with the children all day. Come rain or shine, I've been out in all weathers building up my strength and stamina. I know I will need every bit of it to carry me through what will be six hours of exercise.



Here with Meika Hendriksen of Energise PT – she's an absolute warrior when it comes to training and snow is no excuse!



Even my girls have got involved, joining me here on a run. They did brilliantly, I'm so proud of them.

With just two weeks to go before the big day, final logistics arrangements are under way and we are keeping our fingers firmly crossed for a dry day.



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Until recently, Joe stood in my lounge but he is now greeting visitors to Billingshurst Leisure Centre, spreading the word about the fundraising effort. Very many thanks to General Manager, Dale Whitford for agreeing to let him stay for a couple of weeks 😊



If you are visiting the leisure centre over the coming days, please look out for Joe and support the fundraising if you can by scanning the QR code on his chest which links directly to the JustGiving page.

The fundraising target for this event is £2,000 and I've linked my fundraising page to our main JustGiving page as I'd love to get us over that bigger £5k target.

So far the PE With Joe page has reached £460 so we are well on the way.

You can show your support by donating to either JustGiving page:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/bpslibrary

or

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/clare-roberts45

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you directly to the PE With Joe donation page.



Scan to donate

The journey to our day of PE With Joe can be found on Instagram:



Feel free to take a look and follow if you like. You'll also find a little video clip there from Joe so our event really is.....



Second-Hand Uniform

Has your child outgrown their uniform?

Do they need Summer attire?

Holes in their trousers?

Need a jumper or cardigan?

Good quality second-hand uniform is available for sale on the Billingshurst Primary School Second Hand Uniform Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1018846298148802>

The Future of BPSCA

In October, we reported that both Clare Roberts (Chair) and Lucy Sexton (Treasurer) would be standing down at the end of this academic year.

Whilst this remains the case for Clare, Lucy has agreed to put herself forward to stay on as Treasurer for a further year. This is fantastic news for the charity ensuring continuity in a critical role.

We are still looking for a new Chair though. The role is essential to the future of BPSCA and encompasses a number of responsibilities including:

- ❖ Preparing for committee meetings and driving the agenda
- ❖ Delegating tasks to other members
- ❖ Liaising with school leadership
- ❖ Ensuring adherence to the BPSCA constitution
- ❖ Ensuring any decisions are clear, fit objectives and are agreed by the committee in accordance with the constitution. The Chair cannot make decisions alone
- ❖ Ensuring the association is GDPR compliant
- ❖ Writing the annual and Governors reports
- ❖ Working closely with the Secretary and Treasurer on administrative and banking matters

If you are interested in finding out more, please reach out to Clare through email, Facebook or Twitter.



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