

BPSCA[©] BUZZ

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



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In a departure from the norm, we released an issue of BPSCA Buzz in October, detailing the fundraising challenges we were facing like so many other registered charities. Wow, wow, wow, what a reaction we have received! We are astounded and humbled in equal measure by the generosity of our supporters within the school and wider community and are so happy to share with you the results of our recent activities.

We also have news from Tesco Bags of Help so please read on.

At our November AGM we were delighted to have the existing BPSCA team voted back in to post. We officially welcomed Becky West and Emma Davies and we thank Monika Finch as she departs the team.

Thank you all for your kindness and ongoing support of BPSCA.

We wish you the very best of health and happiness this festive season and look forward to a fresh start in the New Year.



**Clare Roberts
& The Entire BPSCA Team**

JustGiving Update

A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who has made a donation to our JustGiving page as we try to close the £13,000 gap in fundraising opportunities we have lost since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Our target through
JustGiving is £5,000 and we
have currently reached
£1,125**

This is a terrific start which was boosted by a very generous £500 donation from Gozone Care.

We will keep our fundraising page open for the foreseeable future so if you would like to make a donation, please go to:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/bpslibrary

JustGiving™

Funds raised through JustGiving are being allocated directly to the KS1 Library transformation project. We need £15,000 to fund this project and are well on the way with the funding pot now exceeding £10,000.

Bags of Help Latest

TESCO

Bags of Help

Last week we received news from Groundwork UK that we have been awarded a £1,000 grant in lieu of our project not being voted on in store as originally planned.

Tesco and Groundwork UK do not know when voting in store will resume and therefore decided not to keep us waiting with bated breath.

This is great news and is another £1,000 towards the KS1 Library project!

Spending Update

We recently reported that £5,000 had been set aside to fund new sound systems in both assembly halls and are delighted to report that we have managed to negotiate a discount bringing the outlay down to £3,738.50.

This is fantastic news and allows us to reallocate the difference to other resources and activities.



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Festive Fundraising



With a few behind the scenes changes to keep everyone COVID-19 safe, we were so happy that our usual festive fundraising activities were able to go ahead.

We know that the children particularly enjoy designing their Christmas Cards, decorating and filling the trugs so this was an opportunity for us to ensure the children were able to continue to enjoy these festive activities.

We were totally overwhelmed by the response from parents and carers to both the Christmas Cards and Trug raffle this year, both activities smashing all previous years in terms of funds raised.

Thank you to everyone who bought cards, mugs, coasters or gift tags of their children's artwork.



The trug competition is more hotly contested every year and we can confidently say that the teachers are as keen as the children to win the £50 class prize for the 'Best Trug'.



We would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Henry Adams for their sponsorship of the trug raffle. Whilst Billingshurst Branch Manager, Christina Bearryman was unable to join us as judge, we were delighted to welcome her colleague Leah Tennant who spent a long time deliberating the class winner and runners up before then drawing the raffle for the Playstation 4 bundle, Apple Watch and 21 trugs.

Leah selected Nepal class as winners of the 'Best Trug' and the £50 class prize with Russia class and Wales class in 2nd and 3rd place.



**Left: 3rd Wales Class
Centre: 1st Nepal Class
Right: 2nd Russia Class**

A big well done though to every class for all their hard work and brilliant creations!

The trug raffle has consistently raised more every year since it began. In addition to distributing raffle tickets via the children's book bags, we usually sell outside of school and before each of the year groups festive performances. This year we could only send out tickets in book bags and were cautious in our optimism.

We needn't have been. Your incredible support for the trug raffle this year virtually doubled what we raised last year and we have no doubt that the very generous PlayStation and Apple Watch prize donations from local business Climachill had a big impact. The amount raised is phenomenal and will enable us to continue funding school resources within our 2020/21 plan. We cannot thank you all and Climachill enough, there simply are no words!



Crawley Open House also benefited from your donations again this year so thank you to everyone who dropped a gift into the Crawley Open House trug.



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