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Hello from your new PTA!

As of the PTA Extraordinary General Meeting on 1st July we now have a new PTA committee (the minutes from this meeting can be accessed here). You can find an intro from the committee members at the end of this update.

The PTA is a registered charity that plays a vital role in supporting the school and the education of our children by organising community events, activities and fundraisers. All parents and teachers are automatically part of the PTA and we'd love to have as many of you involved as possible. We meet every second Friday morning (9.15-9.45am) in the training room down the cobbled lane. These are informal meetings and everyone is welcome to attend.

Our next event for parents is on **Wednesday 16th October, 7.30pm onwards** at the Bowling Green. This is an informal social - come have a drink and chat with the PTA committee and other parents. For kids the next event is the **Halloween Disco on Wednesday 30th October.** Tickets will be on sale soon on the PTA website.

2024 PTA events - dates for your diary

PTA Events	Date	Location
PTA Drop-in sessions	18th October 8th November 22 November [other dates TBC]	Training Centre, from 9.15am
PTA Socials	16th October (Bowling Green from 7.30pm) [other dates TBC]	Bowling Green
Halloween Disco	Wednesday 30th October (tickets on sale soon)	School
Pub Quiz fundraiser	Friday 7th February	Bowling Green
Welly Walk	Friday 28th March	School
Summer Fair	Friday 27th June	School

Your new committee:



Co-chair - Fran Walker

Hi, I'm Fran. I have a daughter in year two and a son in nursery. I'm a civil servant, working in international climate and development - so Brookburn's focus on the environment and its brilliant green space are part of what I love most about the school. Maintaining this will continue to be an important part of the PTA's work this year. In the tiny amount of time I have for interests outside of work/kids I enjoy outdoor swimming, cycling (slowly) and eating nice food. I'm originally from Yorkshire so drinking tea is also a major part of my life.



Co-chair - Ayse Ince_Brown

Hi Brookburn, I'm Ayse, your new Co-Chair with Fran. Our boys are in year 2 and year 1, they keep us incredibly entertained and are the biggest contributor to our step count. We love travelling together and enjoy the wilder side of life 😊. Another lawyer I'm afraid, my passion being inquests following state detention death and mental health bits and bobs (I know, what a mouthful). Really excited to be joining this band of fabulous women.



Secretary – Mariche Chambers

Hi, I'm Mariche. Our boys moved to Brookburn part-way through the pandemic and are now in Year 5 and in Year 2. We love everything that Brookburn has to offer and I'm looking forward to helping support the PTA next year. When I am not running around after my boys, I'm doing my best pretending to work as a banking and finance lawyer. I'll pitch in where I can.



Eco Lead - Tiffany Chong

Hi, I'm Tiff. I'm originally from Canada and I've been a parent at Brookburn for what feels like forever. I have a daughter in Year 5 and another who is now in high school. I help with the School Street initiative and the monthly Dolphin Den & Allotment volunteer sessions for families. Brookburn has a fantastic community of pupils, parents, teachers, and neighbours who happily pitch in to make the school a greener and healthier place. When I'm not running late for school drop-off on a daily basis, I'm working in the field of low energy building design.



Ceri Riley - Treasurer

Hi, I'm Ceri, the new Treasurer. My daughter is in year two, so I've been part of the Brookburn community for a few years now. My day job as an environmental toxicologist doesn't involve too much accounting, so we'd love to hear from any qualified accountants or financial wizards who'd like to lend a hand! Outside of school and work I'm a keen snowboarder and love getting away in our campervan.

BROOKBURN PTA

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF £15,000

This year we are focusing on raising funds for

- ***EYS Outdoor Garden***
- ***School trim Trail***

The PTA will continue to support various art projects, trips & other school community projects thorough the year ☺

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THE PTA FUNDRAISING

CHRISTMAS CARDS, MUGS AND MAGNETS

1. Help your child create a festive artwork over the October half term by following instructions in the leaflet provided by the school
2. Make sure your child's artwork is uploaded by no later than 30th October
3. Order as you please!
4. Receive your cards, mugs, magnets or other products by 11th December

20% of all sales will go the PTA ☺

SUPPORT PTA EVENTS SUCH AS THE SCHOOL DISCO, SUMMER FAIR, WELLY WALK ETC

5. Buy tickets or sponsor an event so your little ones can attend the school event via the PTA
6. Each ticket will usually include the entry fee, contribution to the cost of the event and a small donation to the PTA.

Our latest summer fair raised over £5,000, so it's worthwhile supporting these events whilst also making sure our kids have fun!

DIRECT DONATIONS TO THE PTA ACCOUNT

Finding it all too hectic?... If you don't have time to attend PTA meetings or occasionally help out and volunteer, don't worry, you can still support the PTA by making a direct donation to the PTA

- Donate directly to the PTA Account or set up a STANDING ORDER:
  Account name: Brookburn Primary Parent Teacher Association
  Account number: 67226487
  Sort Code: 089299
- Via the PTA website [this is the preferred way so that we can also claim Gift Aid]
- Donations via Zettle at PTA events

ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS (UNTIL 30TH NOVEMBER)

1. Download and sign-up to the ASDA Rewards App
2. Shop in-store at ASDA/George on online at ASDA.com. ASDA will donate a percentage of your shop to Brookburn Community School each time you shop (you need to select the school in your App)

SCHOOL BADGES

1. Buy School logo badges via the PTA website
2. All amounts raised will go to the PTA

MY NAMETAGS

1. Use school code 64577 when ordering your nametags via **www.mynametags.com**
2. the PTA will receive up to 24% of your order total!

STAMPTASTIC

1. Use School Code: **https://bit.ly/STAMPM210EH** when purchasing your stamp
2. PTA will earn commission on each sale ☺

SCHOOL LOTTERY

1. Visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk
2. Buy tickets ☺ or share our lottery
3. you can be in with the chance of winning £25k EVERY WEEK! As well as the national jackpot, there will always be a weekly winner from Brookburn, who wins **30%** of the ticket sales from the week. So the more people playing the bigger the prize pot!

WAYS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AND SCHOOL VIA THE PTA:

COME TO A PTA MEETING

You don't have to become a PTA committee member! Feel free just to come and listen.

- ***Drop-in sessions – Fridays 9.15am twice per month***
- ***PTA social (save the date 16th October at the Bowling Green)***
- ***Regular PTA Meetings/AGM (see school newsletter)***

If you have any suggestions, comments or fundraising ideas for the PTA speak to the PTA committee directly or email us at hello@brookburnpta.com

HELP WITH EVENTS

- Help with the organisation of an event, run an event or take the lead on an activity at an event. Offering to help is so valuable – we really need an army of help!
- It doesn't matter if you can't help on a regular basis, or even if you can't come into school.
- If you have even half an hour or just a morning to spare, there's always something that we will need some help with. You can even do most of the jobs from home e.g. preparing sweet bags for the school disco, baking cakes, collecting raffle prizes, writing questions for the quiz etc.

WE NEED YOUR SKILLS!!

- If you have any SKILLS or CONTACTS that could be useful to the PTA - please get in touch.
- In particular we need: **IT / WEB DESIGN SPECIALISTS, FUNDRAISERS, DJs, PR PROS, MARKETING PROS, PROJECT MANAGERS, ACCOUNTANTS, GARDENERS, GENERAL HELPERS… ANYONE!**
- We need your TIME 😊 and your ENTHUSIASM 😊
- Here's a list of all the different jobs we need help with in 2024/2025:
  - **Halloween Disco (30th October):**
    - we need a DJ. Fancy a go?
    - Any volunteers to chaperone, run the quash station, distribute hot dogs?
  - **Pub Quiz (7th February)**
    - Would you like to help run the quiz or be the host on the night?
    - We are looking for raffle donations? Vouchers, hampers etc.
    - Could contact your company/employer donate prizes?
    - Could you contact local businesses to see if they would donate prizes?
  - **Welly Walk (28th March)**
    - We need volunteers on the day
    - Don't forget to sponsor your child and spread the word with friends & family
  - **Summer Fair (27th June)**
    - Fancy being the lead coordinator?
    - We need volunteers to help on the day too!
    - Would you like to run a game? You can pitch any idea!
    - Would you like to DJ?
    - Want to donate a keg of beer or a prize?
  - **School Streets:**
    - We need volunteers to help run the school streets scheme! Get in touch with Tiff for more info
    - Do you have an hour per week to spare or can you help ad-hoc on occasion?
  - **School Allotment**
    - The allotment needs a full overhaul and redesign. Can you help with the garden design?
    - Can you lend a land throughout the year to help plant, maintain and harvest?
  - **Gazebos:**
    - Could you donate your unused gazebo to the PTA?
    - Would you be willing to purchase a Gazebo for the PTA?
  - **Gift Aid:**
    - Would anyone like to take on the task of claiming gift aid from HMRC?
  - **School Tea towel/mugs/magnets/cards**
    - Help create a product, contact providers, collect artwork and coordinate overall!
  - **School group artwork project:**
    - How about running an evening exhibition (eg: wine and cheese evening).
    - Or organise for the school artwork to be placed onto cards/mugs/magnets?
  - **Any other fundraising activities**
    - Run a sponsored flash mob?!
    - Organise a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale
    - Run the pre-loved uniform shop
  - **Web designers/IT specialists:**
    - please help improve the PTA website
    - help with the design of key messages/fundraising events
  - **Corporate Sponsorship:**
    - Can your company or employee provide any sponsorship?
    - Would you be able to help coordinate a corporate sponsorship drive?
    - Maybe run a volunteer day to help clean the den, help with the allotment or clear the EYS garden
  - **Grants:**
    - Could you identify grants which could help with fundraising or improve the school community?