

Marlow Opportunity Playgroup Fundraising

Happy New Year to you all, last term saw record breaking donations and events raising over £9800 for our play group. We look forward in 2015 to another great year of fundraising, welcoming new and returning children and their families to Marlow Opportunity Playgroup (MOPs).

Each year we need to raise approximately £35,000, in order to:

- offer the high staff : child ratio so vital for providing the excellent care and support to every child.
- provide all the necessary equipment.
- deliver a wide variety of stimulating activities for the children.

More information on how the playgroup operates can be found on our website below <http://www.marlowopportunityplaygroup.org.uk>

MOPs fundraising news brings you updates on the amazing money raised for the playgroup and dates and details of future events for your diary.

Any event big or small brings essential funds to enhance the experiences for our precious children at the playgroup.

We welcome any ideas to add to our calendar of events.

25th October MOPs Ball

An evening of dancing glitter and sequins at the Crowne Plaza Marlow raised over £5200. Many local businesses donated fabulous gifts for the auction and thanks to everyone's generosity we raised this record amount for our playgroup.

A big thank you to Tracy and her helpers for putting on such an amazing event.

29th November Christmas Fair



A very popular event enjoyed by all, the big man and his glamorous elf assistants were there to get us all in the Christmas mood.

£1500 was raised on the day and through the Lloyds Bank matching donations scheme a further £500 was added to our funds.

We were also lucky to receive £1000 from the Lloyds Bank

Community Fund, thank you to all who voted for MOPs in the on-line nomination scheme.



Chairman Ken of the MOPs committee has just finished his year as captain at the Hazelmere Golf club and donated £500 from his Captains fund.

We also received a number of donations from local groups £500 from the Nelson Cork Masons, £500 from Marlow Ladies Circle, £225 from the Marlow Petanque Club and £262 from IHG, thank you to all these organisations for choosing to support our playgroup.

Events organised by the Mayor of Marlow continue to raise money for MOPs

The Santa Fun Run was a great success and the proceeds are to be shared between MOPs and the local Air Ambulance.

The Mayor has also arranged a Quiz at Clayton's in Marlow on 21st January, all proceeds will go to our playgroup. We have three MOPs teams entered so hopefully one of them will win !!



A big thank you to Alyson Moorfoot who nominated the playgroup as her charity for big birthday celebrations in October, family and friends donated over £150 to the playgroup rather than give gifts.



Future events

Charlotte Ryan (Rhys's Mum) is being very brave for MOPs and doing a sponsored skydive in February. Good luck Charlotte.

We have been invited to hold a street collection in Marlow on 18th April, we will be looking for volunteers to rattle a collection tin, we will confirm times nearer the event.

Georgie (Eric's Mum) is looking into organising a sponsored walk/run in September along the Thames footpath finishing in Henley. More details to follow but it's never too soon to start training.

If you are thinking of holding an event with your friends and family to raise money for the playgroup we can provide collection tins and promotional literature and give advice on setting up on-line giving sites for anyone brave enough to take on a challenge for MOPs.

If you have any ideas or feedback on events please contact Jeanette (Eric's Grandma) jeanettehgalloway@gmail.com