



Fundraising News

June 2018

helping children with special needs shine

As we reach the half way point in the year it's a great time to reflect on all the amazing support we have received for our Playgroup so far.

2018 is shaping up to be another great year for the Playgroup as we strive to meet the tough challenge of raising the £50,000 a year needed to supplement the funding we receive from County to operate our playgroup to the high standard our precious children deserve.

The first few months of the year were quiet on the fundraising event front; our Quiz in March was postponed but I can happily report the Quiz Master is back on his feet and the Quiz will be rescheduled in the Autumn term so start getting a team together and revising for a fun brain challenging evening.

In May half term a fundraising Stay and Play day was held at Playgroup, a fun time enjoying cake, coffee and a jump on the bouncy castle raised £222. Thank you, Victoria, (Jessica's Mum) for organising and hosting the event.



A great time was had by all at the Summer Fair on Saturday, the sun was shining and everyone enjoyed the fabulous tombola, hoopla, name the duck, wonderful cakes and refreshments to mention just a few of the attractions.

Thank you, Sharon, for another great event and all the staff and volunteers who helped on the day.

Although we were quiet on the event front early in the year we certainly have had a great six months for donations and personal challenges.

In Jan 2018 we received generous donations from a number of our friends and supporters, Rotary Marlow Thames £1845, Allergan £1070 following their first donation of £2554 in December 2017, Guy Butler Ltd £1666, Chalfont St Peters Montesson £500, Louis Bayliss £500, Mrs Fox and Mr Mark £2000.

The generosity continued into February with an amazing donation of £15,000 from Goldman Sachs through the contact made at last year's dinner dance.

The Masonic Clay Pigeon Shooting Association gave us £800 and 4 individuals donated a total of £625.

Donations from White Stuff £963, Fitzwinn Contractor £500, Mr & Mrs Mobey £700, Friends of Godstowe £3255 and 3 further individuals donated £540 in March and April which kept us in a healthy financial position

A number of donations via our Virgin Giving Page reached our bank balance in April totalling an incredible £2285 mainly from a young girl who was sponsored to have her long hair off, proving any challenge can raise money for Playgroup !!

The Masonic lodges continue to give generously with a further donation from Marlow Masonic £1000 in May and we have just received a donation of over £700 from David Butler's company Exertis.



Tracy took up the challenge to train for a half Marathon and raised over £700.00 running in the Windsor Trail Half Marathon in June. Well done and thank you. Her efforts are now being directed to organising our magnificent annual fundraising Dinner Dance on 3rd November.

If anyone has any contacts who might be willing to sponsor part of the event or offer a prize for the auction, please let her know.

All these amounts totalled an incredible £34,871 so we need to keep focused and maintain our efforts to reach our annual target.

Thank you to all of you who have set up direct debit donations. These regular donations are much appreciated and help our treasurer Paul balance the books each month. Details of how you can set up a monthly donation and more about how to support the playgroup can be found on our web site.

<http://www.marlowopportunityplaygroup.org.uk>

You can also support the playgroup and have a chance to win by joining the Wycombe Lotto, details can be found on their website and searching for Marlow Opportunity Playgroup.

www.WycombeLotto.co.uk



Dates for your Diary watch out for details of the events posted at playgroup and on our Facebook page

28/29 July	Ferrari Fun Day
7 October	Nordic Walk
3 November	Dinner Dance
Autumn Term	Quiz Night

If you have any fundraising suggestions or need any support for your own events please contact me, Jeanette Galloway, jeanettehgalloway@gmail.com.