



# Fundraising News

November 2016

As we come to the end of another year we would like to thank our friends and supporters for their efforts in helping us raise the much needed funds to keep our Playgroup going.

The fundraising team would like to thank you all for your continued support, a big thank you to Godstowe School for an incredible donation of £5000 and a pledge to support us during the year. The masonic Nelson Cork Lodge provided the funds for two play tables for activity time at Playgroup. The Masonic shooting club raised £500 at their annual BBQ shooting event. Jo Jingles raised £300 which was used to purchase a great Activity Cube for the children.



M&S Simply Food in Beaconsfield donated a big cheque for £1134 from events they held in store.

Thank you to all of you who have set up monthly direct debit donations, this regular income really helps when our treasurer Paul has the unenviable task of balancing our books.

As you are all aware fundraising is crucial to continue to operate and maintain the high standard of care and support our precious children enjoy at MOPs. 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 children at the playgroup.

The fundraising team support the staff and committee to arrange fundraising events and welcome any ideas to add to our calendar. We are a group of current and past parents and grandparents who meet for coffee and discuss how we can give something back to the incredible Playgroup that has given so much to our families.

More information on how the playgroup operates can be found on our website below

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



The Summer Fair on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June raised an incredible £1800. As always Sharon and the team organised a wonderful fun filled event enjoyed by all.

A special thankyou to Chiltern Rangers and Pestforce for sponsoring the Bouncy castle and BBQ and Starbucks for providing the fabulous coffee.

## We did it again at the Dinner Dance

We smashed last year's record and raised almost £7000 at our Annual Charity Dinner Dance on Saturday 22<sup>th</sup>

October. It was a fantastic evening of frantic bidding for the amazing auction prizes, magic at our tables provided by Afromagic and dancing to the very talented Black Sheep.



A great time was had by all thanks to Tracy for organising such a wonderful evening, Neil for keeping the auction bidding on track and everyone for securing so many incredible prizes for the Auction and Raffle.

The photo booth provided some great reminders of how much fun we all had raising this record amount for Playgroup, I think the fundraising team are hiding behind these disguises!!!



## Date for Your Diary

Its that time of year again we will be holding our Christmas Fair at the Scout Hut on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, get the festivities started in style by joining us for all the fun and a visit from the big man himself. Any prizes for raffle or Tombola would be

much appreciated.

## Supporting the playgroup

This year has been a bumper year with many of our families and friends achieving personal challenges and raising over £3000 so far for the Playgroup. There is still time to achieve something great for Playgroup, the staff have joined the challenge and entered the Marlow Santa Fun Run.

Ian Newton cycled from London to Brighton and donated nearly £1000, Steve Batey ran the Robin Hood half marathon and donated over £400 to the playgroup.

Ten-year-old Shakira Andrews had her beautiful hair cut which she donated to the Little Princess Trust and all her £300 sponsorship money she donated to MOPs. Ciaran Thompson completed a mixed up marathon and raised £3196 which was split between MOPs and Helen House.



Georgie Fielden is working through her 10 challenges for 2016 and persuaded me to join her on one of them to climb Cader Idris. I started training on my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday at which time I would have struggled to walk up Marlow Hill and we managed to summit the second highest mountain in Wales in

August, a great personal challenge raising money for my favourite charity. We even managed to fundraise on the mountain, a lovely couple from Cambridge loved why we were climbing and donated on the climb.

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  
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