

WOODENTOTS PARENTS & STAFF ASSOCIATION



Chair Update: Another busy year for the WPSA and please see the AGM notes on the reverse of this newsletter. I hand over the position of Chair to Chantal Hopper in September but will remain as Project Officer for the Nursery Refurbishment and as Secretary to the Committee.

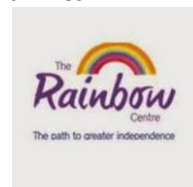
Collingwood Open Day Success: This year's WPSA stall at the Collingwood Open Day was once again a fantastic success raising £665.30. With WPSA members, both staff and parents, led by the unflappable Donna Steenvorden, dedicating their time to help out on the WPSA stall the day could not have gone more smoothly. Located in a prime position on the main thoroughfare at the entrance to the children's zone thanks to Caroline H-T and Jenny Kedge, the stall was able to entice the passing public with their amazing array of homemade cakes and the opportunity to win some fabulous prizes on the Tombola, the gifts for which had been kindly donated by people associated with Woodentots. In constant demand from 1000 to 1600 the group of 10 strong Warfare Officers showed patience, dedication and a range of artistic talent turning delighted children into spidermen, tigers, butterflies and princesses. Planning for next year is already underway!



Autumn Term – What's happening?

This term is shaping up pretty well and this is what the WPSA have planned...

Sep: Donation of pre-loved clothes and toys to the Rainbow Centre – a local charity affiliated with HMS COLLINGWOOD which inspires and supports children with cerebral palsy and their families.



Oct: Autumn cake sale, please get baking and donate some scrumptious cakes (home baking not essential!) to help raise some money for your nursery and further improvements. This will take place in the Chaplaincy 4 Oct 16 between 0930 – 1030.



Dec: Christmas Raffle, get into the Festive spirit and the opportunity to win one of the three Star Prizes. Big or small, donations for prizes gratefully received. Tickets will go on sale from 4 Oct 16! Draw will happen on Wed 14 Dec in Howe Building at 1030.



Pre-School Graduation:

An emotional and amazing afternoon for the class of 2016 set up by the Pre-School Team and Nursery Staff and sponsored by The Reading Chest with gift vouchers for all leavers and Winchester Vintage Van for fabulous crepes! Second Sea Lord loved it.

Treasurers' Report: The total amount raised since the last AGM in September 2015 is £3620.87. With outgoings of £1411.93, we have made a profit of £2208.94. This has been raised through cake sales (May-£220), Waitrose Money (£300) and Photo Commission (£190.80). The final bills for the family fun day are not included in these figures, and the committee has decided to buy a turtle bus for the nursery and funds are still to be committed.

How Can you help?

To help this term you could consider

1. **Buy** fabulous arts and crafts activities or treats and presents for parties from **Yellow Moon** – www.yellowmoon.org.uk or phone 03448268684– and when checking out quote sourcecode “WOO41534” and the nursery will get 10% cashback on all purchases!
2. **Keep baking please** – Make Paul and Mary proud, or maybe just those who frequent the rubber road and the Chaplaincy in Collingwood. Next cake bake sale planned for 4 Oct.
3. **Sell the Christmas Raffle Tickets** – This year we are starting earlier and have 2000 tickets to sell as our target. The prizes will be worth it!
4. **Volunteer to join your Committee** – if interested contact any committee member

AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER

FAMILY FUN DAY & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WOODENTOTS PARENTS STAFF ASSOCIATION SATURDAY 03 SEP 2016 AT WOODENTOTS (1400-1700)

Sep 2015 - Sep 2016

- WPSA organised various fundraising events, including cake sales, Christmas raffle and a face painting stall at Collingwood Open Day, and would like to thank all parents and staff members for their support. You have all been brilliant again. A total profit of £2208.94 was raised.
- WPSA funded Miniature Mayhem visits and the annual Family Fun Day. It was decided to bank the rest of the raised funds to go towards the garden project. WPSA had applied for funding from Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity and Annington Trust towards this project and external funding could only be received if we were able to fund part of the new garden ourselves.
- WPSA arranged weekly PE for Pre-school for most of 2015/2016.
- We were very lucky to have received full funding for our garden project. Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity donated £50,000 and Annington Trust donated £23,000. The new garden will be installed on completion of the building works, which is expected in the second quarter of 2017.
- Greenwich Hospital has donated £23,000 to fund a new ICT suite.
- Directorate Children and Young People (DCYP) have agreed to fund the refurbishment of the building and if possible to replace the over 2s building. DCYP are also funding new equipment, the first batch has arrived and can be seen in the nursery.

Proposed WPSA Committee for Sep 2016-Sep 2017

Chair – Chantal Hopper

Treasurer – Danelle Ballard

Secretary – Caroline Thomas-Hoefsmit

Administration Officer – Becky Lish

PR & wider community support officer – Heidi London

Collingwood Community and Socials Officer – Jenny Kedge

Events Officer – Catherine Jordan

Committee Members – Nicola Gulliver, Lucy Price, Kate Scott

Sep 2016 - Sep 2017

- WPSA intends to continue to raise funds towards improvement of the nursery setting and towards special activities for the children attending the nursery.
- WPSA intends to support Woodentots nursery by organising more social events to support building the Woodentots community.
- WPSA intends to continue to raise the profile of Woodentots and associated events in order to support and inform the Woodentots community.
- WPSA would like to support the nursery by using its network to organise activities (pre-schoolers on the Bridge simulator) or visits (Royal Marine Band, local fire engine).

Last but not least, WPSA Committee would like to thank all parents and staff members for their continued support to Woodentots nursery. Please do let us or Becky Lish know if you would like to get involved with organising events or if you have a great activity or visit in mind to brighten up our little ones' days.