



FRIENDS OF BENTS GREEN NEWSLETTER



Bents Green School Website: <https://bentsgreen.wordpress.com>

Fashion Show at Bents Green School

We held the Fashion Show on Tuesday 1 December. This event raised a fantastic £426!

Proceeds will go to the Bike-It Project at school.



Westfield School Christmas Fair

Friends of Bents Green also attended Westfield School Christmas fair on Sunday 29 November, helping to strengthen the partnership for both schools.



Christmas Enterprise FOBG Raffle

Congratulations to the following people who won the FOBG raffle prizes on Friday 11 December:

The Hamper was won by Clare Coyne and the knitted Mr & Mrs Christmas by Rob Holland.



We raised £109.10 which will go towards The Children's Hospital Charity.

Why get involved?

"Putting it simply; by getting involved in your child's school, you are getting involved in one of the most important parts of their life. It keeps you connected to the school, helps you know what is going on, and is a fantastic way to really get to know the staff and other parents.

As the school's budgets are tightened even further it's so important that we all help to ensure that our children do not miss out. Fundraising means that the children can still benefit from things like new sports and play equipment, books for the library and all those extras that the school's own budget is just not able to afford.

There is no pressure to get involved in the fundraising, you can help a little, or help a lot. It's entirely up to you, every little really does help. So whether you end up volunteering to organise the whole raffle or just to fold the tickets, shop for supplies, collect raffle prizes, cook, write a quiz, decorate the hall, run the bar or even figure out how the gazebo goes up; it is all valuable stuff and your help will genuinely be appreciated. Finally, the whole thing can be a great laugh, sometimes challenging, often exciting, and okay, sometimes a bit stressful, but always satisfying and definitely rewarding."

2016 Spring Term Meeting Dates

Tuesday Jan 5 2016	1.00pm at school - we will be bringing in and sharing food at this meeting!
Wednesday 17 Feb 2016	1.00pm at school
Tuesday 15 March 2016	1.00pm at school
Wednesday 13 April 2016	1.00pm at school



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OUR NEXT POSSIBLE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE!

School staff are investigating whether an Activity Den (PlayPod) and the training that comes along with it would give pupils a new and different kind of experience at lunch and break time.

The programme is designed to change the outdoor activities at lunchtimes across the whole school. It involves training and mentoring for lunchtime staff, awareness meetings with the school community alongside a purpose built Scrapstore Activity Den filled with all kinds of recycled waste materials and equipment that are replenished throughout the year and encourage children to play creatively, use their imaginations and energy, develop their communication and social skills and enjoy their play times.

Schools investing in this innovative approach are finding that it creates:

- ◆ Improvements in behaviour and reduction of incidents and accidents
- ◆ Happier children and staff
- ◆ Large scale improvements in the level of inclusion
- ◆ Positive parental engagement.

If we go ahead with the project school and friends of Bents Green will need to raise £15,650.



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