

Gresham PA News

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Make a note of these important dates for the new term in 2020.

THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY
Valentine Cake Sale

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
Easter Cake Sale and Egg Hunt



HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who baked or donated such creatively spooky cakes last term, to Cherie and Clare H who organised and all the volunteers who served at October's cake sale. We made a fantastic **£262** in total.

Welcome to the winter edition of Gresham PA News. We will be updating you on PA events, news and letting you know how our funds are spent at the school.

GRESHAM'S FIRST CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

What a fabulous, family-fun afternoon the Pantomime gave us. The trio from Hurricane Productions did a great job of setting the scene, acting out all of the different characters and creating a fantastic atmosphere. They packed it full of the classic panto lines which, along with children pointing and laughing, made it everything you expect from a panto - a really fun time. It may have been the first Gresham Panto but hopefully, it won't be the last! A special thank you to Sarah Cusworth for creating and donating both of the sweet jars and the two raffled hampers.

A big thank you to a terrific team of volunteers who helped before, during and after the event, to Caren for organising it and to everyone who came along making all the hard work worthwhile. This event is an expensive one to run but we're pleased to say that it raised a wonderful **£795**.



THANK YOU!

The Parents' Association would like to say **a big thank you** to everyone who donated money or items, volunteered and/or attended events this term. All proceeds from **ALL** our events go directly back into the school and to all our children.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Our Christmas Disco is always popular with the children as well as the adult volunteers!

Gresham's resident DJ, Ali, kept everyone dancing and our Year 6 children continued the tradition of coming up to the front to lead the way with some dance moves. A big thank you to Illana and Caren for organising the event and to all of our volunteers for their help and for joining in for a dance or two. We raised **£520**.

PA DONATIONS

This term the PA have donated the following to the school:

Gifts from Father Christmas visit: **£231**

New reading Books for KS1: **£2,270**.



Wreath Decorating Evening

The PA held a Wreath decorating fundraiser in November. The wreaths and centrepieces were beautifully made out of real fir and decorated with pine cones, cinnamon sticks, berries, oranges and other re-usable festive items. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a lovely occasion.

£150 was raised from this event.

A big thank you to Sarah Cusworth for organising, setting up the room so beautifully and sharing her creative skills.



SANTA'S GRESHAM VISIT

Gresham was very lucky to secure a visit from Father Christmas this month. He popped in to visit every class and chatted with the children, listening to their Christmas wishes, telling jokes and joining the children as they listened to Christmas stories, read by his elves. He also left them a treat to keep them going until the big day before wishing them all a Merry Christmas as he headed back to his workshop.

Thank you to Ali, Ann, Caren & Illana for liaising with the North Pole to organise the visit.





Our annual Quiz Night was, as usual, riotous and baffling in equal measure!



Rounds ranged from the traditional Music, Sport and General Knowledge to the more obscure 'Guess the Pasta Shape' and 'Where's Wallies'. Refreshments were sold and consumed in copious amounts, with 9 teams battling it out to win the coveted Gresham Quiz night trophy.



Congratulations to the triumphant winning team 'The Woodings' from Reception! For second place, it came down to a nail-biting first ever tie-breaker with 'Quiz Queens and the Odd King' taking the runner up spot - commiserations to 'The Teachers' who came so close. A big thank you to everyone who came and made the evening so fun.

In total an amazing **£725** profit was raised! Thank you to Ann and Lisa for hosting, organising and running the event for the last three years ably assisted by John and Christophe.

Secret Santa

Secret Santa is not a profit-making fundraiser as such, but the PA run it as the pupils love the whole experience of choosing and wrapping their own choice of gifts for a parent or family member - or in some cases - themselves, despite a valiant effort to convince them otherwise!

Many thanks to Liz & Tess for organising the event, including the sourcing of so many gifts and to all those who volunteered to wrap them. **£248** profit was raised from this event.



CHRISTMAS CRACKERS FOR ALL!

Every year the Parents' Association buy all the pupils a Christmas cracker to have with their Christmas dinner.

So as well as having a lovely Christmas Roast or their packed lunch, they got to wear a hat and share a joke with their friends! We wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas!

