

# Summer Newsletter

## Marvelous May Fair!

With exceptional weather, great food and lots to entertain the family, what a phenomenal afternoon we had at the May Fair! We are so incredibly fortunate to have the wonderful school community we have at Garden Fields! You helped raise a staggering **£10,140** (more funds coming in)!

Along with all our other events so far this year, funds raised now stand at **£37,366**. You're amazing!

Lots of exciting things to come, including this week's Fathers' Day Sale on Friday, watching Sherlock Gnomes at the Odyssey, International Food Festival and Family Camp Out - and more! Details on the way!

## EYFS Canopy Project

A permanent canopy was installed in the EYFS outdoor area over the Easter holidays and is being used daily by the children!

The area will be furnished with many other items shortly to enhance the day-to-day learning experience for all the children. Facilitated by the PTA's donation of £14,000.

Join the GFS  
online  
community!



If you haven't yet registered to use our online platform, please do so here <https://app.ptasocial.com/register/garden-fields-herts>.

You'll find info on all our events and it's easy to sign up to help if you wish.



## Funds raised school year 2017/18 to date include...

Christmas Fair	£11,068
May Fair	£10,140
Christmas Panto	£ 2,984
Film Nights	£ 1,794
Christmas Cards	£ 1,429
Mothers' Day Sale	£ 1,353
Odyssey Films	£ 1,138
Sausage Sizzles	£ 820
Silver Smarties	£ 664
Family Photo Day	£ 649
Charity Parking Days	£ 636
Fun Run	£ 450
Quiz Night	£ 472
Cake Sales	£ 551
Easy Fundraising & Textile Recycling	£ 523
Refreshments	£ 451
Uniform Sale	£ 277
Camp Out	£ 276
Ice Cream Sales	£ 273
200 Club	£ 160
Christmas Treeasy	£ 118
Misc	£ 54

Funds still coming in from the May Fair.

### Keep in touch!

To communicate, we'll use:

- PTA Year Reps: email, whatsapp, FB
- Emails via the school office
- PTAsocial
- PTA blog (which is then posted automatically to the school website)
- School & official PTA FB pages
- Informal 'GFS PTA Social Events' closed FB group:
- School website

Make sure you're signed up to these!

## Events for the rest of 2018

### JUNE

Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Half-Marathon Fun Run!
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting ( <i>all welcome</i> )
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wrapping evening
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers' Day Sale
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	International Food Festival
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Odyssey - 'Sherlock Gnomes'

### JULY

TBC	New Parents 'Stay & Play'
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Out on the field
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day EYFS & KS1
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day KS2

### SEPTEMBER

Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents' Breakfast
TBC	PTA AGM

### DECEMBER

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Fair
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Panto - Cinderella

## Free ways to raise funds

If you volunteered at the MAY FAIR (or at any of our events), you could apply to your company for '**MATCHED FUNDING**'. Many companies take part in this initiative even if not all employees are aware of it. PLEASE ASK YOURS! It is often worth a few hundred pounds each time. Here are funds given freely to us this year:

Jill Wise (Vodafone)	£ 350
Sam James (Sky)	£ 300
Anne Codling	£ 100
Rachel Fry (BlackRock)	£1231

**EASY FUNDRAISING** and **TEXTILE RECYCLING** are other ways you can support your PTA without it costing you a penny. For more information, see:

[www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/pta-fundraising/](http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/pta-fundraising/)

## Funds donated to school 2017/18 include

EYFS Outdoor Redevelopment	£12,529
Mini Laptops x52 Yrs1-6 (all yrs)	£ 8,305
Swimming Coaches	£ 1,470
English Curriculum Enrichment	
John Kirk - Story Teller (all yrs)	£ 339

### Curriculum Weeks (all school)

Take One Artist Week	£ 1,100
Maths Week	£ 700

### Curriculum Initiatives Budget (all school)

Maths	£ 1,095
Guided Reading books	£ 1,901
Nurture Cooking Equipment	£ 55

### SEN Budget

Equipment (all school)	£ 428
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### Class Allocations for Year specific activities

EYFS to Year 2	£ 1,387
Swimming Coaches (Yrs 3-5)	£ 2,100
Coach: O2 'Young Voices' Yr 4	£ 300
Year 6 Leavers (so far)	£ 104

### Sports Budget

APEX lunchtime support & Swimming Gala support	£ 1,171
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**TOTAL £31,459**

## PTA Committee

Welcome to **Dina Zaidi** who will be joining us as Rep for years 4 & 1.

We'll be saying farewell to **Rachel Fry** and **Jeremy Smith** at the end of this term as their children move on to secondary school!

We'd be delighted to welcome new members! Drop us an email if you're interested or want to know more.

To view Reps in your year groups, go to:  
[www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/pta-committee/](http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/pta-committee/)

## SHERLOCK GNOMES at The Odyssey

**Saturday 30th June, 10am**

Come join us for our third and final excursion to our beautiful Odyssey cinema this year to watch Sherlock Gnomes!

Forms being emailed by the school office.  
Deadline to return is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Tickets from £5

Watch the trailer here!

<https://youtu.be/zC9b1orltc8>

## CAMP OUT ON THE FIELD!

Our 6th annual family Camp Out on the field will take place from 3pm on Saturday 7th July until 11am on Sunday 8th July. Join us for relaxed family fun with the option to either camp overnight or 'stay & play' until 11pm.

You can look forward to a BBQ supper, bar and entertainment from 'Ben Jovi' (alas, not the real thing), amongst others.

Booking form is being emailed by the school office. Deadline for receipt of forms & payment is **Wednesday 27th June**. This is always a popular event and space is limited so make sure to get your form back asap!

Please help where you can:

<https://app.ptasocial.com/events/42236>

Join our FB 'event'

[www.facebook.com/events/1992904791022877/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1992904791022877/)

We're always eager to listen to feedback: things you think can be improved, new ideas to try and things you think worked well! Do get in touch any time at [pta@gardenfields.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@gardenfields.herts.sch.uk)

Thanks as always for your continued support!  
**your PTA**