

Sewell Park Academy PTFA: Chairperson's & Treasurer's Report 2022-23



PTFA contributions to school life in 2022-23

Quad garden

Sincere thanks to Karen Rowe and Kelly Furlong from the PTFA and ex-student Laura Hawkins for their regular and tireless work in the Quad Garden. After successful set up of the Papillon Project, including gravel garden and vegetable bed in 2021-22, we moved to a more independent phase, with Harriet Watson from Papillon visiting every three weeks. Thanks to Karen and Kelly for attending Papillon training and taking the lead this year.

- Thanks to the Art/DT departments for their interest too: we have started composting food waste; we also have a brightened bench, striking and beautiful masks ... and a wonderful enormous bee!
- Thanks also to Paddy Bovill in Science for giving us time, help and advice, especially with the pond.

Two major challenges:

- One is a combination of a moth infestation and the fungus box blight, ruining the historic ornamental hedging. Thanks to David Day, Peter Earle, and the Trust for listening – watch this space.
- The second is a lack of students! We really need more students to use the garden space and help to maintain it, or we will lose all our funding/adult help and be right back to square one ...

Sewell Barn Theatre

Links have been re-established, eg all GCSE Performing Arts students have had backstage tours; last term we had a successful Y7 drama workshop supporting *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Although only a small number of students attended the production, they all really enjoyed it. It will take time to rebuild levels of student interest and involvement.

School events and fundraising

- We supported the school's **Halloween Disco, Christmas Fair, Spanish cinema trip** and **Summerfest**.
- We held all three traditional **raffles** (Christmas gifts, Easter eggs and Summer days out) for the first time since before the pandemic. Profits are down, but we need to rebuild these traditions with more student participation - and families everywhere are feeling the pinch.
- We held two **Quiz and Chips** evenings, which were very well supported and great fun as usual ... although the June one was far too hot! Sincere thanks to our Librarian Stef Burnett for all her time, effort and commitment as our Quiz Setter Extraordinaire.

Committee Membership

Core membership for 2022/23: Shelagh Maple (Chair & Treasurer), Karen Rowe (Secretary), Stephanie Anderson (Comm), Nicky Boggis (Comm), David Day (Headteacher), Peter Earle (Comm), Alba Espinosa (Comm), Kelly Furlong (Comm), Kerry Kinder (Comm). Debbie Cooke remains a Trustee; Becky McCrudden remains a supporter.

Thanks to all Committee members. We are really lucky to have so much PTFA support – shopping for discos and other events, face painting, making and selling jewellery and hot chocolate(!), forming quiz teams, donating raffle prizes, helping with clearing up, etc.

Thanks also to the Sewell Park Site, ICT and Admin Teams including Helen and Harriet in Reception for their practical help, flexibility and support for the PTFA.

Looking ahead – Priorities for 2022/23

1. Raise funds, eg **Quiz & Chips evening** and **raffles - Christmas gifts, Easter eggs & Summer days out**.
2. Support **good communication** by getting a noticeboard on Constitution Hill (ongoing priority) and continuing to contribute to the cost of SMS messaging.
3. Continue **renovation of quad garden** and **get more students involved**. This year's focuses: cut down hedging, build a gazebo/shelter, improve watering system, plant a dye garden.
4. Secure funding to get more students and families visiting the **Sewell Barn Theatre**. This year's focus: production of *1984* in October 2023 and one other - perhaps *As You Like It* in June 2024.
5. Increase families' use of [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk) and attract **new supporters** to the PTFA.

Do you have any questions about this report? Please contact us at sewell.ptfa@gmail.com

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Treasurer's Report

Since AGM in Nov 2022 – Balance brought forward: **1,153.22***

*We still have some
money on Just Giving

Outgoings

Refreshments at various events	56.54	
Dec 22 Papillon donation	30.00	
Bank charges	63.60	(£5 pcm +40p per cheque)
Various items for quad garden	140.09	
Sewell Barn Theatre	200.00	We have some credit left
Raffle costs	49.98	

Still to pay:

Garden labour	64 TBC	Depends on time it takes
Lotteries licence	40.00 TBC	
Contribution - comms & prize giving	150 TBC	
Gazebo (temporary)	50 max	

Subtotal **844.21 approx**

Income

Halloween disco (Oct 22)	156.02	
Quiz & Chips Nov 22	485.83	
HSBC compensation	100	
Termly raffles	273.70	
Amazon Smile	13.06	Now ended
Easyfundraising	53.40	
Stalls at events	207.40	
Quiz and Chips Jun 23	421.75	

Subtotal **1,711.16**

Total raised **866.95**

Balance approx **2,020.17**