

PHPA AGM Chairman's Report 12th May 2009

Welcome to our 2009 AGM. It has been a much quieter year than previously, for a variety of reasons including frequent bad weather. Despite this we have continued to fundraise for the little extras for the school and also provide some social occasions for the parents. We have also gained some new members and recaptured a few old ones.

Bonfire night was our biggest fund raiser. Profit after cost was £436. This was a little lower than usual, affected by the day's falling during half term and the weather. This was reflected at South Park too. Despite that it was still a very respectable sum.

We held a Dance mat competition in Juniors which was enjoyed by all the children involved. The Easter egg hunt was popular and well attended, over 50 children. Profit was £20. We were not anticipating making a profit; it was organised as a fun event for the children.

Only last Friday we hosted a drinks and History Wardrobe presentation, Undressing Mr Darcy....an entertaining and humorous glimpse at the wardrobe of a Regency gentleman with excerpts from the books of Jane Austin. We unfortunately did not sell as many tickets as expected despite advertising to the wider community. It was however immensely enjoyed by all those who attended.

Once again, we hosted the Junior School Macmillan coffee morning. It was very well attended and we raised £112 for cancer research. We also did well with the bottle tombola at the Christmas fair, raising £300 for school causes.

Other profitable fund raisers have been the Bag 2 school collections and the mobile phone recycling. Both of these were very well supported.

We have purchased a number of items for the school since September. These include Recording equipment for the language department, a Pleo dinosaur for the whole school, 2 new TV/DVD units for the Junior School and a new TV for Grange house for use by the boarders. Our fundraising priority this academic year is to assist the school with fundraising efforts for a new trampoline for use by the whole school.

I would like to thank all the members of the PHPA, both staff and parents for their continued support over the past year, for giving up their free time to attend meetings and to organise and staff events.

I would like to give special thanks to Mrs Mary Atkins who is standing down after 10 years as a committee member. Also a big thank you to Mrs Angela Elliott who stands down from her office of Vice Chair this evening.

I hope that we will be welcoming new members to the association over the coming months. I look forward to another year as Chairman and to continuing our support to the school through the Parents' Association.

Michelle Mitchell

Chairman