



Chairperson's Address

As the summer holidays approach and hopefully we will all get a chance to relax in the sun it is time for us to reflect on yet another bumper year for Coleridge Families. As usual the year has been packed with events on both the West and East Sides. The children have bounced danced, gardened and eaten extraordinary quantities of cake. Their parents and carers have shopped, gardened, exercised their brains on the quiz and baked vast amounts of cake. Everyone came together for a final spectacular Summer Fair which surpassed all expectations.

There are some very important people without whom the events and fundraising wouldn't be as successful as they are. Key among these are Gigi and Amanda, the Class Rep Coordinators. Often to be seen around the school they give up immense amounts of their personal time to keep all the events running smoothly. Big thanks also go to the School's senior leadership team, Shirley, Leon, and Nina who support the Committee and are always keen to suggest new areas we might like to fund! Darren and Paul the caretakers are also always helpful, letting us in and out of the building out of hours and meeting our sometimes bizarre requests. Thanks also go to the Class Reps who help organise the events. Every year new reps get involved and we hope they have a great time whilst doing the hard work behind the scenes of each event. Each year as the school grows we have more reps, more events and more children so it can feel a bit manic at times but the success of the events speak for themselves.

None of the events can take place without the involvement of many parents. We are grateful to all of you who take part organising events and coming to support them when you can. The Class Rep Co-ordinators are always looking for enthusiastic class reps. No particular experience is necessary just an ability to get stuck in! The Committee is always looking for new members as well. Yet again no particular skills are required just a willingness to get together with the rest of the Committee a couple of times each term at most and get involved with events. It is a great way to get to know the school better and to get to know parents from other year groups up and down the school.

Coleridge Families Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Thursday 10th November at 8pm. There will be plenty of notices up around the school to remind you of the date, please come and get involved. As well as appointing new members to the Committee and reporting on the accounts for 2010/11 we will be discussing some of the proposals on how we should spend the money raised during this year - this is your opportunity to have a say on where you think the money can be best spent. If you are keen for us to focus on sport or arts or playground equipment this is your moment. If you have an idea about how some of Coleridge Families monies raised should be spent then please write a proposal covering your idea plus the amount that you think should be allocated and ensure that CF secretary, Katy receives it by 1st November – her email address is katy.kinloch@tnglobal.com. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

Thank you and have a happy holiday!

Elizabeth Mackie
Coleridge Families Chairperson

A SUMMARY OF COLERIDGE FAMILIES EVENTS THIS YEAR

There have been an amazing variety of events that have taken place this year run by the Coleridge Families wider team, thanks to all those who organised, took part, and were involved again!! Here are a few reminders of what fun we all had:-

WINTER BAZAAR – sorting, choosing, sticking, wrapping, clearing – it was all worth it so see the ever surprising present that my child chose specifically for me on Xmas day. Such an organised event and great idea.

ADVENT FAIR – the school was transformed into a magical cavern with beautiful crafts, clothes and jewellery on sale. Fantastic for Xmas pressies – accompanied by a large glass of warming mulled wine and a delicious mince pie – yum!

HALOWEEN DISCO – Mario did an amazing job as usual keeping the stunning but creepy dressed kids dancing and upbeat, lots of sticky faces from the donuts and wet hair from the apple bobbing – I am sure they slept well that night!!

QUIZ NIGHT – Lee Mellows designed another amazing set of questions using lots of multi media. The drink was flowing, wonderful food was eaten and the lots of merriment was had by all.

SPONSORED BOUNCE – the kids all bounded their little socks off. Thanks to the YMCA for the Bouncy castle!!

CAKE SALES – With seven cake sales across the year everyone knows what a huge hit they are with the kids (At least it's only twice a term!)



SUMMER FAIR -

This year's Summer Fair was a huge success raising a record £20,000 and the weather holding out for a fun afternoon for everyone. A huge part of the success was due to the organisers Gigi and Amanda and all year 3 reps. A big thank you to Kirk, Ronan and team for their organisation of the Silent Auction and to Mario for running the kids talent show. Also to Paul and Darren for their help and, obviously, for everyone who played a part in making it such a fun afternoon.

XMAS CARDS

Last year we tried a new event which proved to be very popular and successful – Christmas cards personally designed by the kids. In the first term back to school we will be sending information home to you but the deadline for artwork will be 4th November so if you want to buy some very special cards and make money for the school then look out for the information and sign up as early as possible. We will put a few samples in the school receptions so you can all get an idea of how wonderful the cards are and if your kids don't get a chance to design the cards beforehand then you can use the half term break in October to do this, kids will love it!

Finances

Moneys raised (approx):-

- Xmas cards £800
 - Winter bazaar £1340
 - Advent Fair £1660
 - Cake sales £1010
 - Easy fundraising £450
 - School play DVDs and photos £3500
 - Quiz night £2280
 - Adult disco £200
 - Sponsored bounce = £2710
 - Summer fair £20,050
- Total £40,000**

Money spent:-

- Wish List £6,000
 - Sports Council funding £2,000
 - Millennium Gardens £3,000
 - Haslemere Playground £6,500
 - Creative partnerships £5,000
 - Playground Equipment for the infants playground £3,340
 - Christmas Parties for the children = £600
- Total £26,440**

Millennium Garden



More details around the items funded by Coleridge Families this year

The Sports Council has arranged specialist sports coaches and lessons for our children throughout the whole school year really making a difference to the kid's experiences of sport at school. The activities include tennis for year 5, squash for year 4, cricket and athletics – a very big thank you to Kirk Harrison and Ronan O'Neil for all their hard work and enthusiasm to ensure these great activities were possible and making the sports council such a success.

Haslemere playground

The playground in the Haslemere area of the East site was in urgent need of attention, being a muddy waterlogged mess. This was replaced with a beautiful new artificial grass which has improved the area and the playground experience for both children and parents!

Playground equipment for the infants playground



The infants have received some wonderful bright new equipment to play on which they are really enjoying.

Coleridge Families Summer Newsletter

A Free And Easy Way to Raise Money for Coleridge Primary School

easyfundraising
.org.uk

Coleridge Families have registered with **easyfundraising.org.uk** to raise funds every time you do your usual shopping.

Just register at the site below (once only) and then use the links on the site to shop with your favourite retailers. It doesn't cost you anymore but a percentage of the spend goes towards Coleridge Families. There are great offers on the site too as well as hundreds of retailers to buy from including Amazon, Debenhams, John Lewis, Argos, Gap, Boden, John Lewis, Inteflora etc.

Select "Coleridge Families – London" as your charity when you register. Remember to shop through the link for any future purchases.

Please register with this site and use it when you shop online - This is so easy and makes FREE money for the school – we urge you to register and use it please, we made £500 already this year with only 140 members think how much more we can raise together!



www.easyfundraising.org.uk

AGM on Thurs Nov 10th at 8pm

Please come along.

Get Involved ! Become a Class Rep

Coleridge Families is a registered charity with all proceeds raised going towards extra activities and equipment to enhance your child's experience at school.

Being a class rep is a great way to meet people as well as supporting your child's school.

Sharing the role for your class with another parent is a good way to split the responsibility and have more fun - if you are interested email at info@coleridgefamilies.co.uk or contact the class rep coordinator for next year, Amanda Jones (07886 826004) or amandajjones@hotmail.co.uk



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