



NEWSLETTER Autumn Term 2009-2010 - Issue 2

Christmas is coming and that means we're gearing up for the Christmas bazaar. We've been a bit light on events this term, but we're planning on making this year's Bazaar better than ever.

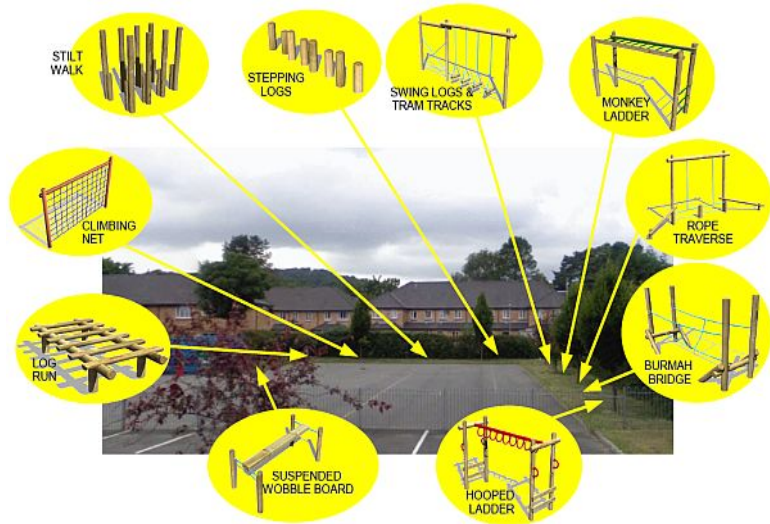
Playground Development

Hopefully, you will all have seen the playground equipment that has been installed around the year 5/6 playground. £6000 of YOUR money contributed to this phase of the development, and phase 2 is already planned for implementation.

Our goal now is to fund phase 3, but we're looking at £10,000+ to make this happen. Now, that you've seen what FoR can do, please help us reach our target.

The sooner we reach the target, the sooner your kids will benefit from these extra facilities.

There are a number of ways that you can help. Keep reading...



Online shopping

Christmas is coming and many of you will shop online. FoR is registered with EasyFundraising.org which means that you can make donations to FoR when you shop online. It costs you nothing and is very easy to do.

For example, Amazon will give us 2.5% of the pre-VAT price of your order.

Full instructions are on the website (see the "Shopping" link on the left-hand side), but basically, you register with Easyfundraising.org, select "Friends of Rhiwbeina" as your chosen charity, find your preferred merchant on the EasyFundraising site, click the link to take you to the merchant site, and complete your purchase.



For us to get the benefits, you must complete the purchase in the same session. That's a bit technical, but basically, if you go, Easyfundraising, click, click, Amazon, click, click, checkout – we get your donation. If you put things in your basket, close your browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera, Safari, whatever you use) and then *go back directly* to Amazon to checkout, we won't get the donation.

If you have any questions on this service, please contact our secretary, Carl Jones, via web@friendsofrhiwbeina.org.uk.

Welcome

We have a new treasurer. We welcome Katrin O'Malley onto the committee. Katrin will be working with our outgoing treasurer, Phil Saunders to make the handover as seamless as possible. Please join us in welcoming Katrin onto the committee and let's give her plenty of money to count !

We are on Facebook



We have set up a Facebook group. The link is on the website. We're hoping that this will provide us with another means of informing you about our events and building a community around FoR. We've tried to keep the group as closed as possible so that we can control what is published on it, and we're going to see how it goes for the first few months. Again, let us know what you think about this.

One for the grown-ups!

We've set up an event for grown-ups only. We know we've been promising this for a while, and we're going to deliver. We've booked "Pluck and Squeeze" band for a ceilidh/twmpath/barn dance on Saturday 27th February 2010 at Rhiwbeina Recreation Club. Yes, they are the ones who were on "Gavin and Stacey".

We're working out the details now, but look out for the details occurring in the New Year.

Christmas Bazaar

We're already making good progress on the plans for the Christmas Bazaar (5th December 2009).

By the way, be gentle with the teachers on the day as it's their Christmas party the night before!

Look out for a follow-up newsletter about Chocolate Tuesday, and the usual requests for bottles, cakes and mince pies. This year, we are introducing Irish Coffees and some other new refreshment options. And note the change of time – this year, we're starting at 11am.

We'll send out a specific reminder near the event, but the plans are...

What	When	Who
Chocolate	Tuesday 1 st December 2009	All
Bottles	Friday 4 th December 2009	Reception, Years 1 & 2
Mince Pies	Friday 4 th December 2009	Years 3
Cakes	Friday 4 th December 2009	Years 4,5 & 6

...and talking about cakes, why not get baking with the kids rather than buying some? We're going to put some links to good recipe sites on our website – could you suggest some ?

Items for sale

HABA (Germany)-made Wooden Toy Shop
includes all groceries, scales and till
£180 ONO

Contact: Charlotte Hazel at 029 20635994

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Events

Date	What
Sat 5 Dec 09	Christmas Bazaar
Sat 27 Feb 10	Barn dance @ The Rec
Fri 21 May 10	Fun Run
Sat 26 Jun 10	Summer Fete

Meetings

Date	Location (start 7pm)
Wed 18 Nov 09	Staff room

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