

## NEWSLETTER Summer Term Issue 1

Welcome back. We hope you enjoyed your Easter break.

Firstly, congratulations to everyone who contributed to the successful inspection – staff and pupil alike. FoR's job is now to help make the "best school in Wales" even better !

And to that end,...

### Events

Well, summer is here, or at least, the *summer* term is and Friends of Rhiwbeina are entering our busiest period of the year.

To get these events planned, we will be meeting on the dates listed. Why not come along and see what we do - there is no induction ceremony so you will be safe ! The ritualistic chants are just vocal exercises...honest!

If you can't come along on the night, please let us know if you can **help** by contacting a FoR representative, via phone, email or the website (find the event, then fill in the sign-up survey for the event). We're trying to bring new ideas to the events, but we need manpower if these ideas are to come to life.

### Junior Disco

Yes, the junior discos are back on - with resident DJ "Sparky Marky" behind the decks.



*Years 3 & 4 – your disco is from 5.30 until 7.00*  
*Years 5 & 6 – your disco is from 7.15 until 8.45*

Cost : £2  
Every child must be registered to enter.

Registration forms will be distributed in the week leading up to the discos.

We need a number of helpers to run this event – and dads are very useful. Please let us know if you can help – and we won't tell anyone if you dance to Agadoo.

### End of term event

We are planning a "parents-only" end-of-term event to be held (provisionally) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We've done some informal surveys to find out what would be preferred, but we'd like more of your input. There are two surveys on the website homepage that you can use, or just contact us using the normal channels.

### Sponsored Climb

We are trying to organise a sponsored climb event for the older children (probably years 5 and 6 only). This will involve hiring a mobile climbing wall, and getting the children to climb it. Funds raised from this will be put towards outdoor activity equipment (probably a permanent climbing wall) in the junior playground. Look out for more news.

### Events

Date	What
Fri 8 May 09	Discos Y3-6
Fri 15 May 09	Sponsored Bounce (R-Y2)
Mon 18 May 09	Sponsored Trike (Nursery AM)
Tue 19 May 09	Sponsored Trike (Nursery PM)
Sat 13 Jun 09	Summer Fete
Mon 22 Jun 09	Fun Run
Fri 10 Jul 09	End of term event for parents

### Meetings

Date	Location (start 7pm)
Tue 5 May 09	school
Tue 2 Jun 09	school



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## Sponsored Row

And the summer of sweat/glow (delete as appropriate) continues. We are thinking of having a sponsored row at the summer fete. If you're interested in doing at least 10 minutes on a rowing machine, let us know.

## Family Bingo

A big thanks for the large turnout at the Family Bingo. It was great to see so many there, and many thanks to Father Andrew James (Chair of the governors) for his superb bingo calling! The event raised **£127**.



Bingo 2009

## Matched Funding

We already have a couple of leads on matched funding or charitable donations from employees of companies such as BT and Barclays, but we could always do with more. So, if you work for a company that offers support to registered charities, please let us know.

## Items for Sale

We are happy to place adverts in the newsletter and/or on the website. Either email us, or use the guestbook function on the website.

## Online Shopping

We have registered with Easyfundraising.org. This is a shopping website that links to many online retailers such as Amazon and Play, and to the online presence of major retailers such as Marks & Spencers and Next. When a user registers with Easyfundraising.org and then clicks a link to a retailer's site, the retailer will know that the user has come from Easyfundraising.org, and they will make a donation to the user's chosen charity - which we hope will be Friends of Rhiwbeina.

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.org.uk

DELL

red.com

sky

BT

Just Ask

amazon.co.uk

John Lewis

Toys R Us

The process is quite simple. First, go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/for>

You will need to register. The "register" link can be seen at the top-left of the page. You will be presented with a form. You will need to choose the charity that you wish to support. Type "Friends of Rh" and click "search". You can then choose us. Fill in the rest of the form. Please read the terms and conditions before clicking "Accept and Register". If registering is an issue, please let us know as there are other sites that do not require this step.

Once registered, you can login and shop.

The donations offered by merchants can vary. For example, Amazon offer 2.5% of the pre-VAT cost of items whereas others (typically insurance or finance companies) will offer a fixed donation when you choose them (1st time only normally).

When you shop, you will notice no difference on the retailer's site. 7-10 days after the purchase, the donation will appear in your Easyfundraising account.

If you put things in your online basket and then close your browser, the merchant will not remember that you came from Easyfundraising.org. Therefore, the most important time to go via Easyfundraising is when you are about to pay.

We have already raised £18 with only a few members over a few months, so please remember this option next time you shop online. The pennies really will add up – *and it costs you nothing*.

We are also looking at two similar sites; TheGivingMachine and eduPayment. We will let you know more about these sites in the future via the website.

*We hope to see you at our events soon*