

# POWSA

The Prince of Wales School Association

# NEWS



Well the School year has well and truly started and we are in full swing. In case we haven't met - I am Becky. I am Chair of the Prince of Wales School Association as well as mum to Jacob in year one and Elsie who is yet to enter the hallowed doors of POW pre-school.

The first POWSA meeting of the school year was held mid September and we had a great turn out.

Our new Headteacher Mr Spracklen shared some of his ideas about resources he thinks the school needs, we started planning for extra play equipment and the outdoor garden spaces. We are also excited about the new book swap space that is being installed next to year four as we speak!

## POWSA £ POUNDS

Did you know we have a fantastic £9,799 in the bank? It's time to get spending - as a welcome gift to our new Headteacher, Mr Gary Spracklen, we presented him with £5,000 to spend on the school. He explains "I am absolutely delighted to have received this gift from POWSA who work so hard to raise funds for our school. This is going to be of great benefit to the children....from new books to new IT equipment!"

It's great to see everyone's hard work pay off and translate into improved learning space and equipment for the children. Gary is very happy to accept our gift and has given a great deal of thought to how it is spent...he plans to spend £2k on library texts including 'classics'. Pre-School will receive £700 of IT equipment. School classrooms will receive a £45 visualiser each. £2k will be spent on creating a new outside area with Mr Gibson and the children drawing up their ideas.

These activities reflect a little of what POWSA raises money for. We ensure that whenever someone has a great idea that the children can benefit from - POWSA has the funds to support it. This is why we ask you to donate a bottle, spend money at the book fair and take part in the teddy bear tombola at the Christmas Fair!

In POWSA, as well as the Chair, there is a deputy, a treasurer, a secretary, a communications team and all our volunteers. But the more people join us, the more we can achieve so please do look out for the many easy ways you can get involved. Such as coming along to the AGM on November 7th.

In the meantime we need volunteers for the book fair so please consider giving half an hour of your time to help. A sign up form will be outside school and pre school w/c Oct 9th.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### 6 Oct - AutumnFest

5-7.30pm - campfires, stories, pumpkin carving

### 14 Oct - Community Make-Over

1-4pm - come and help do up our school grounds.

See posters for more details

### 17-20 Oct - Book Fair

New books for sale before and after school in main school and pre-school

### 7 Nov - POWSA AGM

Open to all - in main school staff room at 7.30 pm

### 10 Nov - Bingo night

Eyes down at 6pm

### 8 Dec - Christmas Fair

Craft stalls and fun and games for the children - start straight after school

# Putting the 'Fun' in Fundraising

Throughout the school year, POWSA arranges a whole host of fundraising events including Bingo nights, Rotary Club Raffles, Book Fairs and the hugely successful Pre-School sponsored scoot-and bike-a-thon!



Pictured left: Pre-school pupil William proudly shows his bike-a-thon certificate

Efforts by our youngest members raised over £600. We will hold another scoot/bike-a-thon next summer! But before we think about 2018, there are still plenty of opportunities this year for you

to get involved and help raise even more funds for our school.

AutumnFest takes place on 6 October - tickets are on sale now at main school reception. It will be a wonderful evening of apple-bobbing, pumpkin-carving and storytelling around the campfire. 16 - 20 October will see the Book Fair taking place. New books will be on sale in the main school - with books for younger readers sold at the pre-school. POWSA receive 60% of sales from the Book Fair so please remember to stock up on gifts. Come November it will be eyes down at our POWSA Bingo night on 10 November - make a date in your diary. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

We are keen for everyone to feel part of POWSA - please try and come to a meeting, volunteer at an event or just support us as best you can over the coming school year.

Don't hesitate to get in touch [powsa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:powsa@hotmail.co.uk)

## POW People: Interview with...

**PAUL MILLS**



**What's your connection to the POW School/Pre-School?**

I have 4 children, 2 have been through POW and are at DMS and I have 2 who are still in POW. I can't remember their names so we will call them numbers 3 & 4, both of whom came through Pre school and are now in the main school. With the POWSA events numbers 1 & 2 still get to come

back and see their old school which they love as

the POW school was such a great place for them

**What did you most enjoy when you were at primary school?**

I am old enough to have been at school at a time when we got free milk, I spent many a happy breaktime blowing bubbles in mini milk bottles.

Oh, do you mean learning, all of it was great but learning to read let me open up my imagination to so many different influences and worlds.

**If you are a new addition to the box of crayons - what colour would you be and why?**

Orange, because I would make an excellent carrot substitute for make believe cooking games and I would be easily visible when crossing the road.

## Got some great ideas?

POWSA money goes on a huge range of activities from class visitors to equipment and costumes. We would love to hear your thoughts or suggestions about what the children would benefit from. A great storyteller or musician? Perhaps a particular resource or device you've seen? Please speak to a class teacher, a member of POWSA or drop us an email - [powsa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:powsa@hotmail.co.uk). Or there is the POWSA postbox in main school reception to drop us a note.