

# MEADLANDS UNITED

Parent Teacher & Friends Association

Dear Meadlands United supporters,

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your support this year. It has been really great to have so many of our new Nursery and Reception families and Year 1 become actively involved with our events.

Thank you for continuing to embrace new ideas and for actively getting involved in our Wreath Making workshops, discos, the Amazon Wishlist and other donations (cakes, books, games and pre-loved uniform), lending us resources and gazebos for our events, decorating the hall, the Christmas Card design project, the fabulous Quiz Night and our 3 Fairs! It certainly has been a busy year!

We are thrilled to have been able to support the children at our school with much needed resources. We are looking forward to unveiling the beautiful art mural that all classes have been painting in September and we would like to thank Ali and all the school staff for their support and collaboration with this project.

Many of you will be aware that following our AGM in June, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) will be held in September, in order to elect a new committee and outline a plan for the next academic year.

Lots of positive discussions and actions came out of the AGM and if you are interested in becoming a committee member or volunteering to plan and organise events, please email us on [meadlands.united@gmail.com](mailto:meadlands.united@gmail.com)

We will send out further communication at the start of next term regarding the EGM.

Huge thanks to Jen and Barbara for all their hard work sorting through the uniform and running the uniform sales, to Katie for all her hard work and support with the Fairs and Wreath workshop and to the class reps for all their help and support organising parent volunteers.

To all the staff at school, especially Mrs Wreford, Mrs Tadman-Barson, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Gee, Mrs Frank, Miss Watts and Don: thank you so much! We really appreciate your support.

My grateful thanks to the incredibly talented Nadia, who produces all the design work and layout for our newsletters and event signage and runs fabulous workshops, to the equally talented Tiziana for cooking all the food at our Fairs and events and for running her fabulous workshops and to the very talented Tara for organising the Spring Concert and running a new fabulous workshop at the Fair.

Thank you all for always being willing to help and support with anything that we have asked for or needed.

Finally, my uttermost thanks to Viki and Justine, who have worked tirelessly this year, for their commitment and dedication to Meadlands United and to the children at our school. I am immensely grateful to you both.

We will really miss Justine next year as her daughter moves on to Grey Court and wish her and all the Year 6 families all the very best for the start of the next chapter at secondary school. Hakuna Matata Golden Eagles - you've got this!

Wishing you all a happy and restful summer holiday!

*Christina*

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## End of Financial Year - Fundraising update:

Thank you all for coming to the Meadlands Summer Fair, booking onto our workshops and for bidding in our biggest ever online auction on Jumblebee. We hope you and your families spent an enjoyable couple of hours together despite the sweltering conditions!

Huge thank you from me, too to all the MU volunteers without whom it wouldn't be possible to run any fundraising events. Heartfelt thank you to Christina and Justine for writing the first few (almost three) chapters of Meadlands United together with me.

Wishing everyone a relaxing summer and good luck to the new committee when it's elected! We are here to help as long as needed.

Viki

## 12 July: Meadlands Summer Fair & online auction (6 - 14 July)

This year we were fortunate enough to have the Mervyn Smith sponsorship estate agents boards to advertise our fair in the community as well as their financial support. We are grateful for their renewed cooperation with Meadlands United and Meadlands Primary School.

We are equally pleased to share with you all that thanks to your generosity you raised an incredible **£3,021.31** for the pupils of our school! This includes a record-breaking **£1,257.72** (after fees) raised in our online auction on Jumblebee! Almost 40% more than last summer.

Total revenue: **£3,442.65** (all fees deducted)

Cash: **£702**

SumUp: **£987.47** (inc net payments from card machine -> 1.69% & QR code -> 2.5% payments)

Workshop payments: **£175.46** (net payments via SumUp Shop -> 2.5% fee)

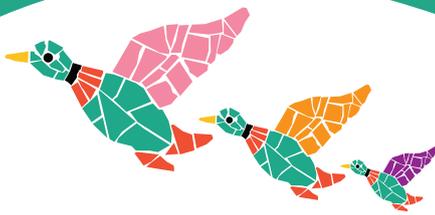
Auction: **£1,257.72** (net; Jumblebee fees -> 5% + VAT = £80.28)

Mervyn Smith: **£320** (to receive by 22 July)

Fair Cost: **£421.34** (a third less than last year's costs)

For previous events' financial information, please see the detailed Treasurer's Annual Report sent out after the AGM.

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## Mural Project:

Meadlands United PTFA proudly supported the children to create a lasting piece of collective artwork. Thank you to Alison McInerney at Ali Chalkboards and Tara for making this collaboration happen and to co-ordinate the creative process with the school. This was the fruit of their Easter Smarties fundraiser, the bar profit from the Spring Concert, a directed private donation and the PTFA's donation to the project. The children enjoyed taking part and hopefully they can all show you 'their bit' once it's assembled and on the wall of the car park for everyone to admire!

Meadlands United PTFA's current financial year ends on 31 July 2025. The charity's cashflow, receipts, financial and legal requirements (including public liability insurance, ParentKind membership, Charity Commission reporting, banking) are in order and ready to be viewed and / or audited.

Closing balance on 31 July 2025: **£9,522.55 (including rolling float)**

## Meadlands United PTFA donations to school 20 April 2023 - 31 July 2025: **£12,582.58**

1. Mobile Art drying rack for studio: £100
2. Contribution to whole-school art workshop (STOMP), paid for by money raised from ticket sales & bar at the Meadlands Art Extravaganza: £150
3. Outdoor Gym equipment installed in April 2024: £6,937.30
4. Y6 show PTFA BAR surplus for Y6 bowling: £300
5. No Cold Child initiative by ParentKind: £90
6. Art supplies to school: £562.02
7. Zoolab visit days: £1,398.00
8. Art Sketchbooks for whole-school: £429
9. Y1 book corner redesign: £246.44
10. BBC Microbits whole-class pack: £423.35
11. Meadlands girls' football team kit (joint sponsorship): £268.50
12. Outdoor classroom conversion: £500
13. Hi-vis jackets to fit every year group: £240
14. Sports day ice lollies: £40.98
15. Whole-school creative project: mural artwork design & finish: £850
16. Acrylic paint donation to The Retreat school project: £46.99

**Total funds raised during the above period: £22,105.13**

## PTFA ASSETS total value: **£299.98**

- Igloo cooler and gel packs: £110.38
- Homebase PTFA Storage shed: £103.20
- 50 x wine glasses from Asda: £27.60
- 3 x large plastic storage boxes with lids from Asda: £36
- SumUp card machine: £22.80



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